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Michelle Foster
self (mediator)
North Richland Hills, TX

I support HB4 and redistricting needs to happen. This is about fairness not partisan BS.

Linda Eckert
Self
Onalaska, TX

I support redistricting to reflect more accurately the current voter districts in Texas. I have reviewed the proposed map and concur with lines drawn. Thank you, Linda Eckert

Shawn Murray
Self, retired
Marble Falls, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Susan Milam, Major, USAF, Retired
Self - Retired
Emory, TX

I am totally supportive of the congressional redistricting bill. this will give us an accurate representation of citizens within our state on which to base numbers of federal representatives allotted to Texas. without this recalculation, we will be inaccurately represented.

Denise Geleitsmann
self - Program Coordinator
Austin, TX

I am vehemently against the redistricting of congressional districts. Why is this even a discussion other than to appease President Trump? He has asked Texas lawmakers to try to add five additional GOP seats, which will necessarily involve slicing up existing Democratic districts, many of which are made up of mostly Black and Hispanic voters. This is not governance and democracy. You are elected to represent and listen to Texans. How are people who want to meet with their representatives going to do it if their rep is located across the state? Our representatives should be near us and be like us. Austin and Houston ARE democratic communities! How is it democracy when you force a Republican on these communities? Isn't voting the great American freedom? It seems to me, Texas legislators are SCARED of their constituents so instead of allowing us to vote and be represented as we should, they are resorting to cheating. The very thing they accuse Democrats of! How ironic! Vote NO on this heinous, undemocratic plan! I ask you, who is more important to you? Your president, or your constituents? Who do you actually work for? WE vote for you! We ask that you take our voices into consideration and vote NO! Voters should select their leaders, not the other way around. Please do away with this redistricting plan!

Robert Wyatt
Self semi-retired
Austin, TX

Whereas the last federal census was curtailed it is unconscionable that a special session is being used to create new districts especially considering that this is a blatant effort to disenfranchise Texas citizens.

Adam Haberer
Self
Belton, TX

Texas voters are not stupid — we see exactly what’s happening with gerrymandering in this state, and we’re disgusted. The political map of Texas is a disgraceful mockery of democracy, carved up by power-hungry politicians who are terrified of fair elections.

Gerrymandering in Texas has become a tool of suppression and control — slicing up communities of color, diluting urban voices, and locking in power for those too cowardly to face real competition. It’s anti-democratic, it’s dishonest, and it’s dead wrong.

Let’s be very clear: if you support or defend these rigged maps, you are part of the corruption. You are not serving Texans — you are manipulating them. That’s not leadership, it’s cowardice.

We, the people of Texas, are tired of politicians picking their voters instead of voters picking their representatives. We demand independent redistricting — not another backroom power grab dressed up as “representation.”

Fix it. Support legislation that ends partisan gerrymandering in Texas and hands redistricting over to a truly independent, transparent commission. If you lack the spine to do that, then you don’t belong in public office.

You work for the people — not your party.

Do your job. Or get out of the way.

I'm embarrassed to be from this state.

Roland Silva, PMP
Self
Elgin, TX

The matter of redistricting in the manner put forth by the Republicans and MAGA Administration is not intended to serve, We The People, but rather seeks to exploit a gerrymandering tactic used to displace and silence the voices of the majority of American citizens within the very regions they are dismantling. Done properly, a district must encompass the totality of the geographical region—take for examples the districts drawn by the National and Texas Crime Information Centers. There is no clearer sign of manipulation and corruption than that illustrated by the gerrymandering districts plot for by Republicans in this shameful attempt of segregation. As a citizen and constituent of this State I call on my congressmen to vote against this proposal.

Kathryn Gaillour
Self retired
Austin, TX

I absolutely oppose any redistricting in our State of Texas. There are much more pressing issues facing us right now in Texas than this redistricting. If not for President Trump's directive to Governor Abbott, this would not be an issue at all right now. Gerrymandering is the worst thing we can do in our country, whether it's Republicans or Democrats. Let people vote based on where they live and have a community interest and leave it at that. This directive from the President blatantly takes away representation from those who are already least represented. It's also corrupt when he says "Texas will give us 5". The most important issues we have are mitigating death and harm to individuals from flooding such as what we saw in Central Texas in July, educating our students so that our State is competitive with the rest of the country, and keeping our property taxes low. Redistricting is NOT a priority. Let the usual process work out at the time of the Census, not now.

Yanetta Newton
Self
Duncanville, TX

Good afternoon. My name is Yanetta Newton-Henson and I am a Black woman, a wife, a mother, a native Texan, and an active member of my community. I'm here today because redistricting isn't just about politics—it's about power and who is allowed to have it.
For generations, Black communities in Texas have fought for representation. We have organized, marched, voted, and pushed for leaders who come from our neighborhoods, understand our realities, and fight for our needs. And just when that representation begins to take root, we find ourselves at risk of being drawn out, split up, or silenced.
The proposed maps disproportionately target districts represented by Black and Hispanic elected officials. These are districts that were not gifted to us—we built them. Brick by brick, vote by vote. And now, we see those districts being carved up in ways that dilute our voice and our influence.
This isn’t a coincidence. It is intentional. It is racial. And it is wrong.
When you dismantle Black political power, you dismantle our ability to push for better schools, safer neighborhoods, and healthcare that actually reaches our people. You strip us of our ability to make change from the inside. That is the harm of redistricting done without care for equity or history.
I’m urging you: do not erase our voices. Do not undermine our communities. Draw fair maps. Respect the communities that built Texas. And give us the representation we deserve.
Thank you.

Melissa Jones
self
Lago Vista, TX

Put Texans first above political demands. We need fair and legal voting districts not Gerrymandering. Stop try to rig elections by diluting Texans votes.

Marshall Carter-Tripp, Dr
self/retired diplomat
El Paso, TX

I write to the Committee to express my anger and sadness on reading the proposed redistricting legislation, and its effect on El Paso. Several key areas - the International Airport, Ft Bliss and the new VA hosp are stripped from the 16th district and moved to the 23rd District, centered in San Antonio, 600+ miles away. This is more than a disgrace, it is an insult to the people of El Paso. This revision is clearly not intended to give better representation to El Pasoans, or to the institutions being cut out of District 16. It is nothing more than a bended knee to the presidential demand for redistricting in order to create five more Republican seats in the congress! I hope that decency and common sense prevail and this proposal is rejected.

Madelyn Ricco
Self
Dallas, TX

How can this bill be seen as anything other than voter suppression and petty party politics. I strongly oppose this bill and gerrymandering in general is outrageous, by any party. If you had any shred of integrity as civil servants who are supposed to represent all residents of Texas not just the ones who vote for you.

Frank McClain
Self / Threat Analyst
Fruitvale, TX

I support HB4 to initiate a redistricting of Texas. I do not believe that the current district breakdown gives accurate representation to Texas citizens.

chris grummert
self
Woodcreek, TX

I oppose the Congressional Redistricting, and urge all members to vote against it.

Dominique Shu
Self
Houston, TX

This proposal is undemocratic and affects my district. There should have been an election when Turner passed, Trump has his hands in this and it is unethical and authoritarian!

Michelle Lane, Dr.
self
Austin, TX

This country was founded on the principle of representation of the people, by the people. 43% of TX voters voted Democratic in the last election; thus, approximately 43% of our representatives should reflect this distribution. The new redistricting plan gerrymanders this state even more than it is already, reducing the voice of Texans. Also, Texans did not ask for redistricting. Trump did. If you support state self-governance and true representational democracy, you will oppose this Bill and do your job representing the voices of your constituents.

David Richardson

retired

Ft Worth, TX

In 1812, Massachusetts Governor Elbridge Gerry approved a redistricting plan designed to benefit his Democratic-Republican Party. One district was so grotesquely shaped it resembled a salamander—leading to the satirical term “Gerry-mander.”
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- Gerry did not invent the tactic, but his signature on the bill made him the face of partisan redistricting.
- The backlash was swift: Federalists ridiculed him, and the infamous cartoon of the “Gerry-mander” monster spread widely.
- Despite the map favoring his party, Gerry lost re-election—a direct consequence of public outrage over the manipulation.
?? Legacy of a Cautionary Symbol
- Gerry’s name became synonymous with electoral distortion, overshadowing his other achievements (he was also a signer of the Declaration of Independence).
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Edna Clarke

Democrats

Lago Vista, TX

Please break quorum and save our districts from Republicans

Michael Render

Self

Spicewood, TX

The severe gerrymandering of Texas voting districts proposed by this bill is a violation of the Texas Constitution Bill of Rights Sections 2 and 3. The Republican Party is taking away the ability of a significant portion of the electorate to influence, alter or reform their government. The Republican Party is establishing privilege for itself over other parties to govern with power that is not closely proportional to its support by the electorate.

Joan Trimble

Self, registered nurse

San Antonio, TX

I oppose this redistricting ploy for what it is- another power grab in an already gerrymandered state. Mid-decade redistricting is not democracy in action and it’s unnecessary unless the goal is to represent Donald trump and NOT the citizens who elected Tx representatives.

Ralph Bethel

Sigma Gamma Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity

Houston, TX

Hand off our District! You cannot tell me this is not a political move to get more republicans in the house of representatives. This has nothing to do with population changes or current census figures. Tell Gov. Abbot to keep DJT’s desires out of Texas politics!

Nolan Sagebiel

Self

San Antonio, TX

Voters have rejected the Democratic party and their constant cries of racism. I heartily support HB4 and it's redistricting process.

Amanda Hernandez
Self- Receiving Manager
Italy, TX

I support this map as drawn!

Thank you!

Debbie Alsup
Self
Austin, TX

I was taught in law school that gerrymandering was pure manipulation of voting district boundaries for the advantage of one party. With this bill Republicans are choosing their voters rather than voters choosing their representatives. This bill is reprehensible and the goal is transparent. Please stand up for fairness.

Morgan Alfred, Dr.
Self
Houston, TX

It is deeply shameful that as a constituent who has not had representation in congress for over 6 months and will go nearly a year and a half without representation that you all redrew maps to silence hundreds of thousands of voices with voter suppression tactics from the 1940s and 1950s in order to maintain the power you currently have. It is deeply troubling that you have decided to side with fascism instead of your own neighbors. I do not agree with the redistricting plan you have presented.

Elizabeth McVeety
Self
Austin, TX

I do not support this bill that will divide Texas by party, not by Texans' legal right to vote for representation. As a public servants, the legislators should know they are elected to serve the public not a person or a party. Do not yield to this bully. This is not a fair or just bill. I in no way support this bill. Your job should be to protect Texans-protect our right to fair elections, protect our environment, protect our service workers and soldiers.

Elissa Shaddock
Self
Angleton, TX

This is absolutely wrong. Please say no to cheating voters out of their voices. We should not be submitting ourselves to any civil office that is supposed to be serving our citizens. We should not blindly be serving a king. Restore justice and democracy and stop letting big money repress the voice of the people. We deserve to be heard and we the people deserve better than allegiance to one party or another. We pay taxes, we follow the laws, and we deserve representation that is truthful and non-biased. Do what is right for your fellow Texans. Our state is strong and we should be proud of all of our choices as long as they are based on values that are based on good sense, goodwill towards everyone, and right. Take a stand for Texas and true democracy.

Kenneth Horton
Self
Frisco, TX

This bill needs to be stopped as it is unethical self serving political baloney. Whoever votes for it needs to be defeated next election

Andrea Coldwell
Self, e-commerce
Georgetown, TX

I am against the redistricting of the state as it is unfair. I am also against spending taxpayer dollars on this power grab when those dollars should be going to help flood victims and preventing future tragedies for Texas citizens.

Cristabella Trimble-Quiz
Self, Administrative professional
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose this redistricting of Texas. Carving up Texas to serve a political agenda is a disservice to all Texans. Please end gerrymandering in Texas so that all Texans have a voice and representation in all levels of government.

Michele Sieglaff
Self
Round Rock, TX

It is a fundamental American right for the people to choose who should represent them in Congress. Congress should not be allowed to choose who votes for them. If you are creating and enacting good policies, what are you worried about?

Michael Edick
Self, Student
Driftwood, TX

This gerrymanding spree strips away voting power from minorities. House Bill Four must be stopped to prevent racial discrimination and voter suppression in order to maintain equal representation in the United States House of Representatives for all Texans.

Therese Progar
Self
Richardson, TX

I live in HD32, represented by Julie Johnson. No finer, more professional, more qualified person could be in this position. I don't know where the Republican Party will finally lead this country in its inexplicable fealty to Donald Trump, but I deeply and truly believe that it is being complicit in the undoing of our Democracy. I am a former Independent voter (for 44 years). I no longer have any respect for the Republican Party. I largely blame the Citizens United Ruling for drawing us in to a situation where there is no middle without fear of retaliation, but from my perspective it is the Republican Party at this time that is giving one man far too much power, one he does not respect nor understand beyond his own personal interests.

Katie Cahill
Self
Austin, TX

Hi, my name is Katie Cahill. I live in Austin, Texas, and I vote in District 7. I oppose the proposed redistricting of my district and others.
Texas is already one of the most gerrymandered states. This effort isn't about fairness—it's about suppressing votes, which is anti-democratic and un-American. You could pass better laws and win elections fairly, but instead, you want to hold power without accountability.
I won't plead with you—I know appeals to fairness won't move you. Instead, I appeal to your self-interest.
You may think redistricting will keep you in power through 2026—but it might not. Donald Trump is a short-term figure. His approval rating is around 40% nationally, just 29% among independents. For context, George W. Bush left office with 34% approval—and even he polls better with swing voters today.
Remember, Democrats flipped both the House and Senate in the 2006 midterms during Bush's second term—long before Obama took office. Political control can and does shift at midterms, especially when voters reject an unpopular president. It's very possible Republicans could lose the House again in 2026 even with resorting to this extreme gerrymandering because of how deeply unpopular he is becoming with suburban voters.
Many voters, including former Trump supporters, are turning away from his chaos and divisiveness. He only has power because you keep giving it to him—and he's 79 years old. If you didn't believe his influence was short-term, you wouldn't be rushing to redraw these maps.
So, think of your own self-interest—and don't redistrict. In 2018, suburban voters swung hard to Democrats and you lost big. Let that be a warning. Give yourselves a chance to remain in control at the state level—by distancing from Donald Trump's shrinking influence. Let him lose. Let it be by a wide margin. Let there be no doubt how badly he misjudged the country.
By not redistricting, you do what's right long-term—and ironically, what serves your party best. A broken clock is right twice a day. Let this be one of those times.
Thank you.

Lois Arguello
Self
Farmers Branch, TX

Our democracy is based on the people's right to be represented and choose their elected officials. This bill steals voters right to choose their representatives. Its cheating, undemocratic, immoral and cowardly. Its a power grab. DO NOT REDRISTCT TO DILUTE THE VOTE!!!!! this gerrymandering should be illegal.

Jennifer Graham
self--writer
Austin, TX

This map is a grotesque and racist power grab that does not represent the voters of Texas. It also actively violates the Voting Rights Act. As an Austinite I oppose this redistricting effort.

Linda Gardner
Self
Grapevine, TX

I SUPPORT HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Randal Pituk
Self and self-employed
Austin, TX

I am writing to express my strong opposition to HB 4, which seeks to redraw the congressional districts for the United States House of Representatives in Texas. Texas is already one of the most heavily gerrymandered states in the country, and HB 4 would only deepen this problem.

The bill would repeal all previous congressional maps and replace them with a new plan (PLANC2308) based on the 2020 Census. This move is unnecessary and appears to be another attempt to manipulate district boundaries for partisan gain rather than to ensure fair representation.

If Republicans are as confident in their ability to maintain their majority as they claim, there should be no need to repeatedly redraw maps to protect their political power. Fair districts should allow voters to choose their representatives, not the other way around.

HB 4 undermines the democratic process, silences communities, and further erodes public trust in our elections. For these reasons, I oppose HB 4.

Kara Hagen
Self
Houston, TX

Representatives should be selected by their constituents. Representatives?should not choose their constituents! The proposed redistricting is blatantly racist, and will cost the state millions in legal fees to defend.

Nathan Clark
Self Lidar Tech
Fate, TX

Redistricting is supposed to be about fair representation. But what we’re seeing in Texas is the opposite: lines drawn not to reflect communities—but to rig outcomes.

Under the new map, I’d be placed in Congressional District 32, which now stretches over 100 miles from urban North Dallas all the way to rural Upshur County. That’s not a community. That’s a political weapon.

No one honestly believes a single member of Congress can represent both ends of that district in any meaningful way. These are entirely different parts of the state, with different realities and needs. And the people in each of those communities deserve someone who knows them—and fights for them.

Instead, these maps are designed to silence people. To divide us. To make sure the outcome is decided before anyone votes.

That’s not democracy. That’s control.

We’ve normalized it for so long that people have stopped noticing. But the consequences are real. When voters feel like their voice doesn’t matter, they stop showing up. When communities are stitched together just to serve a political strategy, nobody truly gets represented.

And then we turn around and ask: “Why aren’t young people patriotic anymore?” We talk about forcing patriotism in classrooms. Here’s the truth: you wouldn’t need to force it if you were building a country worth being proud of.

Fix the maps. Fix the system. Give people back the power you took from them.

Thank you.

Teresa Anderson, Miss
Self, as the last of NINE KIDS!!!
Austin, TX

Planned Parenthood is VERY IMPORTANT! Look at Texas Education Agency and they will show you lots of data with bad stupid parents. The Uvalde shooter should have been an abortion. Really tired of Texan political males being Texas Taliban. Really tired that stupid TX males want us to be more like India, too big population and bad environment.

Lauren Faurchild
Self
Trophy Club, TX

Vote no to redistricting. Voting should be fair for all not only fir a select set of billionaires..

Thomas Ray
Self
Plano, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map. We need to take advantage of the Republican majority to create congressional districts that reflect the voting characteristics of our citizens.

Vicki Plangmsn
Self
Denton, TX

ABSOLUTELY We must support this bill for redistricting!! Texas has so many new LEGAL residents and we need this due to population growth in Texas!!!!

Rebecca McIlwain
Self
HOUSTON, TX

I am a voting independent--not a member of a particular party and oppose the currently proposed map by HB4 on grounds that it disrupts communities from acting together on their common issues. I'm disheartened that partisan politics has such a stranglehold on common sense and seeking the common good. I used to look to statesmen and stateswomen to do that, but now, more often than not, find myself having to rely on courts to rein in the raw partisan, divisive appetite of both political parties. Right now, the Republicans are the biggest culprits. In my grandmother's generation in Texas, I believe it was the Democrats. But either way, my plea is to rise about the current power grab and look at what is sensible for communities who seek to work together to solve their problems using our democratic process. Please reject these maps and refuse to consider this issue any further until the courts weigh in on the 2021 maps. You are under no obligation to continue this process initiated by the Governor. In fact, I would argue you are under a moral obligation NOT to continue it. Please do the right thing. You all know what it is. STOP putting your party above your oath as our representatives. I understand how entwined these can become, but if you will use your common sense, it will be obvious that this is a faulty and harmful undertaking. Please vote NO on HB4 and put the issue to rest. Thank you.

Jose Cid
Self
San Antonio, TX

I'm writing to ask that the redistricting process currently happening be opposed. All state leaders must speak out against the dangerous precedent established by this blatantly partisan gerrymandering.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Reena Sinha
SAAVETX
San Antonio, TX

RE: Opposition to Mid-Decade Congressional Redistricting – A Statement from South Asian Texans
Dear Governor Abbott, Lt. Governor Patrick, and Speaker Burrows,
As members of the South Asian American community across Texas, we write to express our unequivocal opposition to the mid-decade congressional redistricting plan currently before the Legislature.
South Asian Texans are one of the fastest-growing populations in this state. We run businesses, drive innovation, advance medicine, and enrich the cultural and civic life of Texas. We also vote, organize, and contribute to the democratic process.
But this redistricting proposal is not about improving representation — it is about manipulating it. These maps are being redrawn to break up strong, diverse voting blocs and weaken the collective voice of communities of color, including South Asians, who are becoming an undeniable force in Texas politics.
In major metropolitan counties where South Asians live and work — Harris, Fort Bend, Dallas, Collin, Tarrant, Travis, and Bexar — cohesive neighborhoods are being fractured and stitched together with distant rural counties. These artificial districts have nothing to do with shared interests and everything to do with diluting the political power of growing populations.
This is not representation. This is an intentional strategy to silence voters and undermine democracy.
What does a tech executive in Plano have in common with a farmer hundreds of miles away? What shared vision for Texas can come from districts designed to split communities apart rather than bring them together?
Texas should stand as a model of democratic integrity, where representation reflects the people who call this state home. Instead, this process dismantles the very pillars of democracy — fairness, accountability, and trust.
When maps are drawn for partisan gain, they don’t just distort election outcomes — they tell entire communities their voices don’t matter.
We stand with Texans in Fort Bend, Collin, Dallas, Harris, Travis, Williamson, Bexar, El Paso, Denton, and Tarrant Counties who are seeing their voting power diluted and their representation sacrificed for political advantage.
We urge you to withdraw this plan and commit instead to drawing fair maps that keep communities whole, reflect where people actually live and work, and protect every Texan’s right to representation.
Democracy only works when every vote counts and every voice is heard. These maps break that promise. Texans — all Texans — deserve better.
Sincerely,
Reena Sinha / SAAVETX
San Antonio, Texas

Audra Martin
Self
Amarillo, TX

The redistricting of Texas to lose Democratic seats shouldn't be allowed. This is a blatant power grab from this current lawless administration. The people of Texas don't want this!

Susan Bell, Precinct Chair Kerrville GOP
Kerrville Republican Party
Kerrville, TX

This is a Priority of the RPT and Conservatives across Texas and the US. It must pass. Please do everything in your power to make the Will of the People a Priority.

Mary Witherow
Myself
Dallas, TX

I strongly object to this bill that unfairly seeks to redistrict off cycle by diluting the votes of minorities in metropolitan areas. Such an effort is unconscionable and illegal. I strongly urge the legislature to vote no on the bill.

Lisa Atkinson
Self
Cypress, TX

I support HB4 Redistricting. I oppose coalition or combination by race.

David Young, Mr.
Self
Waxahachie, TX

This redistricting plan is blatantly undemocratic. Anyone who believes in our country, in our constitution, and basic human fairness must reject this attempt to steal votes for one party. It is beyond despicable. Anyone who votes for this bill is an immoral, unjust person. You absolutely KNOW that this is wrong. If you vote for this bill, you will never be able to remove the stench from your reputation.

Jennifer Vogel
Independent voter
SAN MARCOS, TX

This proposal is unacceptable. Every Republican lawmaker who supports it should be prepared to defend their actions in court. The public is watching, and we will hold you accountable.

Stop behaving as if you are above facing the people you represent. The ongoing actions of the Texas Legislature over the past few years have eroded public trust, and this only adds to the shame. We will not stay silent.

Sandra Fleck, Ms.
Self
Montgomery, TX

I believe the current districts in Texas should represent the percentages of voters' party participation in that district. With the numbers of people moving into Texas in the years since the census was taken, the districts should be redrawn.

Terrence Curren
Self
Pflugerville, TX

The planned redistricting is flagrantly undemocratic and a clear indicator that the current government doesn't give a single shit about representing the people. It tells me that anyone in favor of it has less than zero shame, decency, honor, or respect for democracy. Absolutely revolting behavior.

Brady Coleman, mr
self - Screen Actors Guild film actor
AUSTIN, TX

Not right to redistrict at this time. Wait until next census. Following Trump now or any time is cowardly.

Luis Garcia, Dr.
self
El Paso, TX

I am writing to urge you to stand against the proposed mid-decade redistricting plan currently under consideration. As a public school educator and proud resident of El Paso County, I am deeply concerned by efforts to redraw congressional maps in a way that undermines fair representation and silences the voices of Texans of color—communities that have been the cornerstone of our state's growth and vitality.

These proposed maps do not reflect the diverse population of Texas. Instead, they appear to be a strategic move to consolidate political power, disenfranchise communities of color, and dilute the impact of voters who have long contributed to the cultural and economic strength of our state. As an educator, I witness firsthand how policy decisions affect our students and their families. Representation matters, and so do fairness and equity.

I respectfully urge you to reject this mid-decade redistricting proposal and to advocate for a transparent, inclusive, and community-centered process. Gerrymandering has no place in a healthy democracy. We must ensure that every Texan, regardless of race, background, or zip code, has an equal voice in the future of our state.

Please listen to the public outcry and help preserve the integrity of our democratic institutions. Our communities are watching, and we expect our elected officials to defend fairness and uphold the values that make Texas strong.

Brittney Womack
Self
Grapevine, TX

Texas does not want redistricting! This is blatant cheating. Last time I checked the representatives were elected by the people and work for the people. Not the corrupt pediphile president , Donald Trump. Texans have been abundantly clear through out these hearings that we are against this outright power grab to gerrymander our state any further. Cheaters never prosper and neither will you if you choose to continue this route. The people will come for you and vote your cowardly butts out of office either way! Don’t mess with Texas!!

JORGE IBARRA
self
El Paso, TX

I Oppose Redistricting for Texas Election 2026. It Does Not Represent All Texas Residents. Minorities Will Be Left Out of their Right of Voting.

Katie Miller
Self
Austin, TX

As a lifelong Texan, am outraged by the Republican Party's brazen attempt to rig elections through HB 4's redistricting scheme at the behest of Donald Trump. This is not just partisan politics—it is a deliberate effort to silence communities of color, dismantle fair representation, and entrench GOP power at the expense of our democracy. This move is both duplicitous and unconstitutional.

This deliberate move to further disenfranchise Texas voters and dilute the voting power of diverse communities across Texas is appalling and a disgrace to the rich history and cultures that make Texas a state I am proud to call my home. We are a land of many people, many voices, and many lived experiences... And this beautiful tapestry of diversity is one of the many things that makes Texas an inviting home to so many.

By creating this political division and caving in to the demands of a fascist dictator, we are creating a dangerous path forward—not just across Texas, but across the country as other states promise to retaliate to this deliberate interference in the will of the people.

Furthermore, I strongly believe that HB 4 is in direct violation of the Voting Rights Act, and that moving forward with this bill will embroil the state in a costly legal battle that will be financed at the expense of Texas taxpayers and in lieu of more beneficial state-wide programs that support Texans. Fiduciary responsibility dictates that we not launch ourselves into a known controversy at the expense of taxpayers. A new map that is redrawn after a census and in accordance with population results would be more appropriate, but this must uphold the Voting Rights Act and not seek to strip power away from any one party across the state. Rather, redistricting must be done in a way that is fair to the people of Texas.

At this point, HB 4 goes beyond gerrymandering and into voter suppression, and I cannot support any piece of legislation that would strip power away from people and further disenfranchise the voters of Texas. As such, I vehemently stand in opposition to HB 4.

Emma Jane Hopper
self
Austin, TX

Texas lege should be focused on flood prevention and marijuana regulations, not “finding seats” for an incompetent and unpredictable president. Yall ought to start doing your jobs and looking out for your constituents, instead of trying to take advantage of us.

Laura Wiggs
Self
Houston, TX

Redrawing district lines to advantage a political party is not the democracy our forefathers had in mind. Democracy is preserved without gerrymandering.

D'Arcy Randall
Self/Retired
Austin, TX

As a Texas resident for 35 years, I write to oppose the mid-decade redistricting plan. At the very least, redistricting now wastes our time during a crisis. All over the state, Texans who lost loved ones during the July 4 floods are in shock. Those of us who are their friends and colleagues, grieve with them and examine what went so wrong. We're learning that the disasters were caused by failures on the federal, state, and local levels. We want to see the state do its part for flood relief, prevention, and effective warning systems now. Instead, suffering Texans are shoved aside because of demands to accept a new district map that is outrageously gerrymandered.

The new map will drive Texans even further apart than they are now. Specialists on redistricting explain that gerrymandering effectively disenfranchises voters, which leads to deep resentment. I felt this resentment myself, when, after a redistricting, I lost my Representative and found myself in a new district led by someone far away who did not share my values. This situation differs from that of voting for a candidate who lost: I can accept my community's decision, even if I disagree. But having my district changed for no good reason effectively silenced me. Although my district was eventually restored, I felt its fragility.

The worst feature of the new map is that it will silence thousands of black and brown Texans whose districts will be cracked and diluted, reviving terrible histories of discrimination and racism. As legal experts here have warned, this disenfranchisement of minority Texans is arguably unconstitutional. Don't allow yourselves to be used. I urge you to drop this plan while you still can.

Monoca Sledge
Self
Austin, TX

This has nothing to do with the interests of the people who desire to have a voice and deserve representation that matters. This is the blatant erasure of voices for the solidification of power status ensuring the wealthiest keep their thumbs on the scale. There is clear opposition to the current administration and how it has caused chaos and confusion, but this is a brazen move to eliminate any attempt at accountability. Redistricting for the purpose of blindly bulldozing programs for extra padding in bank accounts that will take away medicine, food, housing, education, and resources from the who need it is not what Americans want. We want a country that looks after us when we participate in funding the inner workings of this union. Redistricting makes it harder to fairly and justly represent the people you serve by playing favorites. That is the America of an oligarchy run by authoritarian. That is not what our Constitution nor Bill of Rights stands for.

Annie Boyer
Self
Austin, TX

I am strongly opposed to this attempt to redraw maps in a clear and pointed move to add 5 more Republican House seats. This is an illegal power play to silence the voices of Texans at the voting booth for the upcoming midterm elections.

Time during this special session should be spent on disaster recovery efforts following the recent flooding. The immediate shift in focus to redrawing maps is a slap in the face to the Texas communities who were torn apart by the flooding. Texas deserves better from its legislature.

Clarissa Gonzalez
self
Laredo, TX

REJECT

Robin Hayes, Eastland County Chair
Christian, Conservative, Republicans
Eastland, TX

As an active citizen, I urge the Texas Legislature to approve HB4. The current districts drawn in 2021 followed the flawed 2020 Census which officials have acknowledged significantly undercounted several states, including Texas, while overcounting others. Further, recent court decisions including the U.S. Fifth Circuit's 2024 ruling in the Petteway v. Galveston County established that districts based on "coalitions" of minority groups are not protected by the Voting Rights Act. It is time to correct the error of 2021, pass HB4, and restore fair Congressional seat representation in Texas. Thank you.

Denise Wilborn
Self/Educator
Houston, TX

I have been watching this hearing on line most of the day from Houston. Those of you on the select committee hanging in there, thank you. I do understand you may have other work to do. As one of your recent speakers said, "Y'all have heard it all today form those of us against this bill." Be Texans! Not puppets. In the Houston hearing on the 26th one speaker mentioned that "Texas" comes from a word meaning 'friend.'" Its my understanding it comes from the Caddo word Tejas. While the history of how indigenous peoples in Texas and across the country mistreated, the concept of friend can be reclaimed! Communities can remain together until after the 2030 census so a more intentional and humanitarian redistricting - across jurisdictions - can happen. Disruption for the sake of disruption, while the method of the day, is not for the people of Texas. It is for the one man currently in the office of the presidency who fears Texas because we an and do vote for the common good and not for the singular power grab of one man. Vote against this map from unknown sources. Thank you. dlw

Maria Lugo, Mrs
self Health Center Manager
Watauga, TX

I am completely against this redistricting

Renee Conley
Self
Austin, TX

I am a concerned Texan from Austin (78729). I'm writing to voice my strong opposition to the proposed congressional redistricting in Texas. I believe redistricting will disproportionately harm communities of color and common interests in our state. When I originally submitted my opposition, the maps were not yet available for review. At that time, I did not realize that my area would be impacted. I am in District 37 represented by Congressman Llyod Doggett. Based on the drawn maps, his seat and the seat of Greg Casar will possibly become one district. This change will not serve the people of central Texas (Austin to San Antonio) well.
Redistricting must be fair, transparent, and representative of the diversity of Texas. Diluting the voices of urban, rural, Black, Latino, Asian, and Indigenous voters is not only morally wrong, it's unconstitutional. Current district maps are drawn in a way that Texas voices are splintered. Maps drawn from urban areas down to rural or valley areas do not serve the constituents who live in the different areas. The commonality is that we are all Texans. However, the different areas of Texas have different needs and interests. The differences between communities are too great!
Texas is currently a majority minority state. The Texas population is approximately 40% white. However, white representatives hold approximately 80% of the seats. How can this be? Gerrymandering! The Civil Rights Act of 1965 required Texas along with some other states to be monitored because of the discriminatory practices of the state around the right of black voters. The court made the mistake of relaxing and removing the oversight authority. Seventy years later, we are back in a position where Texas is seeking to silence, marginalize, and suppress the minority vote.
The current redistricting push is not coming from a request made by Texans. The "need" for redistricting is not based on factual data of population changes. The push is coming from Washington, D.C. I urge you to stand up for all Texans and for democracy. Do not move forward with redistricting. Protect equitable representation for all Texans by opposing any redistricting plan that marginalizes minority communities.
Please listen to the voices and of those you represent -Texans! Do not be swayed by Washington politicians who do not have the best interest of Texas at heart. Stand tall and proud for our state! Please do not bend to weaponized power to gain temporary political favor.

Stuart Stutzman
Self - School bus driver
Richardson, TX

I am vehemently against this bill. We should not be redrawing our district maps just because Trump is afraid. This is bad for texas and will end up harming our state in the near and far future.

Sade Rauch
Self
Fort Worth, TX

I strongly oppose House Bill 4 as currently proposed. This bill represents a blatant attempt at partisan gerrymandering designed to manipulate the electoral process for political gain, not to ensure fair representation for the people of Texas.
Texas is one of the most diverse states in the country, with rapidly growing Black, Latino, and Asian populations. However, HB 4 fails to reflect this demographic reality. Instead, it redraws congressional maps in a way that weakens the voting power of communities of color, particularly in South Texas, Austin, Houston, and the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex. By targeting minority-heavy districts currently held by Democrats, the bill dilutes the influence of voters who deserve full and fair representation in Congress.
Moreover, the process behind HB 4 has lacked transparency and accountability. The maps were released suddenly, with minimal public notice and no opportunity for robust community input or meaningful debate. This approach undermines trust in our democratic institutions and disrespects the right of Texans to participate in decisions that directly impact their representation.
HB 4 also runs afoul of the principles set forth in the Voting Rights Act, which prohibits redistricting efforts that result in the disenfranchisement of minority voters. The proposed maps appear to prioritize partisan outcomes over compliance with federal law, and they invite costly legal challenges that Texas taxpayers should not have to fund.
Redistricting should be about fair representation not partisan advantage. Lawmakers should be drawing maps that reflect the actual population and its interests, not using the redistricting process as a political weapon. I urge members of the House Select Committee to reject HB 4 in its current form and instead develop a map that respects the will of the people, protects communities of interest, and upholds the integrity of our elections.
Texans deserve a democracy that works for everyone not just for those in power.

John Nicks
Self - Concerned Citizen
Houston, TX

I am a resident of present-day CD18. I am strongly AGAINST this bill that gerrymanders my district and others in Houston and across Texas. We need to fix the FLOODING first, expand Medicaid, and stop bowing down whatever Trump wants. This is going to hurt the lives of people in, especially when their congressman doesn't match the values of the neighborhood that they serve. My CD-18 has had awesome and great leaders like the late Barbara Jordan, Shelia Jackson Lee, and Sylvester Turner. We need to end gerrymandering and any efforts of mid-district redistricting and fix the flooding in the Hill Country and Expand Medicaid.

Thank you.

Minami Krembs
Self, Student
Austin, TX

Dear Representatives, my name is Minami Krembs and I am a third-year Economics student at the University of Texas. I am writing to you to express my opposition to the Congressional maps being proposed for adoption because of its negative impact on students and other Texans living in Central Austin.

From my dormitory, it takes me about eight minutes to walk to the Bullock Texas State History Museum. The total distance is 0.4 miles. Yet, the proposed map places the Bullock Museum in a different Congressional district than the University of Texas campus, despite them only being separated by one street. The Bullock Museum, along with most of Downtown Austin, is now supposed to share the same Congressman (TX-10) as Huntsville, Livingston, and the Davy Crockett National Forest.

The same can be said for the post office I use (a thirteen minute walk away), one of my favorite coffee shops (a fifteen minute walk away) and the Texas State Capitol (a nineteen minute walk away). To me, it is absurd that I can walk a few blocks in the middle of the fifth largest city in Texas and end up in the same Congressional district as small towns 180 miles away. Many UT students also live in the parts of Austin designated to be a part of Congressional District 10. If these maps pass, starting in August I will most likely have classmates who live within walking distance of me who are now represented by a different Congressman. If one of you entered the Capitol Grounds through the East entrance and exited through the West entrance, you will have traveled between two Congressional Districts.

The intention behind single-member congressional districts and periodic redistricting is to keep communities together and ensure that every voter is represented as equally as possible. The proposed map splits neighbors, colleagues, and classmates and dilutes the representation of Central Austin voters. I urge you to vote against House Bill 4, this proposed map and any other new maps.

Megan Collins
Self
Austin, TX

Please stop this bill. Texas is a large state, making districts stretch the length of it is just absurd.

Diana Aguirre
Self
Houston, TX

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Ann Tornyos, Mrs.
Self
Bellaire, TX

I am for redistributing

I support redistricting Texas's as proposed by the Republicans.

Kyle Buckley, Ms
Self - Social Worker/Policy Director
San Antonio, TX

I am in strong opposition to the proposed map. This map would silence the voices of countless individuals, particularly in communities of color and underserved, under-resourced areas. As elected officials, it is your duty to represent the needs and welfare of your constituents. Silencing votes to sway political power is unethical and wrong. Please do right by your constituents and reject this bill to allow for the voters' voices to be heard and to preserve the democracy our forefathers fought for.

Jacobo Anzaldua
self
Mission, TX

I am deeply concerned about this redistricting proposal. This effort is a clear case of gerrymandering, aimed at diluting the voting power of minority populations. It is evident that GOP lawmakers are attempting to usurp power and undermine democratic process.

Fair representation is essential for all citizens. I urge lawmakers to reject this proposal and commit to a transparent and nonpartisan redistricting process that accurately reflects the diverse population of Texas. It is time to prioritize the integrity of our electoral system over partisan interests, and ensure that everyone has an equal voice.

Texas for ALL, not for some.

Marston Meador
self
Carrollton, TX

I am a Texas voter, and I oppose any mid-decade redistricting. I oppose any redistricting that does not result in fair representation for all Texans. Texas has a long history of racial gerrymang and discriminatory voting practices, so I urge you to prevent communities of color from being deliberately divided, thereby weakening their political voice.

Lawmakers should have the necessary information to create legally compliant district maps, protect minority voting rights, and respect county lines, city boundaries, and communities of interest. A rushed 30-day special session packed with unrelated agenda items is not the way to achieve this.

Flood recovery efforts and the safety of Texans should be the top priority, not redrawing political maps.

Emily Fischels
Self
League City, TX

I want to express my EXTREME objection to the passing of this redistricting bill.

Louis Coldwell
Self
Georgetown, TX

Against this. I would rather our money go to flood victims.

Kerry Gardner
Self - teacher
El Paso, TX

Dear Members of the House Select Committee on Congressional Redistricting,

I strongly oppose the newly proposed congressional map that removes major portions of El Paso County—including Fort Bliss, the El Paso International Airport, and the new Veterans Affairs Health Care Center—from our local district and places them into a sprawling district that stretches from San Antonio to the Borderland.

This change would strip El Pasoans of meaningful local representation by transferring critical assets to a district with vastly different priorities and competing demands from 27 other counties. Fort Bliss, the airport, and the VA Center—each essential to our region—would now have to compete for federal and state resources with two other major military installations, undermining our community's ability to advocate effectively for veterans, military families, and infrastructure needs.

Worse yet, these assets would fall under the purview of a representative who has consistently voted against El Paso's interests, including cuts to Medicare, Medicaid, veterans programs, nutrition services, infrastructure, and clean water funding. El Paso deserves leadership that is present, engaged, and directly accountable—not someone based 500 miles away in San Antonio.

This proposal is a repeat of the deeply flawed 2021 map that El Pasoans successfully fought to overturn. We've already made it clear: our community should not be carved apart or treated as an afterthought. Representation should be local, reflective of our unique needs, and committed to advocating for our future.

I urge the committee to reject this map and keep El Paso intact within a congressional district that ensures responsive, fair, and local representation. Our voices matter—and we will continue to raise them until our community is respected and heard.

Audrey VonBorstel
Self, Speech-language Pathologist
Houston, TX

There is no justification for this congressional redistricting. It is unnecessary, confusing to voters and will cause the state to waste time and money during the special session – only to later waste more time and money in litigation over whatever maps are proposed. Please stop this pointless work and these unjust maps.

Sarah Nuelle
self
Austin, TX

Gerrymandering is no way to rule a country. This is a shameful attempt at a power grab occurring when these district lines would not otherwise be altered. Our Founding Fathers are rolling in their graves at this heinous proposition.

Michelle Scherer
Self
San Antonio, TX

The current attempt to redistrict in Texas is unnecessary and a waste of time; redistricting was completed in 2021, after the 2020 census. Texas legislators should spend any special session prioritizing flood mitigation, mental health in schools, and a host of other issues important to the safety and wellbeing of Texans, NOT re-drawing maps behind closed doors with no requirement for transparency, public input, or fair representation. We deserve a redistricting process that is both transparent and accessible. Please do the job Texans elected you to do instead of engaging in an anti-democratic mid-decade redistricting process driven by special interests.

Hector Garcia, Mr.
Myself
Houston, TX

I strongly oppose any further redrawing of the Texas congressional map. This process has already been used to dilute the voting power of communities of color and silence fair representation. The current map does not reflect the state's population growth or diversity—instead, it serves partisan interests over the will of the people. Redistricting should protect democracy, not manipulate it. Any new changes must be based on transparency, public input, and respect for the Voting Rights Act—not political gain.

Michael Cramer
self
Pflugerville, TX

Texas completed its redistricting in 2021 using the most recent Census data. Yet, national political leaders—led by former President Donald Trump—are now pressing for a second, off-cycle redraw, not to reflect population changes but to shore up fading partisan advantages. Calling lawmakers back just one week after catastrophic floods devastated communities across our state sends a troubling message: political maneuvering is being prioritized over urgent disaster relief.

Mid-decade redistricting is neither routine nor necessary. It is a calculated attempt to entrench power and undermine fair representation. The 30-day timeframe set for this special session has no built-in requirements for transparency, public testimony, or independent review. Texans deserve an open, accessible process that results in maps reflecting the true diversity of our state.

I respectfully urge you to:

- Oppose any rushed attempt at mid-decade redistricting.
- Advocate for full transparency and public input—including multiple public hearings across the state and the release of proposed maps well in advance of any vote.
- Prioritize disaster relief and other pressing legislative needs over unnecessary redistricting efforts.

Our democracy works only when the electoral maps are drawn fairly and openly. Please stand with your constituents by rejecting this power grab and insisting on a process that puts Texans first.

Thank you for your service and for considering my views. I would appreciate knowing how you plan to address this issue.

Sujatha Srikanth
Self
Sugar Land, TX

Opposition to Mid-Decade Congressional Redistricting
Dear Governor Abbott, Lt. Governor Patrick, and Speaker Burrows,
As representatives and members of the South Asian American community across Texas, I write to express my unequivocal opposition to the proposed mid-decade congressional redistricting map released for consideration in the special session.
South Asian Texans constitute one of the most rapidly expanding demographic groups in the state. We are proud contributors to Texas's robust economy—operating businesses, advancing medicine, engineering infrastructure, educating future generations, and serving across a multitude of sectors. Beyond our economic contributions, we are deeply engaged citizens who actively participate in the democratic process through voting, organizing, and civic leadership. Our families are firmly rooted in Texas, investing in its future and insisting upon representation that reflects our communities and values.
Texas should serve as a model of democratic integrity, distinguished by leadership that truly reflects the will and diversity of its people. Our democracy flourishes through the collective empowerment of those who call this state home. It is incumbent upon elected officials to ensure that representation mirrors the authentic geographic, social, and cultural realities of our communities—where we live, work, and raise our families. This principle forms the very foundation of a just and vibrant democracy.
The current proposal to redraw district boundaries mid-decade, absent compelling justification and prior to the resolution of ongoing litigation related to the 2021 maps, is both reckless and indefensible especially when the author was not issued a subpoena to defend the map.

Such an endeavor constitutes a brazen attempt to manipulate electoral outcomes under the guise of procedural necessity. It threatens to fracture cohesive communities and dilute the political influence of growing populations while eroding public trust in our electoral system.
We stand in resolute solidarity with all Texans whose communities face disenfranchisement, particularly in counties such as Fort Bend, Collin, Dallas, Harris, Travis, Williamson, Bexar, El Paso, Denton, and Tarrant. The subversion of fair representation anywhere imperils the democratic integrity of the entire state.
This proposed redistricting map is especially ill-timed, occurring amid significant statewide challenges—ranging from natural disaster recovery to escalating economic hardships. Texas deserves governance focused on substantive solutions rather than divisive political stratagems.
In light of these concerns, we urgently call upon you to rescind this ill-conceived redistricting map and redirect legislative efforts toward addressing the pressing needs of all Texans. The health of our democracy depends upon transparency, accountability, and a steadfast commitment to equitable representation that honors the diversity and dynamism of communities like ours.

John Gonzalez, Dr.
self educator
Austin, TX

HB 4 is a textbook case of gerrymandering for partisan political advantage rather than true democratic representation. There is no reason to redraw congressional districts at mid-term other than to rig the 2026 elections. HB 4 should be voted down and vetoed if somehow approved.

Victor M. Renteria, Mr
SELF
El Paso, TX

Texas AND Texas legislators should exercise their rights to representation, voting rights, voting procedures AND requirements based on the needs of Texas without any coercion, pressure, or promises of funding rewards from any person or source NOT LEGALLY recognized as having voting rights OR residency within the state boundaries of the State of Texas. Our legislators should make every ethical effort to make the privilege of voting as fair AND equal for every voter of every precinct/district without favoring any political party or demographic group. The Texas legislature should do everything possible to keep AND improve America's image AND reputation as the World's Leading Democracy.

Shawn Boyd
Self
Oak Point, TX

This bill further dilutes my voice in Congress. It disenfranchises my right to have my community heard.

Kerry Huffman
Self - Retired
Frisco, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map. It is a very fair redistricting map and provides for the proper representation of US Representatives from Texas.

Breanna White
Self / Business Owner
Georgetown, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Rebecca Guerrero
El Paso
El Paso, TX

I strongly opposed the redistricting of Texas. This plan will diminish the voting power and voice of El Paso, a majority Hispanic community. It is no secret why this plan has been proposed by this administration. As an El Pasoan I cannot sit idly by while my community's voice is taken away through unjust redistricting.

Aurelie Miles, Ms
Self retired
Arlington, TX

Pass it!

Nicholas Lloyd
Self
Baytown, TX

The old district map looked very gerrymandered and this one looks the same. I feel like my vote and the votes of the people in my community are being underrepresented because we're tied into a district that does not represent us. I believe this is extremely undemocratic and would our Texas congress persons to re-examine why they are supposed to be here. Please. Do the right thing

Chelsey Brimer
Self
Austin, TX

No redistricting should be done at this time. It is mid-decade and a complete waste of time and tax dollars. This attempt to steal power from the people to give to one person at the top is not democracy. It’s authoritarianism. This is not the United States. This is not Texas. You have forgotten that if you actually care for your constituents, you will get voted back in without having to cheat. Your job is to make the lives of all Texans better. Your job is not to take orders from billionaires and a wannabe dictator. Stop this ridiculous attempt by the president to control Texans. Stop pandering to the elites and care fore the 99% of us that just want to afford food, travel around our beautiful, diverse state, and live a peaceful life. Focus on caring for the flood victims and ensuring the safety of TEXANS moving forward. Redistricting is a distraction from actual work that needs to be done for your constituents. Get to work, NO on HB 4

Sandy Hernandez
Self/Psychotherapist
El Paso, TX

This redistricting is highly concerning and does not serve Texas voters. Fort Bliss has Always been a Vital part of El Paso going back to World War 2 and before. This is nothing short of voter suppression and control. I urge you to listen to the Texas Voters! We will continue to vehemently oppose!

Michelle Hoggatt
Self
AMARILLO, TX

I believe that voting is both a privilege and a civic responsibility. I have been a VDR for 3 years, and I spend a lot of time helping people in my community get registered. I talk to many people about why voting is important, and one thing I always tell them is that their vote is their opportunity to have their voice heard. However, now that I have seen the proposed maps, I will have to change what I tell people. This map shows a blatant power grab, a cynical disregard for voters' voices, and, most disturbing, a willingness on the part of Texas Republicans to give up principles to bow to the current regime. This map appears to be racially biased as well. It is obvious that the majority of this legislature doesn't want voters to have a voice. I have a hard time understanding how any elected official, anyone who says they "represent" their district could support these bizarre new districts. These districts have been drawn with no thought for constituents; instead, the people in these districts are clearly viewed solely as numbers/statistics. I see the polls, so I understand why this regime is so focused on skewing districts to retain power as their policies are decidedly unpopular. Perhaps spending time on listening to constituents and then crafting policies that reflect the needs of those constituents would be better than spending time solely on efforts to scam the system to retain power. It is also ridiculous that this Republican controlled legislature is working to redraw maps that they drew only four years ago. I have seen the DOJ letter, but I have also seen the testimony by state officials in the current court case that argues the opposite, so I understand that there is no real reason for redistricting in the middle of the 10 year cycle. To summarize, I oppose this redistricting as it suppresses voters' voices. I support democracy, not a party!

Walter Allred
Self
Chandler, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Tami Esson
Self
Austin, TX

Dear legislators- I am writing to remind you that at some point, each and every one of you took an oath to follow the laws of our constitution, where everyone has the right to vote and where the elected legislators represent what their constituents want, not ignoring their constituents to push for their own agenda. This type of redistricting is unlawful, and eliminates the laws of the constitution that call for a fair election. Our democracy is being dismantled one law at a time, enabling our administration and a man with undiagnosed narcissistic personality disorder to make rational decisions for our country. But you hold the power in your hands to prevent that from happening by allowing Texans to decide what's best for them. So I implore you to do what you know is ethically right, and stand up to the corrupt legislatures like Abbott and Paxton and show us all how strong you can be by standing up against them. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Siobhan Nope
Self, entrepreneur
Plainview, TX

OPPOSE redistricting.

Elizabeth Bassimakopoulos, Ms.
Self
Austin, TX

No to redistricting. This does not fairly show the will of the people. People
In all sections of Texans deserve to be represented even if we don’t agree on politics. Please do right by Texans. No to redistricting. Manipulating political maps is an unjust way to wield power.

Anne McCready Heinen, MS
self, retired
Austin, TX

Stop the power grab gerrymandering move in Texas. As a Texas resident, I am appalled by the politically motivated proposal to redraw districts here. Let's focus on what's important -- like emergency response improvement, flood warning systems, and health care for all.

Lynn O'Meara
Self
Fort Worth, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Sally Severson
SELF
Ennis, TX

There is no doubt that voter demographics have changed and our state voting map needs to reflect that.

Carl Kalbfleisch
True Texas Project (TTP@Home Denison Leader)
Denison, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map. I believe it is important to update the district maps to more accurately reflect the solid conservative mandate sent in the last election. Redistricting is completely legal. And should be done. Thank you for your consideration.

Alex Robinson
Self
Austin, TX

Please vote FOR the proposed redistricting map to better reflect Texas voters and not be disenfranchised.

Lonnie Heslep Sr
self
Axtell, TX

I support HB 4 in it’s current proposal

Brandon Davis
Self
Fort worth, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Debra Rowe
Self
Austin, TX

In a true democracy, the interests of the people are reflected in what is happening in their local neighborhoods. Trying to tie Canyon Creek in Northwest Austin to communities in Odessa and San Angelo is a blatant power grab to satisfy Donald Trump in a state which already has a super majority of Republican representatives.

Scott Hillegass
Self
Temple, TX

I strongly support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map. This is great for Texas, and more aligns with the demographics of the state. Please pass HB4!

Suzanne McAnna, Ms
self, retired
Austin, TX

The plan to impose a mid-decade redistricting map on Texas in order to do the bidding of a corrupt and incompetent President and increase Republican power in the US House of Representatives is outrageous.
Court challenges to the most recent changes from the 2020 census have not even been resolved yet. What happened to fair representation? What happened to citizens' rights to vote for people who will truly represent their values and opinions? We need fair maps that reflect the preferences of the people of Texas. This combination of racial and partisan gerrymandering, shored up by Texas's long-standing dedication to voter suppression measures and changes to make voting harder, is nothing like democracy. I currently vote in District 37 in Austin. My understanding of the new maps is that I may fall into a less blue district based in San Antonio. Or elsewhere! I also understand that a number of Republican voters may be dispersed into districts that have been more blue: is this even fair to these voters?
The point of representative democracy is for voters to choose who represents them—not for representatives to pick and choose voters solely in order to cement their majorities, and disenfranchise people who do not agree with them. This is disgusting. If the Texas Legislature cares anything about the people of Texas, you will abandon this effort.

Lori Mayfield
Self
AUSTIN, TX

Stop gerrymandering!

Mildred Bailes
self, Registered Nurse
Epaso, TX

No more gerrymandering from the state of Texas. Everyone deserves equal representation not political games. This represents everything that's wrong with this country right now. ElPaso and the citizens who live here deserve better and have a right to expect transparency and honesty from elected officials. its those citizens that put you people in the position you are in and you are accountable to them. Perhaps there are elected official in this state that have no business being there. It's sure beginning to look like it.

Valerie Tamburri
Self
Elgin, TX

Stop trying to create unfair elections through redistricting.

Greg Dorsey, Mr
Real Estate
Humble, TX

Stop cheating

Gillian Ruth Hill, Mrs
Self
Houston, TX

I am firmly opposed to this redistricting effort.The Texas Legislature should be focusing on establishing the necessary regulations and support to prevent flooding and deaths which just occurred. You should not be making a mockery of democracy with these shameful gerrymandering voting maps. Please stop this pointless waste of your time making unjust maps and manipulation of voters. It’s just not right.

Jennifer Jaques
self nonprofit membership manager
San Marcos, TX

Redistricting to promote one party over the other, separating regions for the convenience of a single party, is wrong.

laura garanzuay
Self
Austin, TX

Trump and Abbott trying to subdue democracy by insulating themselves from the will of the people through redistricting. Changing the rules of the game mid-way is cheating. We the people are tired of the corruption. Democracy must prevail!

Maureen Saval, Ms
self
Leander, TX

I oppose any mid-decade redistricting, especially while the current maps are still being challenged in court. Texans have the right to fair and equal representation that's achieved through a thoughtful, transparent process that allows meaningful public input. Lawmakers should have the necessary information to create legally compliant district maps, protect minority voting rights, and respect county lines, city boundaries, and communities of interest. A rushed 30-day special session packed with unrelated agenda items is not the way to achieve this. Texans deserve to have a redistricting process that is fair, transparent, and results in equal representation for all, not this rushed and deeply flawed process. Flood recovery efforts and the safety of Texans should be the top priority, not redrawing political maps.

Brian Murphy
self, retired
El Paso, TX

I propose a vote in Congress for a special mid-decade ballot measure vote by constituents in the proposed areas for redistricting. I have also requested a similar request through the El Paso District 77. As the U.S. House of Representatives each passed as bipartisan the Freedom to Vote Act & John Lewis Voting Rights Act—the former including Texas Representative Brian Babin's Yea with 13 other Republicans, and from 50-year history of discrimination lawsuits now pending from MALDEF & NAACP, wait
A vote will help confirm to our respective members in the Texas Special Congressional Redistricting Committee the constituents' will for the Senators to make leadership decisions, and it also serves as a partial census in tallying the number of eligible voters who vote—of whom I suspect many will have great interest to compel their viewpoint as many testified in the available committee sessions in the past week, and most statements were from El Paso with disagreement over either the current districting as not representative to the intent of the taxes we provide or the rumors that now show a similar plan of diluting the one, unique voice of El Paso County.
Having the official prospective redistricting map on the congressional website, is essential to help the voters make informed decisions.

Lynn Antoniono
Self
Austin, TX

The attempt of Republicans redistricting at this very time is unethical and waste our hard-earned tax dollars.

Abbott put redistricting on a special session agenda is clearly an attempt to STEAL the midterms.

Voted Republican for 40 years, but could never again in good faith when you pull things like this!

How about working on good policies, so you can win, because of that; instead of, wrangling your numbers dishonestly.

Dennis Gipson
Self
Arlington, TX

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed mid-decade redrawing of Texas's congressional districts currently being advanced by state Republicans.

This so-called special redistricting session, called by Governor Greg Abbott at the urging of former President Trump, proposes to shift the state map from 25 to 30 safely Republican seats before the 2026 midterms—an extraordinary attempt to rewrite the rules in the GOP's favor before the 2030 census .

This plan poses serious threats to democratic integrity and fairness:

Racial vote dilution: Four of the five new GOP-targeted districts are majority-Hispanic, raising concerns under the Voting Rights Act about unfair dilution of Latino and Black votes .

Undemocratic mid-decade redistricting: Redistricting typically occurs once per decade after the census. Doing so now sets a dangerous precedent for partisan manipulation in future election cycles .

Targeting Democratic incumbents: The proposed map would merge districts held by Reps. Greg Casar and Lloyd Doggett in Central Texas, and redraw seats in Austin, Dallas-Fort Worth, Houston, and South Texas to favor Republicans—effectively silencing communities that lean heavily toward Democratic representation .

Although proponents claim the new layout improves "compactness" or minority representation, these adjustments appear strategically designed to consolidate Democratic voters into fewer districts—weakening their influence where it matters most. Critics argue the plan is a clever partisan gerrymander posing risks of legal action and long-term political instability .

Texas Democrats and civil rights advocates are already pursuing every legal and procedural recourse available—including public hearings, quorum-breaking tactics, and federal litigation—to block this power grab. While Republican lawmakers may argue that technical compliance with legal standards has been maintained, earlier courts have repeatedly struck down maps in Texas for racial gerrymandering and violations of the Voting Rights Act .

In defense of fair and inclusive representation, I urge:

1. The legislature withdraw or defeat this map until after the next decennial census.

2. The creation of an independent, citizen-led redistricting commission (like HJR28 recently introduced) to draw maps transparently and free from partisan influence .

3. A commitment to uphold minority voting rights and prevent partisan manipulation of district boundaries.

4. Public accountability and engagement, including greater oversight of manipulation of legislative priorities during crises like the recent floods.

Democracy depends on fair access to representation. This effort undermines Texan voters by prioritizing partisan advantage over equitable and just political outcomes.

Jennifer Hallam
Self, teacher
Marble Falls, TX

Enough with the gerrymandering!! No more redistricting.

Stephanie Willis, Mrs.
self/teacher
Houston, TX

As a Texas AFT member and public educator in Harris County, I oppose any mid-decade redistricting that reduces minority voting influence. Our communities deserve fair maps, not political manipulation.

Traci Vicente
Self
Dallas, TX

Just another attempt by the Republicans to rule not govern.

Patricia Parson, Mrs
self
The Colony, TX

Texas districts should not be manipulated so that only Republicans are represented. Minority input is an essential part of government. Calling a special election in Texas at the request of a person who has no business in the workings of the state government and when it is an attempt by a criminal national president to gain complete authoritarian control and power over the entire United States as well as ALL Texans is unacceptable! Please use rational thinking to do what is ethically and morally right for all the citizens of Texas. Draw redistricting lines that are fair and equitable and take EVERY citizen into consideration.

Angela Stahl
Concerned Texans
Austin, TX

I doubt anyone in the Texas House will ever bother to read this public comment. Because I am fairly certain not a single member gives one fig leaf about any Texas resident. In a time where we have had one of the most deadly floods in the State this Bill takes up all the air and time in House. The only thing any of the Texas House cares about is staying in power. Having reviewed yet another UGLY, RACIST, GERRY-MANDERED Map that has nothing to do with fairly representing the good people of Texas. You all should be thoroughly ashamed of yourselves. Is supporting a lying rapist pedophile, corrupt thief and con man more important to you than the people of Texas? You dont even need to answer that because we all now the truth. Of course it is if it means you stay in power. You get to keep your tiny slice of pie while good decent Texans die from drowning, freezing to death and shooting. But thats OK because in your mind we dumb ignorant Texans will just squeeze out more babies you can allow to drown, freeze to death and get shot right? We are too stupid to understand the complexities of politics and how all of this is and should be in our best interests. I honestly dont know what I could possibly say to you that would hold any sway or influence either. You stopped listening to the people a long time ago. How do you reason with someone as apathetic and uncaring a Texas State politician. You have no honor.

Margaret Duran
Self Retired Medical Office Administrator
Corpus Christi, TX

Because I studied this issue when we redistricted the last time, I am saddened to see this is happening again in the middle of the decade. Please call a stop to this effort. If looks and smells like political chicanery and that the legislature is simply following President Trump's bidding. Democratic states are talking about doing the same. What a waste of time and money. Please devote yourselves to serious issues like security along the Guadalupe River and aid for the flooding victims. Stop the nonsense of political theatre. Texas needs a better look than this.

Corrine Thompson
self/safety consultant
Austin, TX

I am submitting this public comment to express my strong opposition to the proposed redistricting bill. Governor Abbott is using the special session to push Trump's political agenda. This is a blatant power grab meant to dilute the voices of Texas's rapidly growing minority communities and progressive voters. This redistricting bill is bad for our democracy. It's not about fair representation; it's about rigging elections for political power. Redistricting usually happens every ten years after the census. Doing it now, in the middle of the decade, is driven by political reasons, not by real population changes. These new maps would lead to less competitive elections. When districts are drawn to guarantee a certain partisan outcome, it reduces voter choice and discourages civic participation. Texas deserves a transparent, non-partisan redistricting process that genuinely reflects our state's incredible growth and diversity. This bill represents the exact opposite. I urge you to reject this dangerous legislation and uphold the fundamental right of every Texan to have their vote count equally.

Donna Hoffman
Self, Teacher, Social Worker
Austin, TX

This rushed, unnecessary process launched while Texas' current maps are still being challenged in federal court. It is a blatant power grab, designed to dilute the voices of communities of color, suppress young and working-class voters, and redraw the rules to benefit those already in power. Honor the democratic process of fair and equal representation for all. Stop serving the billionaire and millionaire classes exclusively and serve the common good. Help set up a more fair system by overturning the earlier racist redistricting and establishing a slower, all inclusive and diverse process to honor communities. The whole world is watching. Stand up and be good.

John Gorczyk, Dr
Self- Archaeologist
Houston, TX

As a citizen of Texas I am against the proposed redistricting plan, which would further dilute the political power of marginalized communities. If the Republican Party, who has been in control of Texas for 30 years, is afraid of losing elections, let them come up with better policies that help working Texans, rather than stealing seats through redistricting. Texans claim to be fiercely independent—prove it by standing up to the federal government and refusing to sell out democracy in the Lone Star State.

Denise Doyle
AFT
Buda, TX

This is straight up CHEATING!! You are taking away many people's voices.
I am totally against this redistricting proposal!

Amy Richards
PAVE
Hoiston, TX

This voting for this restricting bill will be complicit in the destruction of democracy. Power is intoxicating , and it is truly hard to do the right thing and provide fair representation. You will turn our power structure into a sham, a farce with no fairness at all. Perhaps you do not recall that the current districts were gerrymandered my republicans. In so many ways, this is to crush the weak and make them more powerless than they already are. Ask yourself: how is it with your soul? Vote no if it is intact

Joe Blanda
Self / Musician
Austin, TX

Dear Members of the Republican Party of Texas, I'm addressing you now as you come together to consider HB 4, related to the so-called "composition of the districts for the election of members of the United States House of Representatives from the State of Texas." Whatever you call it, this is a plan to eliminate all Brown, Black, and progressive Democratic voices currently representing Texas in the US House of Representatives, or at least as many as you can eliminate with this one piece of bad legislation.

Actually, this is yet another round of gerrymandering on top of many previous rounds in previous legislative sessions. There seems to be no limit to the Republican party's greedy grasping for power and inability to tolerate any voice or idea in opposition to your own. Having watched many a legislative session on the live cam provided at the House website, I can assure you that you are hardly as godlike and infallible as you think you are.

And now you aim to realign the voting districts of Texas, especially here in Central Texas where I live, so that I can no longer have a Representative who believes in the things I believe in and who responds kindly and with understanding whenever I write to him about my concerns.

HB 4 is plain damn wrong; it's also illegal. And you know that very well, yet you're bound and determined to carry it through because the President is demanding that Texas come to his aid in the next election. He fears, and rightly so, that a great number of Republicans will lose their seats in that election as a result of his many bad policies and executive orders, policies and orders that are despicable in their meanness and tragic in scope. If his poll numbers are now falling drastically, ask yourselves why . . . and for once be honest.

Therefore, you have been tasked with making sure the inevitable political retribution at the ballot box does not happen. It's a fool's errand, you know. Your fellow citizens aren't going to sit still for this blatant power grab. We are going to vote in overwhelming numbers to make sure we take back control of at least one branch of our government in order to restore balance to our political system, which is currently teetering on the brink of disaster, and to fend off further incursions upon our dignity and honor as a nation.

The President is taking a hatchet to the heart of Texas. I am encouraging you to not allow that to happen by voting against HB 4.

Joe Blanda
Austin, TX

Sheri Robbins, Dr.
Self
Grapevine, TX

I’m writing to urge you to reject this corrupt redistricting process and all gerrymandered maps.

Abbott is letting Trump control him while ignoring the real problems in our state. Please do everything in your power to fight back and put Texans first.

I strongly urge you to REJECT THIS PROCESS.

Elena Tovar
Self
El Paso, TX

As a elderly person who is still working here in my life long home town of El Paso, I am fully against the redistricting that is proposed for El Paso ! El Paso needs allof the help that our democratic representatives have accomplished. People need full representation not only to help the elderly but the poor and disadvantaged people of our beloved El Paso ! Our children which are our future in this great nation need to be represented by our own people, that live and thrive in our part of the state of Texas. Please do NOT Redraw our districts. Don't suppress us. Thank you for your time !

Samantha Packham
Self
AUSTIN, TX

I am 100% against this redistricting. It is clearly a power grab for Trump by the Republicans. As a democrat in Texas it is endlessly frustrating to continue to be silence by my elected officials.

CARRIE PROCTOR
Self Licensed Professional Counselor
ROUND ROCK, TX

I am opposed to including redistricting as part of an "emergency or special" session. Redistricting must be a thoughtful process and not rushed. Texas voters should be informed and have input to ensure that all folks have adequate representation that understands and lives within their communities.

Ann Blessinger
District 18
Houston, TX

As a Texas AFT member and public school educator in Harris County, I oppose any mid-decade redistricting that reduces minority voting influence. Our communities deserve fair maps, not political manipulation.

Terri Hall
We the People - Liberty in Action
Kerrville, TX

To quote Charlie Kirk, "It's about time Republicans play hard ball," referring to the redistricting in Texas during the special. We like the map, pass it.

Lisa Newsom
Self
Granite Shoals, TX

Please do not inflict the racially biased gerrymandered map upon the Texas voters. Adhere to your oath to serve all Texans. Please respect voting rights and norms and discontinue serving special interest and OUT of STATE influences including the GOP party leads and the executive in DC. Serve Texas and Texans… all of us.

Kyle Akerman
Self - Chief of Staff
Austin, TX

Please vote against this bill. This is an absolutely horrifying abuse of power, and is clearly designed to eliminate the voting power of an enormous amount of Texans. I understand the impulse to try to treat politics like a game, but this is simply wrong. The proposed map doesn't make a bit of sense, it is cruel, and its disgusting that you want to weaken my ability to have any input as a voter by cutting me away from people who have similar ideas so we can't find a representative that serves us. If you do this, I will absolutely be voting in the republican primaries and I will absolutely vote for whichever republican does the best job of keeping us from making cruel and unlawful decisions like these ones. I know there are republicans that still love this country. Please be one of them.

Yvonne Guerra
Constituent/self
El Paso, TX

I want to express my opposition to the initiatives that are being undertaken to redistricting our area. I am extremely please with Ms. Escobar representation, because she reflects my values and political views.

Mary Day
Self/Self
Waller, TX

I approve of the TX Lege approving the proposed redistricting map.

Juan Flores
Latino Texas Policy Center
San Antonio, TX

The Latino Texas Policy Center opposes the Texas Special Legislative session revising our state's current congressional districts. Without question, redistricting proposals will be discriminatory against Latinos, African Americans, and low-income voters. The fact that the President of the United States demands and the Governor, Lt. Governor and legislature capitulates to an undemocratic undermining of civic voices and political representation is autocratic.

Any redistricting action taken will be simply gerrymandering at its worst. It will add to the documented history of Texas' discriminatory voter suppression practices. Instead of embracing voter civic engagement, the legislature builds on its legacy of poll taxes and English-only ballots to other creative voter intimidation through restrictive voter ID laws, purging of voter rolls, inconsistent voting language aid, and congressional and state redistricting gerrymandering.

Voter suppression must stop, and opposing congressional redistricting in the Legislative Special session is a beginning. The Special Session must focus it attention on assisting communities and families impacted by the recent devastating floods, and preventing their further occurrences.

Krista Snow
self (freelance small business consultant and native El Pasoan)
El Paso, TX

I strongly disagree with the redistricting of my city to be under the direction of anyone who doesn't reside in my city. I live in El Paso, TX. We are already the forgotten part of Texas as a low income minority demographic of over 85% hispanics and primarily democrat makeup. We are on the border and the issues at hand in our nation are critical to the people of our city. Our state is a red state. Our city is a primarily blue city. Our representative needs to represent the makeup of this city. It may not be Veronica Escobar but it definitely shouldn't be anyone who doesn't live here or care about our city. We are the people. Where is our voice?

Shannel Keller
Self
Austin, TX

My name is Shannel, an East Austin homeowner in the 78725 zip code. I am here to speak in strong opposition to Texas House Bill 4 and the proposed congressional redistricting map. This map is not a solution for Texans; it is a profound disservice that will only worsen the existing challenges we face.

My community is a testament to the failings of our current political priorities. Lifelong residents are being pushed out by unaffordable property tax bills. We are systematically disenfranchised not just by rising costs, but by a chronic lack of public services, such as the closest pharmacy being over nine miles away. This proposed map will only deepen these divides, diluting our voices and ensuring our needs remain unmet.

Our state legislature is busy drawing maps to secure more power for a single political party, while the real issues affecting our lives and safety are being ignored. We face:

Infrastructure failures, from a vulnerable power grid to roads and bridges in desperate need of repair.

A healthcare crisis, with one of the nation's most restrictive abortion bans that demonstrates a government more concerned with controlling a woman’s body than with protecting her life.

A public safety crisis, as evidenced by tragedies like Uvalde, where leaders have done nothing to regulate the guns that allowed for massacres.

An affordability crisis, where skyrocketing costs and property taxes are pushing families out of their homes.

A water quality crisis, particularly in East Austin's 78725 zip code, where many residents not served by the city’s utility report discolored and foul-smelling water. Tests have shown contaminants that exceed non-regulatory health guidelines, making clean, safe water a basic human right this body has failed to address.

The proposed redistricting map is not an attempt to create fair representation; it is an openly partisan maneuver. It is clear this legislature prioritizes a national political agenda over the well-being of its constituents. This redrawing is designed to dilute the voting power of communities of color and pack voters into uncompetitive seats—this is gerrymandering and voter suppression, plain and simple.

How can we think HB 4 is a priority when affordable food, shelter, and clean water are not even a priority for this governing body? I urge this committee to reject Texas HB 4 and this new map. We need politicians who will focus on the core issues that impact every Texan: protecting our families, strengthening our infrastructure, and ensuring access to essential services. It is time for our representatives to stop doing the bidding of a national figure and start serving the people who elected them. Thank you.

Ann Glenn
self
Austin, TX

My name is Ann Glenn, and I live in Austin, Congressional District 47. I strongly oppose HB 4 which proposes a mid-decade redistricting of Texas. The proposed map is a gerrymandering hoax. There is no reason that this should be done at this time. The map shows a one-sided, GOP favored in elections change in districts and reduces minority voters strength. It rampantly controverts the intent and stipulations of the Voting Rights Act and undermines representative democracy in the State of Texas. We need a fair, non-discriminatory map that reflects the communities and allows for fair and equal representation of the diverse populations in Texas. I urge you to focus on what is needed here in Texas regarding the recent July 4th flooding and not give into pressures from the Governor or President. We deserve better in Texas. Don't let Texas be a state that ignores the Constitution and becomes a party to destroy our democracy!!
Thank you for your understanding. I hope you can do the right thing and not bend to pressures from the President or the Governor.

Megan Getman
Self
Austin, TX

I oppose the redrawing of the districts in Texas.

Heather Kennedy
Self - Homemaker
Dripping Springs, TX

I am opposed to this unprecedented, mid-cycle, partisan-gerrymandered redistricting. I am opposed to the people we elect taking marching orders from Donald Trump, rather than the people who voted for them. But I know the reality is that you will somehow push this bill through and give us ridiculous new districts that aren't remotely geographically cohesive. And I know we can (and will) take it to the courts, but you've already stacked the Supreme Court. So since I know you won't listen to me, or the 473 out of 512 people at today's hearing who have registered their Opposition, I'm left with this hope: it all backfires horribly for you. I hope that by the midterm elections, Trump/MAGA/GOP have angered so many Texans that you absolutely get crushed. And if y'all keep going the way you have been, I might get my wish. This move is a desperate ploy by a bunch of unpopular people acting from a place of weakness, because you know you can't win people over with your atrocious, hateful, anti-American, anti-democratic policies. Please come to your senses and give up this nonsense. Do something useful like fixing weather emergency alert systems or figuring out how to fairly regulate THC. Stop asking "How high?" when Daddy Donny tells you to jump.

Margaret Villari
"self" Occupation Actress
Fort worth, TX

People like me are already underrepresented and have been for over 20 years, and now you want more?! Millions of people in Texas feel more disenfranchised every day. I don't hate Republicans, but I sure hate what you're trying to do to gerrymander districts that are obviously Democratic territory. Why in the world do you want even more division in this state and in this country? It's truly heartbreaking how you could care less, as long as your emperor trump is happy. History will not look kindly upon those of you who cow down when you should be protecting our constitution! I'm so disappointed in you. i've voted Republican many times. Never again.

Linda Howell
Myself
Sugar Land, TX

I support this bill.
Please vote in favor of it.

Terry Parks
Self
Austin, TX

I oppose this bill. It is a blatant case of gerrymandering. Stop cheating and have some decency.

NoOne UKnow
Self
Lewisville, TX

First of all, I must comment on how brave the Texas House is during such a great time of oppression and dissent from our American People. Despite furious backlash and hate from fellow Texans who I thought were my friends and allies, you have followed in the instructions of our Supreme Leader Donald J. Trump and his companion J.D. Vance in successfully reorganizing the districts in Texas to ensure his mighty regime as King and Supreme Leader continue.

Your efforts will not go in vain. As immigrants are kidnapped left and right, as Texans die in the cold during the winters without our ERCOT (they were communist anyway), as trans folk leave the state in swaths because we decided they are the enemy (we don't need a reason to, they are also communist, surely), you have continued on your glorious path, just following orders from our Supreme Leader in a redistricting move done well before the next Census is taken. This is an unprecedented move, as I'm sure many of you are aware (no states have done so in the past, but because the Texas House and Senate is so obedient to the orders of Leader Trump, this WILL change!), but your unwavering loyalty and submission will be rewarded.

Do not let the communist backlash stop you. They are all undeniably communists, anyway. We hate everything communist, but this redistricting process will eliminate all communist influence and ensure the great Republican Party stays in power for centuries to come, just as our Supreme Leader would like. I like that we follow orders. I like how submissive we are. If Leader Trump asked me to shave my head today I would do so without hesitation, and it makes me feel validated knowing our great government would do the same without hesitation. If this were to pass, I expect every Texas Republican to throw up the Trump Salute done by Elon Musk (twice) during our great Leader's inauguration. Throw it up, and do it proudly. Hail Trump. Hail the Republicans. Show your pride, there is no reason to be afraid.

Sarah Fields
Self
Whitehouse, TX

I am writing in favor of HB 4.

Caitlin Coyner-Fernow
Self and Therapist
Pflugerville, TX

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the current redistricting efforts in Texas.

Redistricting should ensure fair and equal representation for all Texans, but the current process fails to meet that standard. The proposed maps appear to be drawn in a way that intentionally weakens the voting power of communities of color, despite their significant population growth in recent years. This raises serious concerns about racial gerrymandering and potential violations of the Voting Rights Act.

Furthermore, the process has lacked transparency. Public input has been limited, and decisions seem to be made behind closed doors, with minimal accountability. This approach undermines public trust in our democratic institutions.

Partisan gerrymandering has also distorted fair representation. By manipulating district boundaries to favor one political party, the maps silence opposing voices and discourage competitive elections. This is not how democracy should function.

I urge the legislature to reject unfair and discriminatory maps, and instead adopt a redistricting process that is transparent, nonpartisan, and reflective of Texas's diverse population. Every voter deserves to have their voice heard and their vote count equally.

Sincerely,
Caitlin Coyner-Fernow
Pflugerville, TX-State District 46

Monika Varma
Self
Cypress, TX

This is not only wrong but a blatant show that the GOP is big government and about corruption more than representing its constituents. We can not support a team that is hurting the economy for the sake of their own corruption.

M Murphy
Self
Austin, TX

Opposing…
Texas's redistricting efforts are not grounded in fair representation—they are a deliberate strategy to entrench political power by suppressing the voices of communities of color.

The state defends its maps by citing population shifts and partisan strategy, but these claims mask a documented pattern of racial gerrymandering. Courts, including in Perez v. Abbott (2017), have found that Texas intentionally diluted the voting strength of Black and Latino communities in violation of the Constitution and the Voting Rights Act.

Yet despite repeated judicial findings, Texas legislators have faced no meaningful consequences. The revised maps continue to underrepresent communities of color—even as those communities account for the vast majority of the state's population growth. The rollback of federal oversight after Shelby County v. Holder has only emboldened discriminatory practices and further weakened accountability.

These actions are not just unlawful—they are corrosive to democracy. Texas's redistricting defense is a smokescreen for racially motivated disenfranchisement. Continued inaction enables voter suppression. It is imperative that courts, Congress, and the public reject these justifications and confront this gerrymandering for what it is: a calculated assault on equal representation.

Tena Worthy
self
Mckinney, TX

As a public school educator and proud union member in Collin County, I am deeply alarmed by the proposed mid-decade redistricting plan currently under consideration. This plan — which could result in the creation of up to five new congressional seats favoring the GOP — is nothing short of a blatant power grab.

Our state's rapid population growth over the last decade has been driven almost entirely by communities of color. Yet this proposal threatens to drown out their voices, dilute their representation, and undermine the democratic principle of fair and equal representation for all Texans.

Redistricting should reflect the will of the people, not manipulate it for partisan gain. This kind of gerrymandering not only disrespects the voters who fuel our democracy, it erodes trust in our political institutions.

As someone who works every day to educate and uplift the next generation of Texans, I believe our students — and our communities — deserve a future shaped by fairness, not by rigged maps. I urge you to reject this mid-decade redistricting scheme and commit to a process that honors the diversity and strength of our state.

Sarah Vaughan
Self
Plano, TX

Redistricting right now is wrong. I will not be voting republican in 2026 if this happens. This is not legal and Gov Abbott should be ashamed of himself. This is not my Republican Party.

Margie Parra, Ms.
Self
Horizon City, TX

I do not agree with the Congressional redistricting. I want be represented by someone who lives here, not over 500 miles away.

Diane Graves
Self - retired
Austin, TX

I am strong opposed to the proposed redistricting plan for Texas. It is a blatant political ploy based on orders from President Trump to create 5 more seats for republicans in the House. This prioritizes political advantage over fair representation for Texans.
I am particularly concerned that the proposed gerrymander will split communities with shared economic, social, and cultural ties. How then can a representative address the unique concerns of such communities?
Another concern is that gerrymandering makes elections uncompetitive. This reduces accountability of elected officials and discourages voter participation, weakening the democratic process.

Redistricting should be about empowering voters to choose their representatives, not about politicians choosing their voters.

I urge the committee to reject the proposed redistricting plan.
Consider maps that prioritize principles of fairness, compactness, and the preservation of communities of interest.
Ensure a transparent process that truly incorporates public input and seeks to create districts that empower all voters.
Thank you for your time and consideration of these issues.
Sincerely,
Diane Graves
Austin

Ritha Belizaire
Myself, surgeon
Houston, TX

Stop being a trump puppet. Stop trying to break the law. Your constituents do not want it, do not do it.

Glenda Gschnell, RN retired
Self
Godley, TX

I'm 77 years old. I was taught that Gerrymandering was illegal when it took the voting rights from specific people of a different race. That is still illegal. I'm ashamed for the GOP. They could recieve those votes without stooping so low. It would only take thier devotion to the people instead of weak power hungry leaders.

Jesse Peirce
self (homemaker)
San Marcos, TX

I oppose spending legislators' time on congressional redistricting, particularly so far from a census which would give new information to be used in redistricting, while Texas communities are suffering from the devastating flash floods. The House should be focused on helping Texas to recover from, and prepare for, natural disasters and manage our natural resources sustainably.

Johnna Adams, Ms.
Self
Bastrop, TX

Gerrymandering is fraud. You are purposefully misrepresenting the popular opinions in democratic districts. This is a deliberate attempt to impede democracy. I oppose this measure whole-heartedly, and we need un-biased third party help in redistricting the state. The republican leadership has entirely abdicated its responsibility for integrity, fairness, and respect.

Holly Ramsey
Self
San Antonio, TX

This bill is a naked attempt at gerrymandering. If Republican policies are so deeply unpopular that they will lose the House, the answer is to govern better, not cheat at elections.

Leo Parker, Sr
Self
DeSoto, TX

As a Texas constituent and a partially disabled veteran, I am writing to express my firm opposition to Governor Abbott's proposed mid-decade redistricting plan. This proposal poses a direct threat to fair representation by specifically targeting minority coalition districts—CD 9, CD 18, CD 29, and CD 33—which provide crucial voices for communities of color across our state. Texas has a well-established record of federal findings against its redistricting practices, including violations of the Voting Rights Act and persistent racial gerrymandering. Despite communities of color comprising 60% of Texas's population, they are represented in only 34% of congressional seats. The 2021 redistricting maps, which remain under federal scrutiny, ignored racial demographics, reduced the number of majority-minority districts, and increased the presence of majority-Anglo districts. Now, this mid-decade redistricting proposal threatens to further undermine the representation of communities that have been vital to Texas's growth and diversity.
Longstanding districts such as CD 18—a protected minority seat for over forty years—and CD 33—which provided voters of color in Tarrant County with meaningful federal representation—are now at risk of being dismantled. These changes are not merely political maneuvers; they represent a significant setback for racial equity and the principle of fair representation.
I respectfully urge you to oppose this plan and to stand up for fair maps and equal representation for all Texans. Thank you for your leadership and your continued commitment to justice.

Cristina Carreon
None
Brownsville, TX

No, the valley needs proper representation.

Mary Ellen Bruno
Self
Austin, TX

This does not need to be addressed. We need to focus other matters.

Ellen Gibbs

Self. Retired state employee

Austin, TX

As a lifelong voting Texan, I oppose HB 4. Redistricting is supposed to be done every 10 years. It is a time-consuming disruptive process that should be set aside to address the genuine needs of Texans, especially in light of the recent hill country flooding disaster.
It sickens me to see Governor Abbott subvert this special session in order to kowtow to the increasingly unpopular (even among Republicans) President and his hand-picked Justice Department.
The current district map, while flawed, is much closer to representing Texans than what has been proposed in this bill. Leave it be. Voters will remember.

Katherine Garvey

Round Rock

Round Rock, TX

Your people deserve to exercise their vote without impediment. If you're so scared about receiving constituents' support, start voting how your constituents ask you to. DO YOUR JOB, not Trump's dirty work.

Betty Adkins

Self

Hockley, TX

Vote in favor of this bill

Alexis Iwasiw

Self

Waelder, TX

Hi, I am a constituent from Waelder, TX. I oppose HB 4 and the mid-decade redistricting called by the Governor, who is pushing this special session on behest of the President Trump -- not for the good of all Texans. All the districts targeted for partisan gerrymandering are minority dominated districts to ensure Republican seats in Texas, which is dishonest and unethical. The President is asking you to cheat and lie to your constituents, knowing it will be to their detriment. Do not follow President Trump down the path of temptation and undemocratic acts. Be better, act better. Vote NO to HB4.

Use the special session to actually help Texans, such as focusing on disaster prevention and relief.

Madison Palomo

Individual

Austin, TX

I am against the redistricting and believe it is against the people and not
For. Please listen
To your people instead
Of working against them.

Lynne Trautwein, MD

Self

Houston, TX

Voting strongly against redistricting when not associated with a census change.

Camille Taylor
Self/Medical Office Specialist
Allen, TX

This proposed redistricting is a partisan overreach. It’s unprecedented to redraw maps mid-decade solely to give Republicans five more seats, especially when it serves to dilute minority representation and stack the deck against democratic fairness. Critics warn this isn’t just undemocratic—it invites both legal challenges and long-term political backlash.

Justin Steinmann
Self
Waelder, TX

To whom it may concern,

Hello,
I currently live in Waelder, Texas, down the road from where my family has, and still does ranch since the early 1900s. My father served in the Navy which took us to live outside of Texas for many years but ever since I was a kid I knew that was my home and that I wanted to get back, drawn by its freedoms, small government values and ability for hard-working folks to do well for themselves. This bill does NOT represent the Texas I grew up wanting to build my life in. I hold values that fall on both sides of the line but what is foundational to all of them is this countries democratic process.

The actions that this bill is attempting directly violates the principles of our democracy. The redistricting scheme not only is questionably legal, but also is blatant corruption of our electoral process. In addition, it sets a very concerning precedent on what may be allowed in the future, to be attempted by either party. I understand redistricting is an essential part of the electoral process as communities evolve, however it should be done utilizing factual demographics to better represent the communities it serves, not to play political games. What is especially concerning about this is that it was a direct request from the federal administration to gain more support in an already overwhelmingly one-sided government, which is falling short in focusing on an agenda that helps the majority of hard-working middle class Americans AND Texans. I can only imagine where this may lead if we are allowing the federal government to interfere in state affairs in such a way. This does not sound like small government to me. No matter what party or how they live their lives, every Texan deserves a say in their representative and this redistricting may make many Texan’s voices unheard.

Please for the sake of the democratic process and freedoms that we Texans hold so dear, oppose HB 4. Thank you for your consideration.

Dianne Fish
self / Mental Health Counselor
Austin, TX

I strongly object to dividing the city and closely surrounding areas of Austin into 4 or more scattered districts.
One of the most important rights that helps us survive as a democracy is that every person of voting age gets to vote with the purpose of electing people who will represent them. We will not remain a balanced, stable state if a large portion of the population feels they have no voice. This doesn't mean each person always gets their way, but it does mean our representatives reflect the mixed views that make up the wide range of communities in Texas. There's nothing wrong with different areas having different views but there is something very wrong with creating single voting districts that cross so many communities of Texas for the sole purpose of trying to force one party to always dominate decisionmaking.

Gena St David, Dr
Self, Social Scientist, Therapist
Austin, TX

In this special session please focus on relief for flood victims rather than redrawing congressional lines between censuses.

John Gardner, Mr
TCCLC
Arlington, TX

Vote NO on this terrible bill which will take away citizens’ opportunity to choose a leader that align with their values.

John Anthony
Self
Naples, TX

This bill further demonstrates the lawlessness of the Republican Party. The Republican Party is attempting to steal House seats and rob people of their elected officials. I urge all Representatives to vote against any bill that further dilutes people’s right to vote! Thank you

Pix Howell
self
Wimberley, TX

First it is disappointing that most creative and diverse state in the union would simply acquiesce to a request from the president without a great deal more debate and referendum. It seems the intent here is to move further away for the diversity, independence and moderation necessary for healthy and democratic dialogue. You don't need more power. You don't need more homogeneity. You need more caring and compassion. Stop putting people in a box. We are all humans that love.

Andy Carter
Self
Red Oak, TX

Why Texas Must Vote YES on Redistricting
Texas is growing—fast. Over the past decade, millions of new residents have poured into our state, shifting population centers and changing the makeup of our communities. But while Texas has grown, our legislative maps have not kept pace. Voting YES on redistricting is not only common sense—it's a constitutional and moral necessity to ensure that every Texan's voice is fairly represented.
Equal Representation Matters
The U.S. Constitution and the Texas Constitution both require that legislative districts be redrawn every 10 years to reflect updated census data. Without redistricting, some districts have far more people than others, meaning votes are not equally weighted. That's not democracy—it's disenfranchisement. Redistricting restores balance and protects the principle of "one person, one vote."
Reflecting Our Growth
Texas gained over 4 million new residents in the last decade—more than any other state. Some regions exploded in population, while others remained steady. Redistricting ensures that fast-growing communities aren't unfairly lumped into outdated boundaries that no longer make sense.
Keeping Communities Intact
The proposed maps strive to keep like-minded, geographically connected communities together. They protect rural representation, strengthen suburban voices, and give urban areas the clarity they need. When communities are kept whole, they can advocate more effectively for local needs like infrastructure, schools, law enforcement, and water resources.
Securing Conservative Values
Let's be honest—Democrats will fight any map that doesn't give them an advantage, no matter how fair it is. They'll sue in liberal courts and try to tie this process up for years. That's why we need every conservative lawmaker to stand firm. Passing this map now means we stop letting activist judges redraw our lines. We, the people of Texas—not Washington bureaucrats—should decide how Texas is governed.
The Alternative is Chaos
If we don't pass this map, the courts will take over. That means unelected judges—possibly in far-left jurisdictions—will draw maps behind closed doors with zero accountability to the people of Texas. Voting YES keeps the process in the hands of our elected legislature, where it belongs.
This isn't just about lines on a map—it's about the future of Texas. Voting YES on redistricting means a stronger voice for your family, your community, and your conservative values.
Let's secure Texas for the next decade—vote YES on redistricting.

Sadie Lopez
Self. Apple Maps GIS Editor.
Austin, TX

To whom it may concern,
Texans deserve fair district maps and fair representation. These redistricting plans are a political power grab, not a reflection of the people who actually live here. The proposed redistricting are designed to divide and weaken the voices of Black and Brown communities. You are intentionally cracking our neighborhoods into different districts to keep us from having real power at the polls and packing our communities into just one district, so our votes are limited to a single seat, even when we make up much more of the population.
This isn't for the 'greater good' of Texas, It's about holding onto power by any means necessary.
Texas is growing more diverse, more engaged, and challenging our systems everyday. This gerrymandering map is a direct attack on that momentum. Instead of fixing our real problems—like high housing costs, funding for public education, and natural disaster relief— YOU are choosing to silence voters.
This isn't redistricting. It's VOTER SUPPRESSION in plain sight.
We won't be silent. We'll speak out, show up, and vote. Fair maps now.
Respectfully,
A Concerned Texan

Jeanne Edwards
Self
Prosper, TX

I fully support this bill and ask you to vote in favor of it.

Michael Knight
Self
Houston, TX

I am a Houston native, lifelong Republican, business owner and leader of my community. I reside in House District 38.
I care far more about protecting the cohesiveness of my community and it being properly represented than I do about trying to marginalize anyone I might disagree with, so one party or another can exert disproportionate influence.
I am proud to live in one of the most diverse cities in America. My neighbors and I may have different ideologies, but we are all neighbors. As soon as you try to predict who might vote for whom and attempt to jigger districts along those lines, you defy common sense, encourage divisiveness, and erode the foundations that make our country strong.
I'm tired of gerrymandering in all of our politics and it needs to stop.
We'd all do well to take a lesson from bees – arguably one of the most successful species on Earth. There is a reason their hives are arranged in neat little hexagons. The further you get from round the less efficient you are – only circles don't pack well. A hexagon is the best possible compromise.
When in doubt – do the math.
I propose you establish a rule that the perimeter of any district may not exceed the square root of its area by more than a factor of 5.
For reference, the ratio for a perfect circle is 3.54. For a hexagon it's 3.72. For some of the gerrymandered districts we have today it's probably 15 or more. In the new proposed map, it appears some are so far out of whack as to render the notion of proper representation nothing more than a joke.
Monkey around with this limit all you want, but if it goes beyond 5 you best have a really good reason for it, and it better not have anything to do with how much or little anyone resembles you or how you think they will vote.
Just as bees instinctively build efficiently for the health of the hive, democracies function best when political boundaries are drawn with the health of the electorate in mind.
If you want to make the world better, make sure our perimeters aren't longer than the folks in the territory inside can make sense of, benefit from, or support.
Better symmetry and simplicity will absolutely lead to better outcomes for everyone. Extreme gerrymandering is simply irresponsible. Even the Republicans among you know it is absurd and will ultimately backfire. It's time to stand up for what is right for the people, not what power-thirsty extremists expect or demand. Please keep this in mind as you consider redistricting.
Thank you.

Amando Estrada Jr
self
San Antonio, TX

Hello, I want to express that I am very concerned and opposed with the recent request by President Trump to redraw the district voting lines/boundaries. This act is very unjust. I feel this bill is an attempt to take advantage of us by stealing our votes and voice.

Julie Robinson
Beyond the Bar
Richardson, TX

The people in the State of Texas deserve the right to vote for representatives in their district who actually know what is going on. Combining urban and rural areas is a recipe for disaster as these areas have entirely different needs and concerns. Play fair or get voted out of office.

Christopher Mandril
Self
Arlington, TX

REJECT this corrupt redistricting process and all gerrymandered maps.

Please do everything in your power to fight back and put Texans first! Earn votes through your actions and your record, not by cheating the system.

REJECT this process!

Gary Stickley
Self
Canyon Lake, TX

I oppose this bill in all forms

Elizabeth Andre
Self
Manor, TX

Redistricting at this off cycle time just to add 5 seats for republicans is gerrymandering and illegal. Our people should choose their leaders, our leaders shouldn't choose their constituents. This is cheating the system. The proposed map would gerrymander Travis county to the point where its obvious that Austin is being separated to dilute its political beliefs. Texas should be ashamed of themselves and how they are using this session to their own gain instead of figuring out how to support Texans after the floods.

Patricia L Kennedy, Ms.
Self, retired Social Worker
Austin, TX

I vehemently oppose redistricting of current Texas districts for electing members for our Texas US House of Representatives as this is a purely political ploy. It has no direct benefit to Texans except for those who want to take advantage of Texas for their own personal and political gain. If our governor and legislators who support this redistricting really cared about Texans, you would be discussing protecting Texans from future flooding rather than acting at the order of the President of the United States, who does not have the interest of the majority of Americans or Texans at heart. We elected Texas legislators at state and national levels to serve constituents, not just the privileged few who would benefit from opportunistic gerrymandering. Do the right thing. Uphold the Constitution of the United States with liberty and justice for ALL. Act in the best interest for the majority of Texans. We voters are paying attention when your jobs are up for renewal in 2026, redistricting or not.

Melissa Harcrow
Self
El Paso, TX

Dearest Representatives,

As an Army veteran, veteran spouse, and a constituent of Texas, I am strongly opposed to redistricting. We have heard the DOJ has made claims the redistricting is due to "constitutional violations". We have also heard that President Trump is asking for five more Congressional seats. It is clear Governor Abbott and Texas Republican lawmakers seek to comply with the implied order. It is incredibly insulting to believe Texans don't see the reason for the proposed redistricting is to simply give Republicans more seats in Congress. The DOJ claims the last redistricting, just completed in 2021were drawn along strict racial lines. Governor Abbott has acknowledged these concerns. However, just weeks ago, a trial was concluded over these same Texas maps where the state argued repeatedly that a race-blind process was used to draw the current boundaries. Why is Governor Abbott suddenly implying the opposite?

Additionally, this comes just months after Congressman Sylvester Turner's death, which left the seat for Texas's 18th Congressional District Empty. Governor Abbott purposely did not call for an election to fill the seat in an effort to allow Republicans to pass harmful legislation and agenda without Democratic influence.

The current proposed plan removes Fort Bliss and the El Paso International Airport from Texas's Congressional District 16 which means someone who is not an El Pasoan, who is unaware or possibly uncaring about the issues that matter to El Paso, could potentially represent these areas. It also narrows down the representation of District 16 even further. The new VA Clinic will be housed on Fort Bliss property-how can I and other veterans expect our Congressional Representative for TX 16 to draw the line of their representation and advocacy in such a manner?

Someone who continues to vote against the interests of El Pasoans, for example voting against funding Medicare and Veterans programs, will harm our community and harm the veterans that I work for and represent. Especially our women and women veterans. They are struggling.

Please vote against redistricting. Please vote for people over party.

Lily Trieu, Co-Executive Director
Asian Texans for Justice Action Fund
Austin, TX

Asian Texans for Justice Action Fund (ATJAF) respectfully opposes HB 4 and has deep concerns around the legality of the proposed, mid-decade redistricting plans as well as the negative impacts it will have on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPI) across Texas.

ATJAF represents more than 2 million AAPIs who call Texas home. AAPIs are the fastest growing racial group in Texas as well as the most diverse, representing over 50 ethnicities and speaking over 100 languages. While 90% of AAPI Texans live in the major urban and suburban areas of Texas, you can find AAPIs in every corner of the state, from McAllen to El Paso to Amarillo.

HB 4 proposes changes to Texas' congressional districts that would severely dilute AAPI votes across the state. The new districts in Harris, Fort Bend, Travis, and Collin County would split and crack Asian voters across new district lines, preventing communities of shared interests and concerns from being able to vote together. Currently Asian Texans make up 18.3% of CD7, 9.3% of CD9, and 8.6% of CD38 in the Houston and Fort Bend areas. The new maps split the Asian community up so that they would now only represent 16.5% of CD7, 1.9% of CD9, and 9.1% of CD38 - making it impossible in these districts to vote as a bloc.

Similar splitting can be seen in the Dallas-Ft. Worth area - CD3 would have a 1.9 point decrease, CD5 with a 1.6 point decrease, and CD33 with a 1.3 point decrease in Asian Texan population. These voters are now packed into CD4, a district that only has a sliver of Collin County. In 2023, the American Community Survey (ACS) showed that the AAPI community was growing faster in Collin County than anywhere in the entire country. As such, the AAPI population share of CD3 should increase but in these proposed maps, Asian Texan voters lose their ability to vote together for shared interests.

Similar scenarios of AAPI voters being split and votes diluted can be found in the proposed redrawing of CD35 and CD37 in the greater Austin area. In all the major metroplexes and suburban centers where there is the highest amount of AAPI population growth, the Texas Legislature is proposing to split AAPI voters and voices in HB 4.

ATJAF asks that the Texas Legislature refrain from making any redistricting changes to Texas maps until current lawsuits and litigation have been settled. As the fastest growing racial group in Texas, there will be severe consequences to making rushed, uninformed changes to maps that are already being litigated.

As thousands of Texans suffer from the consequences of flooding, extreme heat, and climate change, we encourage lawmakers to take their jobs seriously by focusing on legislation that will protect Texans, our natural resources, and our livelihoods instead of succumbing to the pressures of President Trump. Asian Texans are proud to be a part of a state that values state rights and individual liberties - do not veer from the traditions that make Texas great.

Linda Dickens, Dr.
retired
Austin, TX

As a Texan of 61 years, I implore you not to move forward with this ridiculous redistricting. I want to be represented fairly; I deserve to be represented fairly. This is not fair - do not do this!

Linda Masters, Ms.
Self
Austin, TX

I STRONGLY object to the current congressional redistricting plans for the State of Texas. This plan will disrupt and blur the many voices of my fellow Texans who appreciate being able to have representatives from their locales who truly speak for their interests and concerns. This plan is tantamount to an illegal grab for control of our varied constituents and and democratic rights. I know I speak for many who think this plan to chop up and/or merge congressional districts is an unconcealed power grab. It speaks ill of the political forces in and outside of Texas who intend to corrupt our legal rights as citizens. I urge you to vote against this plan and to carefully consider the ramifications of these actions. Thank you for your time and service. Linda J. Masters

Deborah Praska, Ms
Self/retired
El Paso, TX

Leave El Paso, El Paso County and Ft. Bliss alone! We want our representative to be local. The airport, Ft. Bliss and parts of NE El Paso should not become part of Hudspeth county for voting purposes. Leave this area the way it is now. Quit trying to cheat!

Darryl Labens
Self
AUSTIN, TX

I am opposed to this redistricting effort. This is an attempt to nullify the will of the people.

Joseph Langeway
Self
Austin, TX

Redistricting is a process necessitated by demographic changes, which are measured every 10 years with the census. A redistricting without new demographic information, is transparently corrupt.

This is an insult to the people of Texas. This is a silencing of decent that invites civil unrest and frankly violence by closing off legitimate means of political expression.

You're not just sticking it to the libs. You're demonstrating to the people and the children of Texas that you don't care about them. You're tearing at the fabric of society.

Brenda Willson
Self
Houston, TX

No redistributing for the benefit of one party. Lines are drawn and need to stay as they are!

Rebecca Flores
self
san antonio, TX

Since the Republicans took over the state of Texas 30 years ago, I have been represented by Congressmembers whose districts went from Austin to Hidalgo County. This was an attempt by the Republican leadership to dilute minority voting numbers so that Republicans would add yet another seat of right leaning legislators to their overwhelming majority in Texas. Such was not ever the case. We kept working hard to elect proper representation during that time. What Trump and Abbott are doing now is a shameful power grab, nothing else, to secure majories for decades to come, impacting the lives of our children, and their children. Texas is not well represented in an equitable fashion. Our education is dropping almost as low as Mississippi, (Mississippi God Damn) because you continue to try to keep a population of people of color educated in the worst possible way. I am old enough to remember our education in the 1940's and 50's. Our message to you as that we will resist and we will overcome these attempts by Trump and Abbott and yourselves to destroy our education system, our health system by electing people who will not represent the interest of the common folk.

Sue Borel
Self
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose mid-census redistricting. Please keep current districts intact for fair representation of our communities.

Connie Sterritt, Dr
Physician
Austin, TX

Texas has had enough gerrymandering already! Stop it! It is a shameful act of a calculated, undemocratic power grab in a dirty attempt to stay in power. It other words it is CHEATING. FUCK TRUMP

Ann Moulding
Self
Richardson, TX

Hello,
I am writing in regards to HB 4: the redistricting bill that alters the 2021 congressional district map.
This highly irregular redistricting action in response to the Justice Department's questionable claims of racial bias in the 2021 maps, appears duplicitous – in light of governor Abbott and other Republicans claim that a race–blind process was used to draw the existing boundaries.
In the new district maps I will be in house District 32, which extends almost to the border with Louisiana. It is very difficult for me to believe that my representative will have a meaningful understanding of the range of demographic issues for this district, and be able to sponsor effective legislation that will help all people in my district.
Democracy depends on ethical and honest communication with the public, ensuring that the electorates voice is heard. This legislative move seems to be just the opposite.
Please defeat this bill!
Ann Moulding

Allison Lowe
Self/ Registered Nurse
Austin, TX

I do not agree with what is being done to the state of Texas. Our leaders are too scared to tell Trump no so instead of helping their constituents, they are bending the knee to an authoritarian regime. The representatives THE PEOPLE voted for should help THE PEOPLE not those in power get more power. It is disgusting to see what the government is doing to the residents of Texas. It is clear that this redistricting is racially charged and we will NOT stand for it. Texas maps were just drawn a few years BY REPUBLICANS and now they are trying to do it again to suppress black and brown voices. THIS IS NOT OK. What are you doing to help us? Becuse this is not going to help people, this will continue to hurt and silence the most vulnerable population.

Victor Hamilton, Mr.
Self
Dripping Springs, TX

I strongly oppose this "mid-season" redistricting attempt. Texas is already heavily gerrymandered. In the 2024 election the GOP won 25 House seats of 38 in total or almost 66% of the seats. This despite only winning only 58.4% of the overall vote(per Wikipedia). If the proposed plan goes ahead and the GOP is successful in winning an additional 5 seats by denying voters in the impacted districts the opportunity to pick Democratic Representatives the GOP will hold almost 79% of the Texas seats in the House of Congress while in a usual mid-term election the percentage of the votes that the Democratic party are likely to win is reasonable expected to grow well above the approximately 40% received in the 2024 election(per Wikipedia). Please reverse this trend and work rather to improve representation in Texas by voting to install a non-partisan distriction commission that will work to honor the will of the people. Voters should be able to pick their representatives versus representatives now working to pick a set of reliable GOP voters.

Sonja Kever
Self
Austin, TX

If your policies actually matched those of the people you say you represent, you would not need to redistrict (cheat) to win elections. Don't be a lap dog of Donald J Trump!

Brenda Willis
Self
Dallas, TX

I oppose.

CAROL JANSEN
SELF
AUSTIN, TX

"I oppose mid-census redistricting. I support compact districts reflecting communities of interest." Just NO. Please don't do it.

Sandra Ellen
Self / Founder
Buda, TX

Dear Members of the Texas Legislature,

I am writing in strong support of HB 4, the redistricting bill that addresses the rapid growth our state has experienced, as reflected in the latest U.S. Census. As a proud Texan and engaged citizen, I believe it is imperative that we take this opportunity to ensure that our electoral districts are fairly and accurately redrawn so that every voice across Texas is equally represented.

According to the most recent census data, Texas is one of the fastest-growing states in the nation. We have added millions of new residents over the past decade, with growth concentrated in both our urban areas and many surrounding communities. This population surge is not only reshaping our cities and counties but also highlighting the urgent need for updated legislative and congressional boundaries that reflect these demographic changes.

Redistricting is not just a procedural requirement—it's a foundational part of ensuring our democracy works. HB 4 presents a critical opportunity to deliver on the promise of equal representation for all Texans, regardless of where they live. It's about more than lines on a map. It's about people—families, workers, veterans, small business owners, and students—who deserve to have their interests represented fairly and proportionally in our government.

I believe HB 4 is a step in the right direction toward a redistricting process that is transparent, data-driven, and focused on fairness. The principle of "one person, one vote" must remain at the heart of our democracy. That means drawing districts that respect communities of interest, reflect the diversity of our population, and do not dilute the voting strength of any group.

Fair redistricting ensures that all Representatives—regardless of party affiliation—are held accountable to the people they serve. It also strengthens trust in our institutions and encourages civic engagement. Texans want to know that their voices matter and that their votes count. HB 4 can help restore and reinforce that trust.

The decisions made during this redistricting process will shape the future of Texas for the next decade and beyond. They will influence policy, leadership, and resources for our schools, infrastructure, healthcare, and more. That's why it is so important that we get it right.

I urge you to support HB 4 and ensure that Texas remains a place where every citizen has an equal say in our democratic process. Let's move forward with a plan that reflects the realities of our growth and honors the values of fairness, transparency, and equal representation.

Thank you for your service to our great state and for your commitment to doing what is right for all Texans.

Sophie Roth
Self - real estate agent
Austin, TX

I oppose. This is an unethical power grab, with the intent to further stifle opposition to the current ruling party. It is an authoritarian tactic that undermines the very core of democratic principles. Any representatives that vote in favor are anti-American and anti-democratic. They are afraid of the people they serve and their voices. I oppose, I oppose, I oppose.

Kristy Lines
self -- attorney
Austin, TX

Once upon a time, the Republican party agreed that communities of interest based on geography and demographics meant something in our representative democracy. But this bill, with proposed maps, is a transparent and absurd disruption of that principle -- flat out gerrymandering to a degree that should get it laughed out of the state house. Central Texas attached by a bare thread to East Texas... South Texas to West Texas... North Texas to all points rural... just to disenfranchise the millions who live in cities and dilute the votes of minorities into meaninglessness. It is shameful and should be struck down as illegal. What an embarrassing proposal.

John Turlington
Self
Austin, TX

I am strongly opposed to HB 4 and ask that you do not vote it into law. Mid-decade redistricting, prompted by Trump so he can “get 5 seats in Texas” is exclusively a way to disenfranchise voters in Texas and concentrate power in the Republican Party. Not only is it a miscarriage of justice to adopt these maps into law, but it is a thinly-veiled attempt to chip away at the Voting Rights Act. If the districts were drawn “race blind” as their 2021 authors indicated, then why is it the DOJ is asking to remedy racial issues in the districts it cited in its letter? Furthermore, why is Adam Kincaid, someone who isn’t even a Texan and certainly isn’t elected by the people of Texas, the individual who drew the maps? This is wrong and it will only serve to further disenfranchise voters of color in Texas and provide a pathway to do the same in other states across the nation. Again, I am opposed to this bill and ask that you do not vote it into law.

Ashley Quintana
Self
Benbrook, TX

I fully oppose the redistricting plan. This map is drawn to intentionally disenfranchise minority voters and is a clear violation of the Voting Rights Act. Constituents should get to choose their representatives, representatives should not get to choose their constituents. My home county is close to a 50/50 voting county and is a minority majority county but this leaves my county without any Democrat representatives despite the makeup of the county showing otherwise. This is a racial gerrymander plain and simple and I do not support it.

Alex Donovan
Self
Austin, TX

As a lifelong resident of Texas, I do not believe that the redistricting proposed will accurately reflect the actual composition of the population of Texas. One of the newly drawn districts spans nearly the entire length of the state. Populations with very little in common by way of political issues are getting lumped together, and while I realize that is WHY those lines have been drawn the way they are, it is not right or just. United States citizens have the right to representation, and with the new redistricting, there is a very small chance that their representation will truly be aligned with their political beliefs. If any other political party were pulling this, it would be met with the appropriate level of ridicule. Please let everyone’s voices be heard - not just the ones you want to hear.

Nancy OBrien
self, retired accounting supervisor
Houston, TX

It isn't fair to be redrawing lines for redistricting at this time. Just how Republican does Texas need to be? Why are you so hesitant to stand up to fairness? Why are you so afraid to tell the current president "no"? You might be surprised how badly Republicans will do in November 2026.

Dillon Mosman
Self
Austin, TX

You know why this bill is wrong. You don’t have to prostrate yourself at Trump’s feet and do whatever he says. I know you will anyway, so I hope California and New York and Illinois do the same damn thing y’all are doing here.

Catherine Browne
Self/Nurse
Dallas, TX

I do not want the new maps

Christine Reynolds
Self
Spicewood, TX

I am against HB4. It is being pushed by those who do not care about Texas voters and only care about their own job security.

Jill Pollard
Self
Benbrook, TX

I am AGAINST redistricting.

Carrie White
Self - Corporate Finance
Houston, TX

My name is Carrie White, I am a resident of CD 7, and I strongly oppose the redistricting effort and the maps that have been proposed. This brazen move by the Governor at the behest of Donald Trump is taking representation away from communities of color and is shameful. I am proud of the community I live in, the way its residents support each other, and the diversity that we have. I have a representative in Congress who can advocate for my community, but my neighbors just one district over in CD18 do not and now the Governor is trying to further silence those constituents. What is being attempted in this redistricting push is blatant racial discrimination. There is no justification for this congressional redistricting- it is unnecessary and will cause the state to waste time and money. We need fairly chosen representatives who will be responsive to the needs of all the people, not just to billionaires and special interests.

Katherine Nickl
Self
Plano, TX

Dear Members of the Texas Legislature,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to HB?4 and the proposed mid-decade redistricting of Texas's congressional districts.

Redistricting is intended to reflect population changes after the decennial census—not to serve short-term partisan goals. Texas completed redistricting in 2021, and there has been no significant population shift to justify this extraordinary redraw. HB?4 is not about representation; it's about entrenching political power.

The proposed map aims to increase Republican-controlled seats from 25 to as many as 33 out of 38. This would be accomplished by dismantling coalition districts and diluting the voting power of Black and Latino Texans—despite the fact that people of color drove the state's population growth over the last decade. This is not just unfair—it is unconstitutional and likely violates the Voting Rights Act.

Moreover, the process itself has been deeply flawed. Public opposition has been widespread at hearings across the state, yet testimony has been disregarded, and in at least one case, suppressed by law enforcement. Redistricting should be open, transparent, and grounded in public input—not rushed through a special session at the behest of national political figures.

Texas deserves maps that represent people, not parties. I urge you to reject HB?4 and uphold the principles of fair representation, democratic legitimacy, and racial equity in our electoral system.

Respectfully,
Katherine Nickl
Plano, 75093

Lyndsey Raney
Self, Librarian
Austin, TX

I was not aware the Texas State Legislature and our governor was such a group of sycophants towards the president. Tell me, if he were to say 'jump' is your response to say 'how high'? This new map is a farce, and does a disservice to rural Texans and urban Texans alike. How dare we give rural Texans a representative who may live hundreds of miles from them just because we can't stand to face the changing nature of our state. How is that good representation, that someone may speak for them who's never even driven that far out to see where they live? Is this government so afraid of the idea of having to talk to their cohorts and coordinate with them? It's a coward's move, honestly. If you feel like the only way you can win an election is to rig it with a map where someone in a downtown neighborhood of a city lives in the same district as someone 2 hours away in a small town, all that says to me is you're bad at your job and you know it deep down. Because otherwise you'd have no reason to cheat. And that it is designed to force Greg Casar to run against Lloyd Doggett in primaries and Al Green to run against Sylvester Turner's successor is further evidence to that. Nevermind that maybe dissenting opinions and voices that provide another point of view could have made a world of good. Maybe if we'd be more inclined to listen to those we'd have a flood warning system in Kerrville. Maybe we'd have better disaster response. Maybe we'd focus on things that matter like healthcare, how to help low-income Texans when the tariffs kick in, how to better fund public schools for the kids whose parents can't turn to a charter program. Maybe we could decide to regulate THC levels rather than calling that too much trouble and killing a nascent industry in this state. But given that this state couldn't even fix the electric grid after some of us froze to death, and are making us pay off the weight of the utility companies' sins in that failure, perhaps I'm expecting too much of this legislature. Perhaps, to be expected to do an adequate job is simply beyond your capacity as a governing body.

Hana Hassibi
Self
Austin, TX

I believe that this bill goes against our country's ideology of equal and fair representation of individuals.

Monica Hozdic, Mrs.
self
Atlanta, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map!

Bonnie Sullivan
Self
Austin, TX

We don’t need a guy from NYC to make decisions for Texans. Our Reps are supposed to represent us not him.

Kelly Littleton, Mrs.
Self
Austin, TX

I didn’t grow up in Texas — I chose Texas. I live here. I work here. I vote here. And I deserve to be heard.
HB?4 isn’t redistricting — it’s political weaponization. This is about Donald Trump holding onto power in all three branches of government and preemptively rigging the 2026 midterm elections. For Republicans, the endgame is clear: carve out five new GOP-leaning districts now to stave off expected Democratic gains.

Texans shouldn’t have to fear that their votes are overridden before they’re even counted. Our community in western Austin is already trapped in Chip Roy’s district which doesn’t reflect our values or needs. Now, HB?4 would deepen that manipulation across the state — Austin, Dallas, Houston, South Texas — targeting democratic districts expected to swing and flipping them without regard for fair representation.

This isn’t just about power — it’s about silencing Texans. HB?4 dilutes minority representation, suppresses voting rights, and sets a national precedent of rigging elections before they happen.

If being loudly unrepresented by Chip Roy—who aligns with Trump’s agenda more than his own constituents—wasn’t enough, HB?4 would strip even more communities of local voice and self-determination. This is voter suppression, plain and simple.

Texas deserves leaders who trust its people — not leaders who fear losing power in 2026. Speak for us. Stand for fairness. Vote NO on HB?4.

Benjamim Lash Benjamim Lash
Self, product manager
Houston, TX

I oppose redistricting plans designed to dilute votes and result in officials out of proportion to the electorate.

Andrew Pedrazas
Self
Wimberley, TX

The current maps are still being challenged in federal court. I’m against this redistricting effort because:. The new maps fail to meet Constitutional requirements and are racially discriminatory.

Ashlyn Wimberly
Self (Biblical Scholar)
Waco, TX

My name is Ashlyn Wimberly, and I am a constituent from Waco. I'm writing to implore that the officials elected to fairly and responsibly represent the people of Texas publicly condemn the radical redistricting process that threatens our state. All state leaders must speak out against the dangerous precedent established by this blatantly partisan gerrymandering. Do not allow Texans' voices to be stifled by such undue and unjust interference.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

John Pantzer
Self / CEO, Engineer, Inventor
Richardson, TX

This redistricting is unfair, and you all know it. You can't win elections on the strength of your ideas, so now you've decided to change any rules you want to in order to stay in power.

In the end, this will be your ruin. People that you are elected and sworn to serve will not long abide your unprincipled determination to remain in office. They will get tired of being belittled, dismissed, and unheard. They will rise up with fury and throw you out, as they should. You know this is the way of things.

And why are you doing this? To win an election for Donald Trump? He's already standing in the grave with one foot. But even if not, what goodness is coming from his way of running the country? More fear, more hate, more corruption in government, more incompetent people in positions of leadership. Is that the world you want to leave to your daughters and sons? Is that the world in which you want to live?

I urge you to vote for rightness, fairness, justice. I urge you to act in this moment so that your descendants will be proud of you, and not ashamed of your betrayal in our hour of need.

Todd Oiesen
Self
Pflugerville, TX

HB4 promotes poor governance by limiting idea competition. HB4 steals Texans votes and fair representation. HB4 is un-American and anti-Texan.

Olivia Montgomery
Self, analyst
Austin, TX

Dear Texas Reps,

I’m writing to urge you to oppose HB 4. This bill would move me out of a district that includes my community and place me in one with faraway rural towns that don’t share my day to day concerns or priorities. I want to vote with my neighbors—for a representative who truly understands and reflects our shared needs.

Please don’t take away my voice in my own community.

Thank you,
Olivia Montgomery

Kellie Vrba
Self School district employee
Blooming Grove, TX

I strongly support HB4! Don’t let the great state of Texas down!

Sandra Smith-Gray
self
Austin, TX

I object to the proposed Texas redistricting map because it unfairly dilutes the voting power of minority communities, undermining fair and equal representation. The map appears to be drawn with partisan intent, prioritizing political advantage over the democratic principle of one person, one vote. It fails to reflect the true demographic and geographic diversity of the state.

Virginia Shelton
self
Haltom City, TX

When did politics Trump democracy and fairness. I was a Republican. This party has pushed me to vote Democratic because Republicans will do ANYTHING for power. I oppose the redistricting. Would you want this everytime that a party gains power. What goes around, Comes around. Please find some integerity and vote against this power grab. Now voting Independent. Your constituent, Virginia Shelton. (I voted every single election)

Sonia Tinajero
Self
El Paso, TX

We need to be represented by someone that lives and knows our community. Someone who lives miles away and is unfamiliar with our community will not have our best interest in mind.

Adrian Rose
Self
Midland, TX

Residents of Texas would love to redistrict the state in a way that is ACTUALLY reflective of the population. But this isn’t giving the people the ability to fix the current gerrymandering, it’s adding to it. To describe it as anything different is to call me and all other Texans idiots and spit in our faces. It’s very transparent how this helps no one, but is presented with unbelievable audacity.

Miles Crismon
self - clinical psychopharmacologist
Austin, TX

Please focus on addressing the needs of Texas citizens rather than spending time and taxpayer dollars to gerrymander Texas congressional districts. It is important for all Texas residents to have representation and not have our congressional representatives only representing part of our citizens.

Maria T Gutierrez, Retired Middle School Teacher

Self

El Paso, TX

Removing the number of current voices from El Paso is totally criminal! Giving 5 more seats for the GOP just to help the Republican Party win?! No! Gerrymandering
to rig the election for Trump is about as illegal as you can get. The politicians are choosing their voters instead of vote red choosing the politicians!
This decision is not healthy for Texans because ALL voices matter with the current political lines. So this means that when a republican President can change any political boundaries to suit him/her whenever they feel threatened and run the risk of not being voted for the next term?
Our community needs to be represented by elected leaders here, not those that are 500 miles away. We should not be competing for resources that are 500 miles away, and that is what Ft. Bliss would have to do. How does anyone in San Antonio prioritize the needs of El Pasoans when it struggles to provide its own constituents with proper home assistance, medical care and Veteran care in San Antonio. El Pasoans do not want to hand over our needs to a voice who has voted to cut Medicare, Medicare, and Veterans programs.
Local representation needs to be heard by individuals we have voted for in El PASO.

Amanda Rios-Place

self

Spring, TX

I urge the committee to reject this mid-decade redistricting proposal. As a public educator and librarian in Harris County, I see everyday how important it is for Black, Brown, and Indigenous voices to be heard and taken seriously. Fairness, equity, and representation of our diverse communities is vital for Texan and American democracy. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Griselda Melendez

Myself

San Antonio, TX

I am vehemently opposed to this new redistricting map. This is textbook gerrymandering and directly conflicts with either Equal Protection Clause of the 14th amendment. I thought Republicans were ALL about the constitution, but I guess that only applies when it benefits them and keeps them in power. The constitution guarantees everyone fair and retail representation. These maps would not accurately represent me and millions of other people. You don't just represent the people that elected you, you represent EVERYONE in this state. I urge everyone to reconsider approving this bill. Have y'all thought of the backlash? Are you prepared to lose more seats than you've planned? Are you prepared to be the reason Texas turned blue?

Barbara Mink, Dr

self AND... I was a publicly elected official for 24 years (2000-2024) on the Board of Trustees of Austin Community College District ... and Board Chair four times

Austin, TX

It is important to have open dialog and to hear all voices. The state of Texas cannot just do what President Trump tells them to do to close down dialog and open debate of issues. This redistricting is merely the House doing what "Daddy wants you to do" without thinking for themselves and standing up for what is right... for upholding every American's right to have freedom of speech. I strongly oppose this redistricting effort to limit freedom of speech and open and honest dialog. The House needs to hear what all citizens are thinking about issues and not just limit thinking. Discussions need to be held to determine what all citizens are thinking and feeling. Are our members of the House so weak that they cannot think for themselves and can be bullied on this?

Alice Yi
Asian Texans for Justice Action Fund
Austin, TX

I am here to express strong opposition to the proposed Bill HB4, which redraws the Texas congressional maps.
The new map divides and dilutes the political power of Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) communities across Texas. For example, Northwest Austin—an area with a significant concentration of AAPI residents—has now been split among five congressional districts: CD 10, 11, 17, 31, and 37. With over two million AAPI individuals, we are the fastest-growing racial group in the state. Making arbitrary changes without new census data will result in maps that do not reflect our growth or our voices.
Fair maps mean fair representation. That means drawing districts that respect the true diversity of our communities—not manipulating boundaries for political gain. This proposal appears to be a clear partisan effort to gerrymander communities like mine, undermining our ability to be heard.
Gerrymandering erodes trust in our democracy. It silences communities that deserve a seat at the table. We strongly urge the committee to maintain the current maps until a fully funded and accurate census is completed in 2030. Furthermore, future maps should be drawn based on census data and community boundaries—not voting patterns.
Abusing political power to preserve political advantage is unacceptable. Our communities deserve better.
Thank you.

Dwight Schmidt, Dr.
Self
Canyon Lake, TX

I am against what clearly is an attempt to manipulate voting districts in favor of Republicans getting elected. This effort is nothing other than Governor Abbott catering to Trump’s demands. This is not democracy but a further move towards authoritarianism. It undermines the votes of Democrats and minorities. It is bad for Texas and millions of Texans who do not support the Trump agenda and whose voices effectively will be diminished.
A healthy democracy only exists when a government truly and openly allows, protects and takes into consideration the interests, values, desires and rights of all citizens. Let us not pretend that this redistricting effort is fair and just or necessary. It is being done to alter the likely outcome of the 2026 elections. It is being done to deflect a growing populace angered by Republican policies and Trump’s declining popularity. It is being done because the cruelty of ICE, the grift of the President, the lies regarding Epstein, the disruption of the economy and so many other things are coming to light.
This bill is wrong is so many ways. Please reject its passage.

Jennifer Scalo
Myself
Austin, TX

This is undemocratic!!!! Please stop trying to cheat Americans!

Chris Nigro
District 1
Austin, TX

The state of Texas is actively trying to g to disenfranchise voters. End this insanity

K Simpson
Self- business owner
Austin, TX

I Strongly Oppose this redistricting bill

Daniel Keeling, MA
Self
Dallas, TX

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Aug 1, 2025

Dear Redistricting Committee,

““We must fight till hell freezes over and then fight on the ice.” — Vertner Woodson Tandy, December 1937.

I am writing to express my profound concern regarding the proposed congressional redistricting map for Texas, particularly focusing on the potential loss of districts representing minority communities in major metropolitan areas. The implications of this redistricting are not just about geography; they have far-reaching consequences for representation, equity, and the political voice of millions of Texans.

Historically, minority populations in Texas have faced systemic barriers to fair representation, and the current mapping process threatens to exacerbate these issues. The involvement of Adam Kincaid, known for his controversial redistricting practices, raises significant concerns about the integrity of the map-drawing process. As the president of the National Republican Redistricting Trust and various associated non-profits, Kincaid has a track record that includes the racially gerrymandered map of Tarrant County. His influence on Texas's congressional districts should alarm anyone who values fair representation for all communities.

The loss of minority districts in urban areas would undermine the progress made over decades in ensuring that the voices of people of color are heard at all levels of government. The Voting Rights Act of 1965 was a crucial turning point in combating racial discrimination in voting, yet recent trends suggest a regression in the protections it once afforded. The removal of provisions that protected voters of color from discrimination in 2013 has led to a situation where minority communities can be easily fragmented and marginalized in the redistricting process.

For instance, in major cities like Houston and Dallas, minority populations are concentrated but often underrepresented in congressional districts. If districts are drawn in a way that dilutes their voting power, these communities risk losing the ability to elect representatives who genuinely reflect their interests and needs. The historical context is sobering; prior to the Voting Rights Act, minorities faced significant obstacles to political participation, and we must not allow history to repeat itself.

Moreover, the potential alignment of minority districts with areas that do not share common socio-economic interests can lead to a lack of advocacy for the specific issues that affect these communities, from healthcare access to educational resources. The voices of these populations must not be overshadowed or diminished by the interests of political operatives focused on partisan gain rather than the well-being of constituents.

In conclusion, I urge you to consider the broader implications of the proposed congressional redistricting map and to prioritize the preservation of districts that represent minority districts.

Kayellen Walker
Self, Museum Assistant
San Antonio, TX

Hello, I live in San Antonio and I am represented by someone in Austin. I am not adequately represented. My district, TX-21 encompasses Austin, New Braunfels and my small portion of San Antonio. San Antonio is nothing like Austin or New Braunfels. Now the legislature is trying to redistricting mid Census. There is no reason to do this. It's a naked attempt to further dilute San Antonian's votes.

The current special session should be to help Hill Country Texans to recover from the floods last month. That is a legitimate reason to call a special session. A mid Census redistricting is not warranted.

Jaynell Garrison
Self -- Education Consultant
Austin, TX

My name is Jaynell Garrison, and I’m speaking today as a concerned Texan who believes in fair representation and a government that reflects the will of the people.

The redistricting plan currently being proposed is a blatant attempt to silence millions of voters in our state. Almost 5 million Texans voted for Democratic candidates in 2024 — the second highest total in the nation. Yet this plan seeks to erase their voices, dismantle diverse communities, and entrench political power through manipulation rather than merit.

This is not about fair representation. This is about preserving power for a single party at the expense of democracy.

Gerrymandering in the middle of the decade — just because Texas is finally in play — undermines the trust voters place in our system. Representation should be decided by voters, not by those desperate to hold onto power.

I urge this body to reject any redistricting map that prioritizes partisanship over people, and to stand with Texans who want their voices — all of our voices — to count equally.

Thank you.

David Potenza
N/A
Southlake, TX

I support HB4 and the redistricting

JOE GATSON
Congressional District 9 constituent
Houston, TX

I’m opposed to this illegal redistributing plan.

Reginald Reynolds
Self
Fort Worth, TX

We do not need a king. Every citizen in Texas has a right to fair representation. Taxation without representation is not a privilege. It is a right! We currently have people in leadership who want power without responsibility to the people who elect them. We need elected leaders that has the courage to stand for the electorate rather than bow down to a man. There's only one King named Jesus Christ we submit to. I pray you will do unto others as you would others do to you. You have the opportunity for greatness! Leave the maps alone.

Sean Ingle
Self
Lavernia, TX

I am 100% against this redistricting. Please stop gerrymandering, this is especially impermissible because of the reasoning for it in this instance. This is being attempted purely to please trump and in order to try and give him every possible advantage he can get later on because he knows that his policies and practices are not well received by many of the American people. It is a blatant attempt for him to create and hold more power and me and many others will be watching to see who votes to give trump even more power than he has already been handed. Do the right thing please, and say NO to this redistricting!

Miranda Hitchcock
Self, nonprofit
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose this redistricting effort which serves partisan interests rather than advocating for the needs of Texans.

Marisela Orta
Self
Lockhart, TX

I grew up here. When I was in high school back in the 90s I remember one of our UIL topics was gerrymandering. That was back in the 90s. Over 30 years ago. That was around the time the Texas GOP used gerrymandering to take control of this state. And it is shocking to see these gerrymandered districts that span hundreds of miles. Narrow slivers that allow the GOP to stay in power despite the fact that the constituents have little in common with one another due to that distance. Texans in the Valley have different needs than Texans in San Antonio. But gerrymandering isn't about serving constituents. It's about the Texas GOP maintaining power at the expense of Texans. Politicians that game the system to stay in power have no business in public service. That is what you are supposed to be, in case you have forgotten. You are supposed to work for us. For Texans. Not for your own interests. Not for your party. Not for a corrupt president. Not for fascism. And that is what you stand for. What you are doing by gerrymandering our districts is un-American. What you are doing places you squarely on the wrong side of history. It shows you are cowards. You don't want a fair fight with properly drawn districts that doesn't disenfranchise voters. It shows that you know you can't win. So you choose to cheat. You choose to bend the knee to a fascist administration. That is your legacy. Your family in the future will look back in disgrace at your actions. They will distance themselves from your legacy of ruin. So own your ruin. Own the fact that you are part of a fascist party. That you are cowards who are afraid of a fair fight. Texas deserves better than you. Texas deserves politicians who actually will serve the people of this state.

Karen Jacobi
Self
Richardson, TX

I am a retired teacher and live in House District 32. My neighborhood is a diverse mix of individuals and families.

We deserve fair maps that reflect our communities and values. The new congressional map that has been proposed at the insistence of national republicans represents one of the most extreme partisan gerrymanders in the nation. Texans deserve a fair map that represents the diversity of our state, not one that silences our voices.

This map does not represent the Texas I’m from.

Do your job in advocating for your constituents rather than bending a knee to DonaldTrump and national GOP.

Kristin Studer
Self - Executive Assistant to the CEO/Founder
Fort Worth, TX

I write in strong support of HB 4, which aims to realign Texas's congressional districts to more accurately reflect the state's evolving voting demographics and ensure fair and effective representation for all Texans.

Over the past decade, Texas has experienced substantial population growth and demographic shifts. The latest census data confirms significant increases in Hispanic, Asian, and African American populations, as well as a surge in suburban and urban growth in regions like the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex, Houston, Austin, and San Antonio. These changes have altered the political and cultural landscape of the state, resulting in a voter base that is markedly different from the one used to draw the current congressional map.

HB 4 offers a timely and necessary adjustment. By redrawing the districts to align more closely with current population patterns and voter distribution, the bill promotes more representative governance. This realignment ensures that congressional districts are not only equal in population, as required by law, but also more reflective of the diversity and political engagement seen in today's Texas electorate.

Passing HB 4 demonstrates a commitment to upholding the principles of democracy—ensuring that each Texan's vote carries appropriate weight and that communities of interest are fairly represented. As Texas continues to grow and change, it is critical that our congressional districts evolve accordingly. HB 4 is a forward-looking step in that direction.

Mancil Carroll
Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc
FRISCO, TX

I am Dr. Mancil Carroll and I am the current president of the Xi Tau Al.bda chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. I m also the pastor of a historically black church in South Dallas. I oppose the congressional bill to redistricting. With 60% of the state of Texas being people of color, this is a blatant attempt to dilute the votes of the constituents of this great state. The Republican party is doing everything it can to erase the voices of many people and to leave them disenfranchised. They do not represent the people but rather the governmental swamp that caters to the whims of the president.Vote no on this proposal and allow the people to express the right given to vote in fair elections.

Jeff Hudgins
Self - VP Global Services
Denison, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Melvin Waxler, Mr
Self
Austin, TX

Redistricting at this time is a clear abuse of the political process, especially when tied to a request by any President attempting to jockey with Congressional representation in advance of an election. The fact that the Texas Legislature is moving forward with redistricting at this time and under these circumstances is shameful. I teach my children and grandchildren about integrity and how to live this value. I'm hoping to see a Texas Legislature imbued with the same value that just says no to redistricting off the accepted ten year schedule and for all the wrong reasons. Thank you for the opportunity to express my views. By the way, I have cast my individual vote in the past for both republicans and democrats. This is not and should not be a partisan issue.

Lisa Hunt
self
Converse, TX

I am strongly against the redistricting of the Texas congressional maps and honestly can't believe that you didn't even try to disguise it as something Texas needs to do. You are already in litigation for the last time you did this and simply have disregarded the only growing demographic in the state, which is the actual reason we do it in the first place. It makes us look weak as a state and for all the touting of Texas as such a great place, that some Texans think we should secede from the rest of the country, is embarrassing. Donald Trump is not the governor of Texas, nor is he the king of Texas. He also can't primary all of you Republicans, but we can. He is a lame duck President, or will be after the 2026 midterms. Why you are afraid of him amazes me.He can only primary you with more far right lunatics and if you are fighting for your constituents, you have nothing to fear. This is going to backfire and I for one can't wait to see it. This also starts a chain of other states doing the same thing. Pretty soon, we will be redistricting every year. One last note, people of Texas are beginning to remember what we stand for and how we fought for this state a very long time ago. We did not fight to be used by a man whose only joy in life is to make other people miserable. I beg you to call his bluff and say no to this insane power grab. He is a weak man who wishes he were a great dictator. If we start this process, we will regret it and you will lose in the end. Don't mess with Texas will just be another slogan that died along with your dignity

Sarah Graham
Self
Pflugerville, TX

I write today in strong opposition to House Bill 4. While redistricting is a legal and constitutional obligation, HB 4 fails to meet the fundamental standards of fairness, transparency, and equal representation.

This bill:

Dilutes the voting power of communities of color – Despite the fact that almost all of Texas's population growth in recent years has come from Black, Latino, Asian American, and other nonwhite communities, HB 4 does not fairly reflect this in its proposed district maps. This is a blatant violation of the Voting Rights Act and the principles of representative democracy.

Lacks transparency and public input – The process behind HB 4 was rushed and largely conducted behind closed doors, with limited opportunities for public engagement. District lines should be drawn with communities, not for them by partisan interests.

Prioritizes political advantage over people – This bill appears designed to entrench incumbents and preserve partisan power rather than create competitive, community-based districts. Gerrymandering – whether Republican or Democratic – erodes public trust in government and discourages civic participation.

Disrespects communities of interest – HB 4 splits up historically unified neighborhoods and cultural communities, undermining their ability to elect representatives who understand their needs. A fair map keeps communities intact.

For these reasons, I urge you to vote NO on HB 4. Texans deserve a redistricting process that is inclusive, equitable, and guided by the values of democracy—not political self-interest.

Megan Bouchareb, Dr.
Self and voters of Travis County
Austin, TX

This bill is illegal gerrymandering. Full stop. Merging the 35th and the 37th districts is illegal voter suppression of Black and Latino Central Texans. This is designed to eliminate accessibility, accountability, and a strong voice for our shared values. It is cheating - cheating that even my grade school children know is wrong. Perhaps Republican "public servants" should stop trying to silence Democratic and Independent voters, do their jobs, and listen to ALL of the people of Texas, not just the ones who agree with their warped values.

Roberta Albracht
Self
Austin, TX

I was born and raised in a small town in the Texas Panhandle. I have lived in Texas all my life.
Why is Texas being handed over to the wishes of the federal executive? Texas prides itself for it's independent spirit and rugged individualism. What is behind ceding the sovereignty of our great state to the president? Why not stand up for all the citizens of our state? Do not give in to this pressure. Do not undermine our free and fair elections. This is not Hungry, Russia, or any country that usurps the vote. Texas should lead the way in preserving the voters' voices, instead of being a state that gives in. Show the country that Texas,as it's history shows, remains independent and full of rugged individuals.

Andi Peto-Selby, Ms
self
La Marque, TX

Quit gerrymandering our districts - All constituents have a right to be equally represented. Republicans can’t seem to win if they aren’t cheating- It is no different than fixing an election.

Rochelle Wilson
Self
Bedford, TX

I stand and support of the HB4 redistricting map.

Andy Volk
Self,Arts/Film
Austin, TX

The history of Texas has been rife with gerrymandering of districts to limit the voices of the historically marginalized communities, and this new map will be shameful repeat of history and will hurt many voices in some of Texas’s largest cities. It’s clearly a ploy to limit the votes and seats of the opposing party, which in itself is limiting constitutional freedom at a time when many are screaming to be heard by those in power. This is not the will of the people and instead the will of individuals only seeking to align themselves with a despot and an egomaniac. Texas residents are proud and dignified, and this 21st century gerrymandering of political voices is a step in the wrong direction.

Sedrick Montgomery
Self / City Employee
Fort Worth, TX

My name is Sedrick Montgomery. I am a constituent of Texas Senate District 10, Texas House District 97, and U.S. Congressional District 12. Just a few months ago, several minority voters in Tarrant County were targeted by a blatant, racially motivated redistricting plan. Black, Hispanic and Asian voters were cracked from Tarrant County Commissioners Precinct 2 and packed into Precinct 1. As a result, their political power, acquired over time through population growth and coalition building in the Southern sector, was diminished by elected officials that chose to silence them instead of engaging them politically. That was a textbook example of racial gerrymandering which is illegal.
Now, at the request of President Trump, Governor Abbott and the Texas State Legislature are seeking to employ the same racially motivated redistricting plan to silence minority voters at the federal level to maintain power of the U. S. House of Representatives.
First, I call on members of the Texas House and Texas Senate to Vote NO regarding this mid-decade redistricting plan that is nothing more than a racist power grab intended to dilute the political power of Black, Hispanic and Asian voters in large urban centers throughout the state of Texas.
After watching the public hearing that was held in Tarrant County, it is abundantly clear that I am not alone, and the majority of North Texans have no interest in seeing new maps being drawn. As a fellow Texan, I encourage you to tap into your independent, lone star spirit in this moment. This is not the time for our elected officials to abdicate our state's priorities to carry out the desires of those in Washington, D.C.

Respectfully
Sedrick J. Montgomery

Robert Kirk, Dr
Self
Austin, TX

I oppose any gerrymandering efforts from the White House to lessen my representation in Congress

Cassandra England
Self, Chief of Staff
Cedar Park, TX

To the Members of the Congressional Redistricting Committee:

I am submitting this comment in opposition to the current redistricting map under consideration. This proposal is an insult to the voters of Texas and a fundamental attack on our democracy. It is a cynical effort to manipulate district lines to achieve a partisan advantage, rather than respecting the will of the people. This map intentionally carves up our communities, pits incumbents against each other, and creates absurdly shaped districts that have no basis in real-world community lines. The purpose of redistricting should be to ensure every Texan has a voice, but this plan is designed to silence millions. I implore you to abandon this gerrymandered map and commit to a process that produces districts that are competitive and accurately reflect the diverse and growing population of our state.

Betsy Singleton
Self (retired)
San Marcos, TX

The poposed new lines divide Hays County into several districts. We need representation as the one community that we are with our growing Hispanic population. It's absurd to pair us with distant costal communities. Please revise to keep Hays County residents together!

Andrew Chin
Self
Austin, TX

AGAINST. The proposed maps do not fairly represent the populations in the affected districts. These maps are designed to disproportionately affect representation by race and dilute the voting power of people of color.

Pamela Overeynder
Self
Ausrin, TX

I am opposed to this untimely redistricting move designed to ensure more Republican representation in the Congress. It is unjust, underhanded and just plain wrong to disenfranchise voters For political gain. It is a giant stain on the democratic principles and a dangerous escalation of authoritarian take over of our democracy.. I fear for our country…

Justin C
Self
Dallas, TX

I support HB 4 by Hunter

Ingrid Caanen
Self/BSBCR/ HEB Connection
Spring Branch, TX

Hello,
I'm In favor of HB 4
The Hill Country residents (even those moving in) predominantly
share the same conservative values. We in (CD21) are historically RED & want to stay that way - and we want to keep Chip Roy who lives in our district.
We have nothing in common with the disastrous leftist leaning ideology of the Democratic Party who is out of touch with common sense, protecting all citizens, not just minorities, and I am Hispanic, protecting our borders, children, women, protecting our resources, land and uphold patriotism and love for country not hate. Our voices in the Hill Country could be silenced.
Thank you for taking my thoughts and serving the great State of Texas

Max Weinberg
Self
Austin, TX

This bill robs representation from millions of Texans. Reject it immediately.

Jacqueline Suhr
Self
Nee Braunfels, TX

As a Republican in a very Republican city, you all are pushing me to be a Democrat. If you do this, I'm done! I'll become a Democrat, just because of this. Thank you for waking me up.

Ana O'Quin
Self, social worker
Austin, TX

I support fair, honest, and ethical districts in our state, not ones that are gerrymandered to silence minority voices! Please consider the voices of ALL Texans that want to come together to make true change to make a better state for everyone, not the loud but limited voice of a political party that already holds majority in the House and Senate.

PAUL BUERGER, Mr.
Self
SAN ANGELO, TX

You're cheating. It's unethical. It's so disgusting to try and consolidate power for power's sake and bending knee to DJT. Shame on you! Have a conscience and find some decency.

Katrin Hartmann
LWV
Georgetown, TX

The voting population of the State of Texas is politically far more evenly divided than what voting districts represent. Which is a partisan power grab that leaves millions of voters without representation. The intend to disenfranchise more voters is painfully obvious with this special redistricting plan in middle of the census period, solely based on the demand if the current president. For politicians to pick voters is inherently dishonest. Political districtsing (gerrymandering) is one of the most unfair and despicable practices to ever have been devised. More extreme districting in Texas will trigger more extreme districting in other states, in order to gain more seats for either the same or the other party. This representative form of government in this country is being undermined. Honest politicians need to work together to establish NON partisan districting committees in the entire US. Political districting belongs onto the scrap heap of history.

Lory DuMenil
Myself
San Antonio, TX

I strongly oppose this redistricting. It’s blatantly cheating.

Les Johnson
Self
AUSTIN, TX

I'm against redistricting so stop it!

Joseph Pennock
Self
Rowlett, TX

I believe in a free and fair Texas that doesn’t require drawing of insane districts to be able to properly represent the people that live here. If the people want to vote a certain way, that is the will of the people. If the district redrawing makes a persons vote worth less then we are no better than the countries that have fake elections and ballot stuffing. Please reconsider the insane maps and get a 3rd party in here to review.

Lauren Brewer
Self
Mansfield, TX

Texas has much bigger issues that we need to focus on at this moment. Our state should not be capitulating to our President’s every whim. The proposed new maps is disenfranchising thousands of Texans to promote a single political party. Texas has a chance to show that the states are not here to solely service the federal government and especially not a single elected official.

LD Kirksey
Self
Austin, TX

I vehemently oppose the redistricting plan proposed by the Governor and the Federal Administration. This redistricting plan would violate the voting rights of countless Texans and create a further imbalance of representation in the State.

Phil Casali
self
Point, TX

support

Jason Loveless
Self
Sachse, TX

I am FOR Redistricting.

Micah Nishigaki
Self/Physician
Dallas, TX

I am a constituent who lives in zip code 75240. I am against the redistricting, as this would water down fair representation for districts with what is being proposed. This is also occuring before the next census due in five years, and I'm sure that with any redistricting we do now wouldn't fairly represent the communities we have currently, as we don't have an updated census at this time. We need to use our time to focus on real issues that Texans face, and focus on redistricting when it is mandated (and preferably with a better and more independent system). Thank you.

Chris Hulsey
Self - Analyst
Haslet, TX

I support this redistricting plan, HB 4.

Claire Adkins
Self
Pflugerville, TX

I do not support the redistricting of Texas in a way that limits the actual representation of voters in Texas. It is blantant that this is only a power grab for Trump and his republican followers who do not actually care about the people that live here. Rather Trump and his followers only look to serve themselves and those who benefit financially from this move. Districts should be about showing true representation of the people that live here, not just the wealthy or 'powerful'. Everyone's voice matters in democracy, but by allowing elected officials to redistrict mid-census to shift the seats republican when that is not reflective of the actual voters, you allow them to silence people and leave them behind. Please do not allow this to happen. This is my opinion of the matter.

Tricia Southerland, Mrs
Texas voter
Austin, TX

This bill is an undeniable attempt to lessen the power of my vote. We will be increasing our voices and our participation not the reverse.

Sara Gonzales
Self/Business Analyst
Castroville, TX

STRONGLY oppose. This is blatant gerrymandering and it’s disgusting that this is being openly tolerated.

Craig Licciardi
Self/sales
Flint, TX

I strongly support this bill. To the victor goes the spoils. Don't squander the ability to preserve protect and defend our nation by augmenting our majority. If you believe Democrat socialism is best for this country then vote against it. If you believe in conserving the nation that our founders gave us, then augment our majority and vote for this bill so we grow that positive influence. Thanks—

Jane Yorke
Na
Austin, TX

Against

Christy Berry
Self
Austin, TX

Thus is pathetic bending the knee to a corrupt president and I find it appalling that this gets any attention when there are so many more important issues. It's embarrassing how we cave to Trump.

Shannon Rosenfeld
Self
Frisco, TX

Winning elections in this manner is not winning. Republicans may gain a few seats in the midterm but they will lose their base in the long run. This is not TX conservatism but rather is capitulation to an increasingly corrupt national party. Do better. Win on a platform of ideas. If you cannot win that way, what should that tell you?

Adam Earley, Mr.
Self
Round Rock, TX

This map is absolutely ridiculous. Why would San Antonio's district include parts of El Paso including a military base? I can answer- it's to dilute their votes since many vote Democrat. This is UNdemorcratic and corrupt. Politicians shouldn't be able to pick and choose their voters in order to fix their own elections. It's currently gerrymandered enough. Of the Democrats we're doing this, y'all would be infuriated and call them out for cheating. Please do better.

Jack Broussard
Myself, Retired !
Lufkin, TX

I'm 100% against the ban on THC !!!

Cate Berry
Self
Austin, TX

Please don't pass this bill! It's unconstitutional and corrupt. Do what's right. It's important to be fair to your constituents and the state of Texas itself. History and the voters will judge you harshly if this passes. Winning fair and square is perfectly fine. Don't cheat. Fight fair.

Shawn Lee
Self
Cedar Park, TX

I oppose redistrictIng. It’s a form of cheating. Leave democracy in place.

Andrea Garcia
Self
San Antonio, TX

The impending effort to redistrict will continue the tradition of continual mismanagement of tax payer funds. Proof of this lies within the cuts to healthcare, food security to impoverished persons in our State and the tragedy in Kerr County during the July fourth holiday. This mismanagement is further compounded by the lack of response during the Uvalde, TX tragedy at Robb Elementary, where our Lieutenant Governor blamed too many doors for the tragedy. Lastly, if the impetus for Redistricting are concerns about voter fraud, the Republican party has continually won in Texas, hence the point is moot.

Dorothy Haviland
self
Austin, TX

The people trying to do this have no shame. This is a clear strategy to FIX AN ELECTION!
Shame, shame, shame on all of you trying to fix the next election this way.

Meagan Dutton
Self, RN
Godley, TX

This is wrong & we all know it.

Jennifer Kling
Self
College Station, TX

If you can’t win without cheating because your policies are unpopular, dehumanizing, authoritarian, and anti-Christ, perhaps do some soul-searching instead of cheating.

Catherine Ruiz
Ind
San Antonio, TX

Do not redistrict. Do not be a puppet for Trump. Have decency and be your own man/woman. Be strong, not weak puppets.

Mark Valtierra
Self
Pflugerville, TX

As a resident of Pflugerville, Texas, I am writing to express my strong opposition to House Bill 4 (HB 4) regarding congressional redistricting. The proposed district lines are a clear example of gerrymandering that undermines the integrity of our democracy, dilutes the voices of our communities, and threatens fair representation in Congress.

Pflugerville is a diverse, growing, and dynamic suburb of Austin with unique needs, challenges, and priorities. Yet under HB 4, our community is carved apart and lumped into a congressional district that spans across distant, unrelated areas that do not share our lived realities or local concerns. The redistricting proposal effectively severs Pflugerville from neighboring communities with which we share schools, transportation infrastructure, economic ties, and a common vision for the future.

This is not just a matter of inconvenience or political frustration. Gerrymandering districts in this way distorts representative democracy. When our congressional district stretches into areas with vastly different demographics, economies, and interests, our voices are diminished. Our ability to advocate for better public schools, transportation improvements, affordable housing, environmental protections, and access to healthcare is weakened by being grouped with regions that may have competing or conflicting priorities.

The proposed map also fails to reflect the racial and ethnic diversity of communities like Pflugerville, which is home to significant Latino, Black, and Asian American populations. By cracking apart these communities, HB 4 dilutes our collective voting power and weakens the ability of minority populations to elect candidates of their choice. This could violate the Voting Rights Act and flies in the face of principles of equal representation.

A fair map should keep communities of interest intact. Pflugerville is integrally connected to northeast Austin, Round Rock, Hutto, and Manor. We share schools, roads, businesses, and civic institutions. We should not be split or drawn into sprawling districts that prioritize partisan advantage over community representation.

Redistricting should not be used as a tool to protect incumbents or political parties. It should be a transparent, nonpartisan process that reflects the will of the people and the realities of our communities on the ground. HB 4 is not that. It is a partisan gerrymander that undermines public trust in government and democracy itself.

I urge lawmakers to reject HB 4 and return to the drawing board with a commitment to fairness, transparency, and community representation. The people of Pflugerville—and all Texans—deserve congressional districts that respect our communities and give us a real voice in our government.

Carol Francis
Myself
Sunset Valley, TX

For a number of reasons, I respectfully ask the Committee Members and our Representatives in the House to vote against a new redistricting plan. First of all, I wonder why this is coming to the table now, when there is no mandate to redistrict in the middle of the decade. It would seem that this effort may be in response to President Trump’s call for five more seats becoming republican? Secondly, the maps should not be manipulated to influence the voting outcome. People have the right to vote for whom they wish, and to cloud that vote by redistricting is counter to the principles upon which our country was founded. It is disgraceful to think that our representatives would gerrymander districts to gain seats for the party in power. As representatives of the people, who were chosen to faithfully represent the wishes of your constituents, do not vote for these redistricting maps.

Jana Robbins
self, veterinarian
Boerne, TX

As a native Texan and someone who has lived almost my entire life in Texas, I am appalled by the blatant dishonesty shown by what appears to be the majority of our current Legislature with this redistricting effort just to aid the Chief Criminal in the Oval Office. Our state stood at one time for honesty and integrity against all odds, but now neither of those are attributes are important. Everything revolves around being servants to the "Orange Jesus." I don't know how those in favor of this effort can ever explain themselves in front of the REAL Almighty that they so often invoke. You are selling out your constituents to the greatest con man who ever lived, and to his billionaire friends/supporters. Trump is the most immoral person ever to lead this country, and those supporting this bill are only to happy to help him. Horrific!

Ashley Bailey
Self
Pflugerville, TX

Strongly opposed to the redistricting map. Do not allow this, do not vote for this.

Stephanie Poole Martinez, Dr.
Self/education
Buda, TX

I am a Texan and a voter. I am 100% against the redistricting. We the citizens you represent do not want this to happen. I am pretty disappointed in those involved. If you have to cheat to win, you should not win. Obviously, you did not learn this in kindergarten. It is unethical and immoral as well. We, the citizens, voters, and tax payers of Texas, are watching—so is the country and the rest of the world.

Hunter Warren
self
San Antonio, TX

The periodic redistricting to favor one party over another is sad, undemocratic and unethical. This strategy is used by the Republicans to maintain their influence over Texas even as their priorities shift farther from those Texans they represent. How will we ever have a representative form of government if the party in power is artificially able to maintain it this way? There’s nothing fair to the people of Texas, about this process. There needs to be an independent redistricting process that seeks to equitably represent all Texans. Enough with the autocratic government tactics!

Alison Downs
Self
Fort worth, TX

At the risk of sounding childish, this is just so gross. Cheating to win because Donald Trump told you to? It’s honestly embarrassing. Focus on helping the flood victims and leave behind this wildly unpopular and shameful redistricting effort.

Carolyn Croom, Ms.
Self, retired
Austin, TX

HB4 would separate communities of interest and would increase political polarization, reducing voters' voices, effectively impacting everyone--Republicans, Democrats and independents. I live in Austin, and the proposed map for this area would effectively disenfranchise the Austin area.

Redistricting outside the census cycle wastes taxpayer money when that money should be prioritized for urgent flood recovery and flood alert efforts. The legislature needs to focus on the recent devastating floods in this Special Session, not spend time on what's being viewed as a power grab. Current maps are still being challenged in court, so new maps shouldn't be drawn. And Texans deserve a fair and transparent process, not what is happening now. There was very little notice and the hearings are all crammed into just a few days.

Do what is right for Texas, and drop redistricting efforts until the appropriate time, either after court challenges are over in order to address any concerns coming out of that, or at the beginning of the new census cycle in the next decade, and not before. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Croom

Charlotte Moore, Mrs.
Self, hairstylist
Fort Worth, TX

The new redistricting map looks absolutely ridiculous, the clown who drew it should be ashamed of themselves but I doubt they're capable of that.

Tim Macon
Self
Watauga, TX

I oppose the redistricting. Your shortsightedness and blind trust/fear of Trump will cost you future elections. The realization that our representation is secondary to Presidential preference is enough to turn our backs on you. If this happens you are turning your backs on Texans of all political stripes.

Amal Rahhal
Myself
Arlington, TX

This map is not conducive or representative of the people of Texas and should be redrawn.

Kennedy Nelms
Self student
Austin, TX

I do not approve of redistricting the map. This is not for the benefit of the public, this is a heavy manipulation attempt. This is only being done to sway the vote and keep a republican lead because it is known that most people do not agree with the right as of late.

Jennifer Vickers, Ms
Self
austin, TX

This bill is an outrage that will skew the voting in our state denying real representation to the people of this state. It is party motivated NOT democracy driven. Fix the existing problems in our state - like the horrific devastation in our hill country-do not instigate new disasters like passing this bill!

Barbara Hankinson, Dr.
Self/Physician
Plano, TX

My name is Barbara Hankinson, M.D. I am a family physician from the urban/suburban area of South Plano in Congressional District 32. I am writing in opposition to the proposed changes to the map of District 32 put forth in HB4.
I want my District to be drawn with like-minded, minority groups so my votes, views, problems, and issues will not be drowned out with the addition of an overwhelming number of rural East Texas voters which are known to be more Anglo-centric and frankly, more Republican. My needs and problems are generally not represented well by Republican members of Congress, and it is my belief that these same Republicans are proposing maps with a view merely to hold onto their jobs rather than assure fair representation for the voters of Texas.
Furthermore, I want the litigation from the last attempt Republicans made to seize control and consolidate their power from 2021 following the 2020 census to play out-- I want the courts to weigh in on the legality of those maps before other, more egregious maps are passed.
Therefore I oppose the congressional map proposed by HB 4, and I request that it be replaced by a map bringing more fair and equitable representation for all Texans, not just for my fellow Texas voters in CD 32.
Sincerely, Barbara Hankinson

Breanne Diaz
Self
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose this bill!

Chance Rushing
Self
Austin, TX

You must uphold the laws and norms and say NO to this illegal redistricting.

Mary Farley
SELF
Marfa, TX

I adamantly oppose the redistricting that the state is trying to ram through the Texas legislature to become law. Texas, under the current administration, Abbott et al, has become one of the worst places to live with our rights being restricted at every opportunity. What the passage of this bill will do is further feed the corruption and biased representation of the people of Texas to continue minority rule, instill voter suppression and to make our votes less significant. This is plain and simple a corrupt power grab to enable the current minority in charge to expand their reach and make a democratic process impossible. This is an illegal redrawing of the map to serve the most corrupt president we have ever had, at least in my lifetime and that includes Nixon. It is not fair, just or emblematic of equality in voting rights of all Texans, it serves the few, not the many. The state is failing on so many levels, just look to Hunt Texas to see the terrible consequences of the current Texas administration partisan political reach. This map will insure that continued preventable disasters will continue as the corrupt people in power continue to skim off the top with no regard to the citizens of the state. There will be more abuse of power, more deaths and a continue slide to the bottom in health care, education and public safety if the current administration is allowed to rig elections by redistricting the voting maps to accommodate our corrupt national government. I often wonder if any of the people currently in power in Texas have any sort of moral compass or compassion - for others or for their children who are going to inherit a complete squandering of resources and a state that is no longer a place to be proud to live in. DO NOT ALLOW THIS REDISTRICTING MAP TO BECOME LAW!!!!! IT IS CRIMINAL AND WORKS AGAINST THE CORE OF OUR CONSTITUTION AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, WORKS AGAINST THE INTERESTS OF THE MAJORITY OF TEXANS.

Luann Ballachey, Ms.
Indivisible Centex
Temple, TX

I am strongly opposed to the redistricting and the outrage remapping of Texas! This is a power grab by the Trump administration and Texas lawmakers. This amounts to 5 seats and this is totally unacceptable.

Kendra Trainor
Self- educator
Farmers Branch, TX

I strongly oppose the proposed redistricting map. It’s inappropriate to redistrict during a non census year and the proposal purposely divided neighborhoods to favor republicans, rather than allowing voters to choose their representatives.

Rebecca Hallum
Self
Allen, TX

I strongly oppose the current redistricting proposal to add more Texas House of Representatives seats. While population growth may justify reevaluating representation, this process must be rooted in fairness, not political gain. This does not reflect the values of what true Texans stand for.

The proposed maps appear to dilute the voting power of communities of minority and urban areas, undermining the principle of equal representation. Every Texan deserves a voice in our democracy, not just those in politically favorable districts.

I urge you to prioritize transparency, equity, and nonpartisan redistricting. Voters should choose their representatives, not the other way around.

Samuel Jones
Self
Austin, TX

The people of Texas are watching you and how you vote. Represent your constituents not the interests of the federal government. Vote no!

Jeanne Rodriguez
Self
Euless, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map. God bless America!!!

Kristine Lackey
Self
Houston, TX

Nothing says “I’m weak” like sneaking in in the dead of night to gain an upper hand. This redistricting outside of the norm, after our maps were created 4 years ago and not to be done again for another 6, is a slimy, dishonorable and dishonest attempt to rig the game in republican favor. It is disgusting, and should not be allowed. Everyone involved should be ashamed. If you want to win, you should earn the support of the people. This destroys your credibility and weakens your argument - it says “I cannot get the support of my people so I have to demolish everything and build it exactly how I want so I can get what I want.”

Weakness. Underhanded and deceptive. Not Christian at all.

Victoria Huxham
Self
Plano, TX

This redistributing attempt is unconstitutional and is a direct attack on Texans because y’all don’t like that we are holding you accountable after years of failed leadership. You know this is basically rigging the election in your favor because of whatever person or corporation that is backing you. Stop gerrymandering Texas and actually work the people you’re supposed to represent instead of finding new ways to get more power.

Alexandra Hasert
Self/healthcare
Austin, TX

I am writing to express my strong opposition to House Bill 4. This mid decade redistricting effort is unnecessary, disruptive, and undermines public trust in the Democratic process. Redrawing congressional lines just a few years after the last redistricting cycle appears to be driven more by partisan interest than by genuine population shifts or fairness. The proposed map would break up established communities, dilute the voting strength of minority populations, and give one political party a clear advantage, potentially flipping several seats through manipulation rather than voter will. Our communities deserve stable, representative districts drawn with transparency, public input, and fairness, not rushed proposals during a special session. I urge lawmakers to reject HB4 and to protect the integrity of our elections by maintaining fair and representative congressional maps. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

David Flanagin
Self
Little Elm, TX

This is a vile, anti-democratic, crooked attempt to expand inegalitarian control and power, drafted and pushed by people who have no genuine love for this country's ideals or for the constitution. Elected representatives are supposed to REPRESENT the *PEOPLE* - not the president, not donors, not corporations, not a single party only, not their own interests - but the politicians in power in Texas Right now have been displaying a hatred of those democratic principles. Redrawing districts to shrink the opposition party, to squelch differing viewpoints, is so fundamentally contrary to what this country is supposed to stand for. And the fact so many who push this despicable anti-democratic agenda claim to be Christians is the pinnacle of hypocrisy. Those who support this twisted, evil grab for power do not seem to care what their place in history will be. In the coming years, those who championed this will be seen as crooked politicians, self-aggrandizing hacks, and enemies of democracy. If you want to talk about "enemies of the people," look no further than the mirror. Trying to silence those with whom you disagree and take power from them, attempting to disenfranchise and ignore the perspectives of at least half the population, is the very epitome of being an enemy of the people. And you guys supporting this KNOW that. The pitiful, damning thing is that you just don't care. Don't talk about morality when you do not really believe in morality but only in wresting and maintaining power. That's not moral. Jesus taught that loving God hangs on loving others as you love yourself, regardless of whether they think like you do or agree with you. He said that whatever you do to the least in society, you do to him. But you people do not care about what Jesus said, and your eschewing his teachings demonstrates that you do not really believe in him - because you are unconcerned about violating the essence of what he taught. You are hypocrites. Your service to a monster who is the antithesis of Christ betrays your lack of belief in God or Christ. You are the kinda of people of whom Jesus said he will spit out and say "Away from me, for I never knew you!" SHAME ON YOU for betraying your oaths to the constitution and to the people of this state. You are, in truth, not just cheaters but traitors - and history will see you that way. I pray that you will soon reap what you sow, as Jesus said, and that the light will drown out the darkness. You still have time to repent and, with humility, latch onto truth and Justice and actual patriotism and love for democracy and the principles of this once-great land, but you are rapidly running out of time. Look in the mirror...get on your knees... those who claim to believe in God, reads the words of Christ and ask yourself if he would approve of this kind of oppressive, power-hungry move away from democracy and concern for people other than yourselves.

Andrea Boatright
Self
Alvarado, TX

I strongly oppose the redistricting map as proposed.

Eric Oria
Self
Flower mound, TX

This bill is unconstitutional. The obvious nature of the intent of this redirecting to silence the voice of the minority goes against everything our founders fought for. Where is the dignity and honor anymore in our politicians?? I highly oppose this new map and these districts.

Laura Pratt
Myself
Dallas, TX

I oppose this mid-decade redistricting plan as our state leadership has yet to produce any evidence of a need that serves the actual constituents of Texas rather than the current GOP and Trump. My district is TX 32 and the split proposed will align my part of Dallas across multiple counties including Tarrant, which locally we have nothing in common. This proposed map dilutes my vote and my voice, and dilutes my neighbors voices as well. It is an obvious power grab initiated by Trump and not the State of Texas, and it's being done solely to support the federal level thereby a disservice to the people of Texas.

Pamela Cardenas
Self/retired
Tyler, TX

Please pass HB4. We, the people of the state of Texas, need to support President Trump. We need representation in Washington that will continue to support President Trump and what he's done on border security and deportation of criminal aliens.

Kaylyn Gustafson
Self
Dripping Springs, TX

I would like to strongly condemn this radical redistricting. This is blatantly partisan gerrymandering and sets a dangerous precedent.

Mandi Pairish, Ms.
Self
Carrollton, TX

I live in CD 32 and is robust in community. The area served by this community deserves to be well represented by not only demographics but geographical location. I strongly urge against this racial power grab from the Trump Administration.

Erika Maassen
Self/nanny
Austin, TX

I'm writing to formally protest these alterations to the map. This is ultimately a manipulation of the election process and should not be allowed.

William Christ, Dr.
Self
San Antonio, TX

These bills to create more districts that will vote Republican is an attack on democracy. If you vote for the gerrymandering suggested in these bills, you are voting against a two-party system. Democrats, who traditionally carry approximately 44% of the votes in Texas, will not have representation proportionate to their numbers. What Florida did and Texas is trying to do will escalate a nation-wide attempt to turn purple states into Blue or Red political states. Texas History will not be kind to those who vote for these bills.

Lindsay Nicol
Self
Austin, TX

HB 4 by Hunter weakens the integrity of our election system by redrawing district lines that actively remove liberal voices, creating a slippery slope that could undermine fairness for all Texans. While it might seem advantageous today, manipulating districts to silence opposing viewpoints sets a dangerous precedent that could backfire when political tides shift. Conservatives believe in winning through strong ideas and genuine debate not by changing the rules to silence opponents. Let's protect Texas values by rejecting partisan gamesmanship and keeping our elections fair and transparent.

Morgan Kirst-Petit
Self
Farmers Branch, TX

As a resident of Texas I oppose this bill. Gerrymandering in order to keep power does not allow the state to truly represent its constituents.

Teresa Cantu
Self
Liberty Hill, TX

It’s ridiculous I even have to sign this thing to voice that you should not be allowed to pick your voters. If you actually have faith in your party then prove you don’t need to cheat to win. I do NOT support this redistricring.

Paul Meadows
Self
Austin, TX

I strongly reject this redistricting
bill.

Lizzie Cain Clark
Self
Austin, TX

I urge you to vote down all redistricting efforts until the next census is taken.

Loren-Li Moore, SGT (ret)
Self
San Antonio, TX

I’m a Texan by choice. Two years ago, I moved my family here in search of opportunity and a better life—just like my parents, who left Puerto Rico in 1985 without speaking a word of English. They built a life, raised three daughters, and showed me what resilience, hard work, and determination looks like.

I am the proud product of everything this country promises to be—if we have the courage to live up to it. I’m a disabled veteran, a wife, a mother, a Latina, a student, and a worker. I am a human being with moral courage, and I refuse to be erased. I refuse to sit idly by like all of you and watch Texas be further destroyed for my sons.

This redistricting scam is designed to silence voices like mine. And while I may be just one voice, I will not be quiet. My voice joins countless others in standing up to this corrupt, cowardly power grab—because Texans didn’t ask for this, and we deserve better.

Your silence, your surrender to a twice-impeached, 34-time convicted felon, speaks volumes. You are handing him power on a silver platter while abandoning the very people you swore to serve.

History may not remember my name—but it will remember your complicity and cowardice. It will remember that when faced with the choice to show intestinal fortitude, you chose blind allegiance to your party and a wannabe king over service to the people.

Let me be clear: I am not like you. I will never beg for favors. I will never grovel for crumbs. I will ALWAYS stand for what’s right. I will never be silenced.

Texans are suffering—from systemic failures, from real losses like those in Kerr County—and that is what you should be fixing. So stop playing games with our lives. Do the job you were elected to do. And if you won’t, step aside—because there are people with a backbone willing, ready, and able to fight.

Yeannet Ruiz
Self
Houston, TX

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed Congressional redistricting map currently under consideration. As a concerned resident and voter, I believe this map fails to represent the interests of our communities and undermines the principles of fair and equitable representation.

The proposed map appears to prioritize partisan advantage over the fair representation of voters. By diluting the voices of specific communities—whether by splitting neighborhoods, consolidating opposing voters, or redrawing boundaries for political gain—this plan undermines public trust in our democratic process. Redistricting should be about ensuring that every vote counts equally, not about manipulating lines to serve political interests. This fragmentation reduces our ability to advocate effectively for the resources and policies that matter to us. Any redistricting plan that results in racial or ethnic vote dilution must be rejected outright.

I urge the legislature to reject this map and instead adopt a fair and transparent redistricting process that centers the will of the people, not politicians. Our democracy depends on maps that reflect real communities and provide every voter with an equal voice in government.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Everett Lunning
Social Justice Ministry, Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Austin, Texas
Austin, TX

I am opposed to HB 4. Texas is already heavily gerrymandered, already in violation of the Voting Rights Act. This bill will increase the injustice. From the beginning, Texas has been organized by the wealthy for the benefit of the wealthy. Texas began as a slave economy. The revolt against Mexico was led by enslavers striving to keep their human property. The Republic of Texas was dominated by enslavers. The Constitution of 1876 was written by the wealthy for the wealthy. For 100 years after the Civil War, voting rights were suppressed and Texas became a low-voting state. In the 20th century Texas politics became dominated by the energy industries, and rich oil men used their money to support laws that ensured that they would keep their money. For the last 40 years Republican politicians have carved up voting districts so that no Democrat has been elected to a state office. One party rule is inherently corrupt. Our Attorney General is a criminal. And now Texas Republicans are bowing to a criminal president who is striving to maintain a majority in the US House to support his criminal administration. Texas is now a plutocratic autocracy on a level with Communist China. HB 4 will maintain this criminality into the next century.

Samantha Starnes
Self
Fate, TX

We (Texans) do not want to redistrict. Vote no to redistricting. This is rigging the game and it’s wrong. I will do everything in my power to make sure the people pushing this will be known and not be reelected. This is not democracy. This is how democracy dies.

Anna Kamburis
Self
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose this bill

Cynthia Gan
self - student
Houston, TX

This is a disgusting move to rip the representation away from millions of residents in Texas. Please do not pass this bill, do not allow this illegal redistricting attempt to happen, and instead at least give an attempt to draw somewhat fair lines that give proper representation for Texans.

Nancy Bridges
TRTA
Allen, TX

Our homes are selected based on favorability and school districts. I wish to make it known that I pay my taxes willingly to uphold this community and school district. I will not be subjugated to the whims of a corrupt tyrant or his henchmen. There will be no taxation without representation in the United States of America. What you are doing here today is reprehensible, morally bereft, and illegal. My representatives should vote against changing the voting precinct lines without a census having been completed in the same year. Thank you for considering my voice, as that is what you are paid to do.

Jim Buell, mr
Self retired
Georgetown, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map. I think it reflects the proper distribution of the Texas electorate.

Isabelle Headrick, Dr
self, teacher and mom
Austin, TX

I urge all Texas representatives to vote against this bill. This is a racist and undemocratic power grab away from people of color in Texas. If anything, they should be allocated MORE districts, given their population, not fewer. Doing this shows that the Republicans in Texas are afraid they cannot win the arguments about what is best for Texas on their merits but have to cheat instead. As a mom, I would not allow my children to engage in this kind of behavior—so why should politicians be allowed to? The people of Texas deserve to have actually fair and free elections, and politicians of every color, religion and political belief should have an equal chance at winning so Texas voters can have REAL CHOICES. Please stand up for what is right and vote against this bill! Thank you for reading this note.

Mary Heerwald
Self - comms contractor
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose this redistricting effort. As elected officials who serve only because we - your constituents - gave you the ability, we undeniably, wholeheartedly demand that you not proceed with this disgusting, blatant effort.

Hans Maverick
Self/policy researcher
Austin, TX

I am writing in opposition to HB4. The present effort to rearrange congressional districts in Texas is a transparent, politically motivated power grab and must be stopped.

Linda Perez
Self
El paso, TX

The United States is facing a dangerous erosion of democracy, one driven by extreme partisan gerrymandering and fueled by blind loyalty to a single political figure. Republican-led legislatures across the country are redrawing district lines not to represent the will of the people, but to silence them. This calculated manipulation of electoral maps strips power from voters, especially communities of color, younger voters, and working-class families. It is a deliberate attack on the foundational promise of fair and equal representation.
Gerrymandering flips democracy on its head. Instead of voters choosing their leaders, politicians are choosing their voters. These rigged maps protect those already in power, eliminate real competition, and allow elected officials to ignore the needs of their constituents without consequence. This is not just unfair, it is unconstitutional. It violates the Equal Protection Clause, undermines the Voting Rights Act, and directly threatens the principle of "one person, one vote."
At the same time, the blind, unquestioning support for Donald Trump by many elected Republicans and their base adds fuel to this democratic backslide. No president, past, present, or future, should be treated as infallible or above accountability. That mindset directly contradicts the purpose of America's three co-equal branches of government, designed to ensure that no individual becomes too powerful. Yet we are watching elected officials abandon their constitutional duty to act as a check on the executive, trading principle for party loyalty and fear of political backlash.
This cult-like devotion to one man, even in the face of proven lies, corruption, and criminal indictments, is not patriotism. It is the opposite. It endangers the rule of law, weakens the separation of powers, and invites authoritarianism. A president is not a king. Our democracy depends on informed citizens who are willing to hold every leader accountable, regardless of party or popularity.
The combination of gerrymandering and blind presidential loyalty is no coincidence, it's a coordinated effort to lock in power, suppress dissent, and erode democratic safeguards. If we care about the future of this country, we must demand fair maps, transparent elections, and leaders who respect the Constitution more than they fear losing control.
True democracy means checks and balances. It means representation for all not just the loudest or most powerful. And it means never being afraid to question those in power, especially when they act like they're above it.

Alicia Barr, Dr.
self, educator
Lubbock, TX

As Americans we all know the importance of a democracy, where all voices count and elections are supposed to be fair and protected. But right now I am truly scared for the future of America. All the signs point toward the end of democracy and the beginning of authoritarian rule aimed at silencing and punishing those who disagree. Having a different opinion than those in power should not be justification for taking away their rights and their representation. Please REJECT this corrupt redistricting process and all gerrymandered maps. Please be brave and stand up against what YOU KNOW is unfair. EVERYONE deserves representation in a democracy. Please fight for a just world and reject winning by cheating and bending all the rules in favor of one party. Cheating is not honorable.

Rena Puckett
Registered voter
Wylie, TX

Please pass this bill for better representation of our views as Texans.

William Gausnell
Retired
Heath, TX

Please pass this bill to keep Texas Red and conservative

Jenny Knowles
Self
Frisco, TX

I fervently oppose this proposed redistricting. We Texans are beyond tired of our representatives not caring about any of us. This new map is a blatant power grab, and the Republicans are openly cheating. STOP IT. The Trump loyalism has to stop. Quit putting yourselves on the wrong, very fascist side of this insane history.

LeAndra Cross
Self
Arlington, TX

This realignment doesn't take into consideration the people these seats will represent. This is wrong and unethical.

Nancy Maza
Self
Houston, TX

Redistricting is not necessary. It feels like a blatant attempt at gerrymandering and ensuring or actual voices are not heard. This administration has caused enough damage.

Jacy Lewis Watkins
self and communications
Midland, TX

Incredible that during the special session the state decided we needed to redraw maps to suppress voters instead of doing something about our failing power grid, emergency fund for flash flood devastation or any of the other myriad of problems facing the state. Stand up to Trump and say no to voter suppression. This is simply disgusting gerrymandering. I currently have no voice where I live. My representatives do not listen to me so at this point I am being taxed without representation to give tax breaks to greedy corporations. I'm sick and tired of this idiocracy this state wants to pull. Instead of making life better for those living in the state we want to bow down to a fascist person who is currently in the oval office. Let's all be truthful and just call him a fascist pedophile but I guess the republicans don't care about stopping pedophiles anymore. Stand up or step down. You have the chance to take a stand instead of handing him the reigns to ruin this country. Take a stand and vote no to redistrict and suppress voters even more in this state.

Raul elguea
Self - Engineer
EL PASO, TX

Please don't touch our district. We like the way it is currently. Thank you! God Bless!

Kathryn Van Winkle, Dr.
self / editor
Leander, TX

I strongly opposed this redistricting effort and the proposed map. This new map is a naked power grab that would disenfranchise voters in my Central Texas region. It deploys racial gerrymandering, which is illegal. I urge the legislature to oppose it.

John Middleton, Mr.
self / retired
Houston, TX

Texas does not need Congressional Redistricting at this time, and I am appalled that this is even being considered (especially with the Republican tilt). Also, you have delayed on new elections for deceased democrats leaving some Texans without true representation.

Scott Swanson, Mr.
Self
Austin, TX

In the middle of the decade because Texas is in play, state leaders are redrawing congressional maps in order to save Republican power instead of letting voters choose their representatives through the democratic process. The proposed maps cut out Democratic members of Congress and destroy the power of our communities — all to protect Republican power while silencing Black, Hispanic, and Asian Americans. It is a disgusting, vile, and grotesque mockery of democracy that poses a serious threat to Texas voters' representation and could boost authoritarian control. We see you. We can't believe what you say, because we see what you do. You took an oath to uphold the Constitution. Now is the time to remember that.

Mark Loovis
Self
Richardson, TX

As a voter in Texas, I am writing to express my deep disappointment and concern over the recently proposed congressional district maps. These maps appear to prioritize political gain over the fair and equitable representation of the people they are meant to serve.

Rather than organizing districts based on shared interests, community ties, and geographic logic, the maps seem to carve up regions in a way that dilutes voices and fragments communities. It is disheartening to witness a process where citizens are treated not as individuals with needs and concerns, but as strategic pieces in a larger power struggle.

I feel that the intent behind these maps is to silence the already limited voice I have, which is my vote. When districts are drawn in ways that strip voters of meaningful influence, it undermines the very foundation of our democracy. It sends a message that power, not people, is the true priority.

This process lacks transparency, fairness, and respect for the voters of Texas. I urge the Legislature to reject these maps and pursue a redistricting approach that genuinely reflects the values of representation, accountability, and community.

Respectfully,
Mark Loovis
Richardson, TX

Brenda Hampton
Self
Kingwood, TX

I am a voter and against redistricting at this time. Redistricting is done after a census. There was a census in 2020 and redistricting in 2021. There is no valid reason for redistricting other than political gain. We live in a democracy and people fought and died for freedom, due process, and equality. Redistricting during a special session right before an election is none of the above. DO NOT VOTE FOR REDISTRICTING. This is illegal.

Crystal Harrison
Self Executive Toshiba
Austin, TX

I stand in support of HB4 redistricting map

Cliff Caldwell
Self
San Antonio, TX

Redistricting! Just because you have the power does not make it right. In fact, because you have the power you have a higher duty to act in good faith towards the constituents of this state. Redistricting now, just 4 years after it was last done, serves only the purpose of satisfying someone who has redrawn boundaries to suit their own agenda. Did the people in the affected areas ask for this to be done? Has it been done free of malice or malintent? Does it correct some prior wrong? I currently live in a Congressional District that stretches hundreds of miles not because it was what was right but it was what was expedient to power. That is fundamentally wrong! Reject this effort to redraw the boundaries now.

Colleen Donart
Self
Sugar Land, TX

I am vehemently opposed to the mid decade, off cycle redistricting plans that are a direct attempt to let Republicans STEAL 5 seats. This is a blatant attempt to take away the voices of people in minority-majority districts. I emplore ALL legislators to have the COURAGE TO CARE!!! and vote against this!!!

Melissa Coupal, Dr.
self; independent researcher, writer, and translator
Austin, TX

Like many Texans, I am proud of my family's heritage in this state. My father's family arrived here in 1836. Independence, both of thought and of action, are values my family cherished then, and I cherish now. This includes political expression. Each citizen of this state should have the ability to hold and share political opinions, support political action, and to cast a vote that expresses those opinions and actions. We should be able to cast our vote confidently, with the knowledge that one person, one vote is a a right and value upheld by the government of the State of Texas. As legislators, it is your responsibility to ensure that each and every Texan is represented in our state and our country's governmental decisions. One way those rights are protected is by making sure that the voting districts established by the state accurately reflect that district's demographic makeup. Districts should only be redrawn when demographic shifts require it. The current redistricting maps presented for your consideration do not reflect such changes. They are presented in response to demands from cowardly state and federal leaders, greedy to retain power whether or not the people the purport to represent wish them to do so. Please do not give in to these demands. Please vote in the best interest of ALL Texans. Thank you for voting against redistricting.

Nicole Baker
Self- Vice President HR
Denton, TX

As a long time Texan raising my family here, I am appalled at the thought that my state government would try to redistrict and redraw the maps just to appease a Trump demand. We are our own state who should pride ourselves on thinking for ourselves, fighting fair and following the rules. This is not what Texans want you all to be doing and I will not cast a future vote for anyone that supports this. It’s undemocratic and shameful.

Samir Shah
Self, marketing professional
Austin, TX

Blatant attempt to rig an election, from a party ostensibly concerned about voter fraud.

If this goes through I will redouble my effort and my funding for Democratic candidates in the state house.

Justin Linder
Self
Austin, TX

The Texas lege must absolutely oppose this change. Republicans should be campaigning and winning on actually good policy ideas rather than trying to redraw districts to their advantage at the direction of the federal government and president.

darryl JOHNSON
Self
Killeen, TX

Why are we doing this when food and gas is increasing, and we are worried about what demographic is in which district. This is stupidity at its finest

Patrick Hess
self
Mansfield, TX

This bill is extremely shady and shameful. This absolutely will only serve to degrade the Republican party's reputation, they used to have a spine but now cannot stand up for their selves or their constituents. This bill is a desperate power grab and will only serve to disenfranchise all Texas voters.

Texas Republican representatives, I urge you to do what is right and stand up for yourselves and your constituents. Vote No on HB4 congressional redistricting.

Gary Spinell
Self
McKinney, TX

So the plan is for you to choose the voters instead of having the voters choose their representatives. If you ran on and endorsed wholesome values and plans to help everyone you wouldn't have to rig the election! As your constituent and someone deeply invested in preserving the integrity of our democratic process, I respectfully urge you to oppose and speak out against Texas House Bill 4 (HB 4) and similar redistricting measures that undermine local autonomy and distort fair representation.

Core Concerns:

1. Erosion of Local Control HB 4 represents a significant state overreach that preempts the authority of municipalities to govern local matters — including district lines, voting access, and community representation. Local leaders are often more attuned to the demographics, needs, and values of their constituents. This top-down control not only disrespects local governance but creates a dangerous precedent that weakens community self-determination.

2. Partisan Gerrymandering Though redistricting is necessary after the census, HB 4 has resulted in maps that favor one political party disproportionately — despite growing demographic diversity and shifting political attitudes across Texas. Packing and cracking communities of color dilutes their voting power, marginalizes their voices, and violates the spirit, if not the letter, of the Voting Rights Act.

3. Voter Confidence and Democratic Legitimacy When districts are drawn to guarantee outcomes, voters lose trust that their participation matters. Gerrymandering drives polarization, reduces competitiveness, and leads to extreme candidates who are less accountable to a broad base. A healthy democracy requires that elections be meaningful contests — not foregone conclusions engineered through maps.

4. Legal and Constitutional Risks Similar redistricting laws have faced successful legal challenges in the past for violating constitutional protections and federal laws such as the Voting Rights Act. HB 4 exposes Texas to ongoing litigation that wastes taxpayer dollars and undermines the credibility of the legislative process.

5. Missed Opportunity for Reform Rather than doubling down on partisan redistricting, Texas could have f
ollowed the lead of other states that established independent redistricting commissions — giving citizens more control and creating maps based on fairness, transparency, and accountability. This approach encourages broader civic engagement and reflects the will of the people, not just political operatives.
In closing, redistricting should be a tool for representation, not manipulation. HB 4 sacrifices the democratic principle of fair and equal representation in favor of short-term political gain. I respectfully ask that you consider the long-term consequences and advocate for reforms that serve all Texans, regardless of party or zip code.

Rebeckah Mersinger
self, Executive Assistant
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose the proposed redistricting bill, HB 4. As a lifelong Texan, a recent graduate with a BA in Political Science, and someone who grew up in the rural town of Goldthwaite, I recognize exactly what this is: a blatant power grab poorly disguised as governance.

As someone who has studied political systems and works directly with underrepresented, minority communities through my job at MELJ Center, a nonprofit that serves formerly incarcerated people and their families, I see how these redistricting decisions directly impact policy outcomes, community funding, and civil rights. These current efforts are not driven by necessity or fairness, but they so obviously display how Republican lawmakers in Texas are submitting to Trump's anti-democratic demands. Redistricting should be about fair representation, not political manipulation. However, these maps do not reflect the demographic and political realities of Texan communities. They are not only a blatant attempt to suppress minority voices but also dilute the voices of rural and working-class Texans. Gerrymandered districts disconnect lawmakers from the people they claim to represent. They allow politicians to choose their voters, rather than voters choosing their representatives.

Texas is stronger when all people, regardless of geography, race, or political affiliation, are fairly represented. Anyone who votes for this map will be remembered as an abomination for contributing to the deliberate deterioration of democracy. The people of Texas deserve leaders who defend democracy, not followers who sell out to a racist administration that treats voters like obstacles, not citizens, and clings to power through deceit and manipulation.

Isela Porras
self
El Paso, TX

Disappointed in the Republican Party. It seems that you are not working for Texans. You need to remember you represent Texans not the president. Do what is right for Texas!

Cherrelle Duncan
Self
Houston, TX

My name is Cherrelle Duncan, and I am a Texan who stands in opposition to this redistricting process and the maps presented.

There is no legitimate reason for mid-decade redistricting. This process is a waste of taxpayer dollars and serves no purpose other than to dilute Black political power. It is clear to anyone paying attention that this is not about fair representation, but that this is about racial gerrymandering and intentional voter suppression.
Let’s be honest: the field hearings were performative. You had these maps in your possession and failed to produce them for public review in good faith. To release them and call a hearing with less than 48 hours' notice, while the public is still reviewing the details, is a textbook example of a process designed to limit input and silence dissent.

This map eliminates two of the four Congressional districts in Texas where Black voters have historically elected candidates of their choice. The 9th and 18th Congressional Districts, both protected by law, have been gutted. You’ve redrawn the 9th into a district with only 10% Black population and fractured the long-standing base of the 18th.

This map is crafted to destroy the Black and Brown coalitions that have historically fought for justice and equity in Texas. It is no coincidence that these maps provoke intra-community conflict while diluting our collective power. This is about the future of our democracy, and the message you're sending is loud and clear: you are not drawing maps to represent Texans—you are drawing maps to erase us.

We will not forget. And we will not be silent.

Anne Livingston, Ms.
Self - Educator
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose the current redistricting effort underway in the state of Texas. This process, at this time, is both inappropriate and unacceptable for legal, ethical, and democratic reasons. First, let's be clear: redistricting is meant to happen once a decade after the census. Texas last redrew its maps in 2021, and by law, there is no requirement or justification for doing it again now. There's simply no legal mandate for mid-cycle redistricting, which makes this an obvious political maneuver, not a constitutional necessity. Second, Texas's electorate is diverse and growing. According to the independent Voter Project, about 46% of voters lean Democratic, 38% Republican, and the rest are independents. But instead of maps that reflect that balance, the current proposal would give Republicans control of up to 30 of 38 congressional districts. That's not democracy, that's gerrymandering. These new maps unfairly target Democratic incumbents, especially in urban and minority-majority areas. They force Democratic lawmakers into the same districts and dilute the voting power of Black and Latino communities. This is happening just as the Department of Justice is raising concerns about previous maps already suspected of violating the Voting Rights Act. Let's not forget - Texas has a long history of federal courts striking down its redistricting maps for racial discrimination. And yet, here we are again, with a rushed partisan process, thinly disguised as a "correction." Furthermore, this redistricting effort disrupts vital constituent services. When representatives are swapped out midterm, thousands of Texans risk losing access to caseworkers managing their Social Security, veterans' benefits, and immigration help. This isn't just political – it's personal! Redistricting now is a obvious power grab that undermines democracy, disrespects communities of color, and damages the integrity of public service. Finally, I'd also like to remind all of you that you work for the people of this state not those in Washington DC. Texans deserve state lawmakers who are focusing on the myriad issues facing the state now - like figuring out how to improve our response and preparation to natural disasters; providing our children safe, research-based, and evidence-informed education; and addressing affordability and the cost of living. Shame on you for kowtowing to the whims and directives of anyone other than the people of Texas. For the sake of every Texas voter, I implore you to prevent this redistricting effort!

Jenny Spencer, Dr.
Self, Researcher
Austin, TX

As an independent living in Austin, Texas, I urge the committee to reject an unscheduled and unnecessary redistricting, which does not reflect the interests or needs of our community and will serve as a political manipulation to de-value the voices of my fellow Texans.

Megan Peterson
self
Austin, TX

Do not gerrymander the state of Texas. The Gov Abbott and the rest of the Texas legislature work for the people of Texas and not for Trump or the man from Virginia trying to force this issue.

John Gardner, Mr
Self
Arlington, TX

I oppose this racist corrupt bill to strip away the voices of Texas voters. Do Not give away Texas to Donald Trump!
We are proud and independent Texans We do not bend to Washington DC's will.

Dawn Luck-Ezell
self
San Antonio, TX

This is the criminals in charge trying to stay in charge. They know their policies and scams (such as the voucher ordeal) are not popular so they have to redistrict so that they can win at all cost and stay in charge. These are not republican ideas, they are millionaire and billionaire ideas. Check the facts, not Fox.

Jonathan Carroll
Self
Austin, TX

As a lifelong Texan, and someone who lives in one the proposed affected districts, I fully oppose this blatant and disgusting power grab, which is going to be a waste of Texas taypayer time and resources, and will ultimately be ruled unconstitutional. Our leaders need to have pride and a backbone, and not cower to every ridiculous whim of the felon president. Leave our districts untouched by this obvious racism, stop this ridiculous gerrymandering attempt now.

Leticia Cuvillier
Self, neonatal nurse practitioner
Brownsville, TX

The purpose of this letter is to express concerns regarding the proposed congressional redistricting map being considered by the legislature.

Specifically, the potential impact of merging the 35th and 37th districts in Central Texas is concerning. This move could result in voter suppression and dilute the voting power of Black and Latino communities in the area. Redistricting should uphold the principle of "one person, one vote" and ensure fair representation for all Texans.

This change could significantly affect the community in Brownsville potentially splitting our community and hindering our ability to elect a representative who truly understands and advocates for our needs. The community relies on having a representative who can effectively address local concerns.

It is urged that the proposed redistricting map be opposed and that a plan that respects community integrity and complies with the Voting Rights Act is advocated for. Ensuring that all Texans have the opportunity to elect representatives of their choice, regardless of race or background, is crucial.
Leticia Cuvillier

Katelyn Absalom
self; graduate student
Dallas, TX

I am commenting to state my opposition to a mid-decade redrawing of the Congressional Districts. The legislature and Governor Abbott should be ashamed of their legislative priorities for this special session, especially in the wake of the recent floods that killed over 100 people. Texas citizens are concerned with our safety in a time of increasing natural disasters due to the climate crisis. We do not want the congressional districts redrawn for no other purpose than political gain. If the districts are to be redrawn, then they need to be drawn in a fair and non biased way according to the census data. The goal of redistricting should be to give more power to the people — everyone is entitled for their vote to be counted as equitable with their fellow citizens. Abuse of the district maps harms all citizens, especially the most vulnerable. The districts should be drawn with equity in mind, not political gain. Once again, I oppose the mid-decade congressional redistricting and encourage all state representatives to join me in my opposition. Thank you.

Mona Mehdy, Dr.
self, professor
Austin, TX

I am writing in strong opposition to the proposed mid-decade redistricting of Texas. No clear evidence has been furnished for why this unprecedented, completely out of step with the regular decade scheduling of redistricting action needs to be taken. There should be no redistricting at this time and the special session should be devoted to the disgraceful state of flooding management, the lack of emergency sirens, the need for rezoning in floodplains and financial assistance to those who were harmed by the July 4th floods and financial support for them to relocate to safer areas.
I stand opposed to the HB 4 proposed map that was released today, July 30, 2025. This map shows glaring, one-sided, GOP favored in elections changes in districts reduces non-GOP and minority voters strength, specifically targeted across the state. The proposed map rampantly controverts the intent and stipulations of the Voting Rights Act and undermines representative democracy through the drawing of maps aimed at promoting political outcomes and not upholding citizens having strong protected voting rights across the state to decide elections. You were not elected to further damage our Texas democracy but rather to solve problems for our state.

David Broadwell
self - retired teacher
Plano, TX

I would like to request that the legislature show that they are elected for their own constituents and reject the redistricting of our congressional voting districts towards an non equitable slant for one party or another. Let us vote with our neighbors and let the chips fall where they may. It is sad to think otherwise. It's about right and wrong, fairness versus greed. Politicians should be elected by who they are and not influenced by money and re election. Whether this is how its always been does not matter. We need to start the change for the best equity for the people you represent and not just some people in a far off place called DC. Otherwise, how would you be able to sleep at night knowing you gave away your integrity.
Sincerely,
David Broadwell

Robin Johnson
CWA union
Dallas, TX

I think this is a shame about the new map you have drawn up. You have eliminated a lot of voters and you did this all to give into a peer pressure. What happen to the Voters Right. What happen to working with you people. You have always scream VOTER FRAUD WHAT IS THIS. This is unacceptable for the American people and I hope you will not support this MAP

Timothy Edward Duda
self/retired educator
San Antonio,, TX

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We are witnessing an undemocratic attempt to cling to power. I demand the legislature draw maps that are truly reflective of the diversity of our state.

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Dale Upshaw, Veteran retired
Self/Retired veteran
San Antonio, TX

Republicans control more states with no guardrails—so they can gerrymander fast and furious. Texas, Florida, North Carolina, Ohio—they could lock in 10 to 13 extra House seats by 2026.

But Democrats? If Newsom breaks California's independent redistricting laws, and New York joins in, they could claw back up to 10 seats of their own. It's a knife fight. And if both sides go all in? Republicans still come out just barely ahead—but at the cost of democracy itself."

So here's the question: do Democrats fight fire with fire—or stay the moral course while losing power? Because if no one plays fair anymore, the people lose either way.

This isn't red vs. blue—it's rigged vs. real. Pay attention. Speak up. Because next time, your district might just disappear."

Let's be real—this isn't about fair representation anymore. It's about locking down power before the next presidential election. Republicans are laying legal landmines to protect Trump in 2028. These maps? They're not just districts. They're weapons.

And for Democrats? If they don't counter—if they let California or New York stay 'neutral' while Texas runs wild—they risk losing the House even if they win the national popular vote by millions. That's not democracy, that's manipulation at scale.

But here's the catch: Democrats built their brand on defending voting rights, clean elections, and commissions. If they go full-throttle gerrymander, they risk losing the moral high ground—and trust with their own base.

So the ultimate question isn't just 'Who wins?'—it's: What do we lose? And the answer is: faith. Trust. Legitimacy. Because once you normalize the rigging, you don't get the rules back.

Either we fix this now—or America becomes a rigged democracy in red and blue ink. And nobody gets a fair shot ever again."

Now let's talk about who really gets crushed in this redistricting war: Black and brown communities, working-class voters, and young people.

These gerrymandered maps aren't just about flipping party colors—they're about erasing voices, slicing through neighborhoods, and making sure certain communities never get the power to fight back.

In Texas? They've already started cracking Latino districts in the Rio Grande Valley and slicing up Black-majority neighborhoods in Houston. In Georgia and North Carolina? Same playbook—dilute, divide, and dominate.

And don't think Democrats won't do the same if they're desperate enough. They'll protect incumbents, sideline progressives, and freeze out grassroots movements if they think it helps them hold the chamber.

At this point, we're not just watching parties battle—it's the architecture of democracy being rewritten behind closed doors. The Constitution gives states this power. But when that power is abused, and the courts won't step in?

Then it's up to us. The people. Because once both sides stop pretending to care about fairness, the only question left is:

Who's drawing the map—and who gets erased?"

Claire Peters
Self
Spring, TX

This is abhorrent, do not gerrymander our state.

Nina Lian
Self
Houston, TX

I am firmly opposed to this redistricting effort. The Texas Legislature should focus on establishing the necessary regulations and support to prevent the horrific flooding and deaths which just occurred in Central Texas. You should not be making a mockery of democracy with these shameful, gerrymandered voting maps. They are a disgrace to the notion of democracy. Stop these maps now.

Jaycie Dardeau
Self
Addison, TX

We should not be redistricting in the middle of a decade. This is clearly just a ploy for Donald Trump to try to steal 5 seats from the American people and more specifically Texans. Do not mess with Texas. This is undemocratic and our state is gerrymandered enough. We deserve to be accurately represented. What are the republicans so scared of that they can't play fair?

Grace Chen
Self - Nurse
Dallas, TX

I do not approve of this act by the Texas Legislature. If redistricting is truly necessary, it should be done during a normal legislative session to allow Texans the chance to speak their minds on the matter. Being rushed and forced through behind closed doors as it is right now is wrong. We have the right to be heard and a right to defend our electoral rights. Please do not move forward with this bill. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Emmett Dear
Self
Fort Worth, TX

I do not want gerrymandering or purposeful silencing of our voices.

Bernadette Silva
Self
El Paso, TX

El Paso is a thriving and diverse community representing everything I love about Texas. Sadly, political forces are seeking to break up our wonderful city to pick and choose who they'd prefer to represent, flying in the face of our vote and will. I am fervently against continual efforts to split up our neighborhoods even more than they already are after the previous round of redistricting. From the chopping and slicing of our community in North Hills, it is blatantly apparent that our neighboring member of Congress is selecting higher income households to represent while also avoiding representing our community. In the meantime, Rep. Escobar is left to rally for our people as best she can, while being asked to answer for his votes. El Pasoans and the rest of Texas deserve better than this manipulation.

Xing Huang
self
Converse, TX

I stand in opposition to redistricting. Redistricting should be about fair representation. Unfortunately, the new map splits neighborhood, dilutes voices of minorities, and draws lines prioritizing political incumbency over people. Gerrymandering undermines core principles of representative democracy. The map does not reflects the real growth in diversity at a time when people of color (such as Asian Americans) represent the largest growth in population in Texas. I urge you to reject this attempt at power grab. Do the right thing to put people over politics!

Kathleen Springer
Self, psychologist
Houston, TX

I oppose this plan to redraw congressional maps because not only is it cheating, it’s cheating that can be done by blue states too. The governors of CA & NY have already said that they will redraw their maps if TX goes through with this plan and I believe them. With this bill, we may be able to redraw the TX map to gain 5 seats, but I believe it will ultimately end up costing us way more than 5 seats.

Jack Applewhite, Mr.
Self, Retired
Austin, TX

Redistricting should NOT happen until 2031, AFTER the 2030 Census. I expect my Texas elected officials to deal with Texas' issues, NOT do the bidding of President Trump. Do you represent Texans or are you President Trump's lackeys? This special session has other, far more important, issues with which to deal. Thank you.

Kelly Roberts
self/Realtor
McKinney, TX

It is unconscionable that there is even a consideration of redistricting at this time, when it is not due. We have technology at our disposal. AI could easily and simply draw maps according to the latest census. To pervert our representation in this way is cheating, plain and simple.

Elena Karaytcheva
Self, Marketing Director
Houston, TX

I do not support this bill and do not want it to be passed.

Andrea Green
Self
Austin, TX

Texas HB 4 by Hunter is un-American and anti-Texas bill. This bill is playing politics and ignores the needs of the people. This bill is politicians choosing voters, and not voters choosing politicians, which is fundamentally anti-democratic. I am opposed to this bill and I ask you not to vote it into law. Thank you for listening and respecting the land and communities we call home.

Devin Light
Self, Student
Austin, TX

I am writing to express my strong objection to the proposed mid-decade redistricting map. This map is a clear example of partisan gerrymandering, strategically drawn to dilute the voting power of urbanized communities and artificially reinforce Republican control for the foreseeable future. This is a cynical exercise in which politicians are choosing their voters, rather than voters choosing their politicians. Such a practice undermines the very foundation of representative democracy, effectively disenfranchises countless Texans, and further erodes public trust in our already-fractured electoral system.

Fair districts should be drawn based on clear, non-partisan criteria. They should be compact and contiguous, respecting established geographic and political boundaries like county lines, city limits, and natural features. Most importantly, district lines must preserve communities like neighborhoods, school districts, and local economies that bind Texans together. When a community is kept whole within a single district, its residents have a genuine opportunity to elect a representative who understands and can advocate for their collective needs. The current proposal does the opposite, intentionally carving up cohesive communities for the sole purpose of achieving a partisan outcome.

I urge you to reject this unfair map and support a process that creates districts based on community integrity and fair competition, not partisan advantage.

Barbara Uskovich, Mrs.
Self
Midlothian, TX

Vote YES

Millicent Turner
N/A
Irving, TX

Consider all people of Texas not just a select group of people.

Eleanor Bartosh
Self
Austin, TX

I oppose the redrawing of district lines.

Danielle Bryant
Self
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose the proposed redistricting maps being considered in this special session.

During the regular session, the Legislature wasted hundreds of hours pushing Greg Abbott's deeply unpopular voucher scheme—an out-of-touch plan to rip millions from neighborhood public schools—while refusing to hold a single hearing on literacy, student behavior, or the teacher shortage. And now, instead of addressing the devastating floods that took hundreds of lives, we are dragged into a special session to redraw gerrymandered maps so Republicans can cling to power nationally.

That's exactly what's happening again today. Don't be fooled. This isn't about fairness or representation—it's about power. The existing maps are already cracked and packed in ways that make no sense for communities and are under active litigation, but we know this process is not about fixing them.
Everyone knows this is a Trump-backed power grab—a rogue DOJ letter cooked up to give cover for grabbing five more seats to serve a politically toxic agenda.

Trump's platform is wildly unpopular in Texas. The same Texans whose schools you defunded this spring will lose their Medicaid, their hospitals, and in too many cases, their lives—so billionaires can get tax breaks. And you know it. These new maps are nothing more than an attempt to cheat voters and cement political control instead of serving the people of this state.

I urge you to reject these maps, reject this sham process, and start governing for Texans—not for Trump, not for the DOJ, and not for the GOP's political survival.

Debbie Havranek
Myself
Allen, TX

I am for the redistricting of congressional districts.

Susan Backer
self / retired
Liberty Hill, TX

NO REDISTRICTING FOR TEXAS! Mr. Trump should keep his hands off of our State. Abbott should focus on setting up warnings for severe flash floods in this special session.

Mandy Tran
Self, Receptionist
Katy, TX

I urge Texas representatives to vote against HB 4. I oppose HB 4 because it is a corrupt election rigging attempt by the GOP. The new maps, drawn by the GOP-majority Texas Legislature, will give the GOP five new seats in the US House of Representatives in the 2026 midterm elections, an obvious conflict of interest. It is clear that the Texas GOP is obeying President Trump's demand to create five more GOP seats for him ahead of the 2026 midterms so he can secure more power. If Trump and the GOP want to win elections, then they should serve their constituents, such as by combating rising grocery prices, funding critical flood recovery, and releasing the Epstein Files. Instead, HB 4 is a pathetic election rigging attempt that erodes the political power of everyday Texans like me and my loved ones.

Wayland KEITH
Self
Denton, TX

I am in favor of the redistricting of congressional districts

Marylyn Holland
Self
Lubbock, TX

No redistricting

Anthony Stevens
self
Austin, TX

It's absolutely disgusting power grab. It 100% proves that the republicans are anti-american, and only interested in their self interests. Republicans are afraid of losing power, and instead of just being better, they have to resort to changing the rules so that the voice of Texans can not be heard. If we wanted a FAIR map, there are resources for that, but a FAIR map would show that republicans are not as popular as they would believe. It does show that they do not believe in fair representation.

MERY ARRIAGA, Ms
Constituent
San Antonio, TX

This is wrong yall should be ashamed of yourself for gerrymandering. You testicle are really going to let trump ribe ypu to this this the the people this is not the usa that we want to live in the USA with freedom. Of speech and opportunity for the people to vote you are coward scum i have child braver then you your scare the state will trun blue good its about time I hope evil spirits haunt you and your families till the days your bloodlines die.

Kimberly DeWeese
self / attorney
Plano, TX

I am writing to strongly oppose HR 4 and the precedent it sets for redistricting in Texas. Redistricting should serve the people—not a political party.

Using the redistricting process solely to increase one party's number of seats undermines public trust and erodes the democratic principles this state and country were founded on. This kind of manipulation does not reflect the will of the voters; it reflects the will of politicians protecting their own power.

Texans deserve fair, transparent, and nonpartisan district maps that ensure all communities have equal representation. HR 4 moves us in the opposite direction. I urge you to reject it.

Maryam Vali
SAAVETX
Allen, TX

RE: Opposition to Mid-Decade Congressional Redistricting – A Statement from South Asian Texans
Dear Governor Abbott, Lt. Governor Patrick, and Speaker Burrows,
As members of the South Asian American community across Texas, we write to express our unequivocal opposition to the mid-decade congressional redistricting plan currently before the Legislature.
South Asian Texans are one of the fastest-growing populations in this state. We run businesses, drive innovation, advance medicine, and enrich the cultural and civic life of Texas. We also vote, organize, and contribute to the democratic process.
But this redistricting proposal is not about improving representation — it is about manipulating it. These maps are being redrawn to break up strong, diverse voting blocs and weaken the collective voice of communities of color, including South Asians, who are becoming an undeniable force in Texas politics.
In major metropolitan counties where South Asians live and work — Harris, Fort Bend, Dallas, Collin, Tarrant, Travis, and Bexar — cohesive neighborhoods are being fractured and stitched together with distant rural counties. These artificial districts have nothing to do with shared interests and everything to do with diluting the political power of growing populations.
This is not representation. This is an intentional strategy to silence voters and undermine democracy.
What does a tech executive in Plano have in common with a farmer hundreds of miles away? What shared vision for Texas can come from districts designed to split communities apart rather than bring them together?
Texas should stand as a model of democratic integrity, where representation reflects the people who call this state home. Instead, this process dismantles the very pillars of democracy — fairness, accountability, and trust.
When maps are drawn for partisan gain, they don’t just distort election outcomes — they tell entire communities their voices don’t matter.
We stand with Texans in Fort Bend, Collin, Dallas, Harris, Travis, Williamson, Bexar, El Paso, Denton, and Tarrant Counties who are seeing their voting power diluted and their representation sacrificed for political advantage.
We urge you to withdraw this plan and commit instead to drawing fair maps that keep communities whole, reflect where people actually live and work, and protect every Texan’s right to representation.
Democracy only works when every vote counts and every voice is heard. These maps break that promise. Texans — all Texans — deserve better.
Sincerely,
Maryam Vali/SAAVETX
Allen, Texas

Mikaela Frissell
Self
Austin, TX

This bill is wrong for Texas and is will only add to the problems of hyper partisanship in the country. Please do what is right for Texas not for Trump and the Republican Party.

Stephen Bridges
The 134 Pac
Rosanky, TX

Against passage. You're chosing your voters instead of voters choosing candidates. Stop the steal.

Brandon McGinnity
self, HVAC technician
Austin, TX

This redistricting is unconscionable, how dare you! Blatantly corrupt and partisan to silence the voice of right about HALF THE STATE'S POPULATION. This in no way should pass, this is undemocratic, unTexan and unAmerican. You should be ashamed of yourselves. And remember what happened last time "taxation without representation" occurred.

Kristi Giemza
Self
Lubbock, TX

Gerrymandering is bad for a healthy representative democratic republic - whether it’s done by democrats or republicans. Please exert your independence from political pressure in DC and do what is best for the citizens of Texas.

Susan Stasney
Myself
Round rock, TX

Absolutely not. Do not mess with Texas and redistrict our state.

Michael Stueber
Self
La Grange, TX

We need to do it

Adrian Avalos
self, material worker
Houston, TX

My name is Adrian Avalos, and I am a proud resident of Congressional District 29. I submit this comment in strong opposition to the proposed redistricting plan that would redraw and fracture our district.

CD-29 is more than just lines on a map — it is a community bound by shared values, cultural heritage, and common concerns. The proposed map would break apart communities of interest and weaken the ability of Latino voters and working families to advocate for their needs. It is clear this redistricting effort is politically motivated, not driven by what’s best for the people who actually live here.

Fair representation matters. Our district deserves to remain intact so that our voices — especially those who have historically been marginalized — are not silenced. I urge the committee to reject this map and instead adopt one that reflects the reality and integrity of our community.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak out.

Sincerely,
Adrian O. Avalos

Morgan Ray
Self - student
College station, TX

Stop gerrymandering our state

Jennifer Hernandez
IUPAT, International Union of Painters and Allied Trades DC10 and myself
Humble, TX

My name is Jennifer Hernandez, Director of Government Affairs and Union rep with the IUPAT, International Union of Painters and Allied Trades District Council 10. We represent glazier and painters and tradeshow workers in Houston and throughout the state. I'm here today not just as a union leader, but as a proud Houstonian and a community advocate who's been on the ground—walking our neighborhoods, organizing workers, and standing with families after floods, blackouts, and attacks on our rights. Today, I speak for the working people of Houston—the backbone of this city. And I speak out against this dangerous redistricting process that threatens to divide our communities and deny us a voice.
Let me be clear: these proposed maps are not about fairness—they're about power. Houston has three congressional districts up for possible redrawing. And the lines being considered would fracture Black, Brown, and working-class neighborhoods—splitting us apart just to protect political careers that don't represent us.
People deserve to elect leaders who come from our communities—who know our schools, our streets, our struggles. Not politicians forcibly drawn in. That's gerrymandering—and it violates the Voting Rights Act, plain and simple.
We need representatives who understand Houston because they live in Houston. Because they've knocked on doors here. Because they've stood in food lines during storms and marched alongside us when our rights were under attack time and time again.
Governor Abbott is using this special session to push Trump's agenda—focusing on political control instead of recovery from catastrophic floods, funding our schools, rising housing costs, and failing infrastructure. While Texas families are still rebuilding, our governor is redrawing maps to lock us out of power.
This isn't just political—it's personal. When you silence a district, you silence its future. And in Houston, we're not going to be silent. We take care of each other when the system fails. And we will fight for districts that keep our communities together and make sure our votes count. Texas belongs to the people. And we demand maps—and policies—that reflect us, not repress us.
So I ask you: Don't erase our voices with the stroke of a pen. Stand with Houstonians. Stand with Texans. Stand for fair maps. And put Texans first—not Trump's politics. I'm a constituent of CD 18 and I don't need new maps, I need representation.
Thank you.
Jennifer Hernandez

Marni Kane
Self
Austin, TX

I'm AGAINST HB4. These maps disproportionately harm communities of color, stripping away their chance at fair representation. You are disenfranchising the very citizens you claim to serve. It's an embarrassment to Texans everywhere. Please put a stop to the shameful gerrymandering bill now!

Elizabeth Liggett
Self
Austin, TX

Redistricting will not represent the people of Texas and their desire for good education, good representation that actually enacts the will of the people to have clean affordable energy and food. People over corperations and economic greed. Do not redistrict, you aren't helping Texans and protecting them from climate change, pedophiles, and due process. Please work to get our state better schools, more affordable energy, better cost of living and a working wage.

Dennis (Denny) Kelley
Self
Temple, TX

I support congressional redistricting

Siena Pegues
Self - marketing
Austin, TX

I am a regular voter in Travis county and have been for 15 years. I am against HB4 because gerrymandering is illegal. This is an attempt to steal votes for the Republican Party from the Democratic Party in Texas. This should not even be up for debate it is unconstitutional to do this. I urge Texas reps to listen to the people who hired them and who pay their bills and to vote against this bill.

Danielle Mason
Self
Abilene, TX

Hi - as a born and raised Texan I am appalled at our state government consistently trying to drown out the nearly half of Texans who tend to vote blue. It's shameful and disrespectful to the representative republic we claim to patriotically support. This type of partisan gamesmanship at the behest of the president is absolutely a backwards approach to the governance of this country. Our constitution reserves all other powers to the state. We do not live in an authoritarian state with a federal head of state who can summarily rule by decree. And anyone who proposes that they are a patriot who loves this country but operates as if they are a federal minion is diametrically opposed to what patriotism actually stands for. I oppose the redistricting to "give the republicans 5 more seats" and I say this as an independent voter who votes split ticket 100% of the time. But I will not vote a single republican ever again if this is where the party chooses to go. Honor your code of ethics. Represent Texans first. And Trump not at all.

Michele Berg
Self - Software Development Manager
Austin, TX

I am deeply opposed to the immoral gerrymandering being considered in this bill. Maps should be drawn to follow pre-existing county or other such boundaries looking at the efficiency gap as a key metric. They should not be drawn by parties, but by non-partisan bodies. If courts find that gerrymandering occurred, all members of the commission should be removed and the courts appoint a new commission to draw the maps. Kicking maps back to partisan groups to run down the clock should be banned. This would be fair to everyone, not just whatever political party is in power at the time.

Jacqueline Blanchard, Ms.
Self, Fundraising Coordinator
Austin, TX

I am writing as a concerned Texan to express my strong opposition to any efforts to gerrymander or unfairly redraw district lines in our state. The people of Texas deserve fair representation that reflects our diverse communities, not maps designed to protect political power or silence the voices of certain groups.

Gerrymandering undermines the foundation of our democracy. It allows politicians to choose their voters, rather than voters choosing their representatives. This practice dilutes the power of communities, especially communities of color, and leads to policies that do not reflect the needs or values of the people.

I urge the Texas Legislature to commit to a redistricting process that is transparent, equitable, and centered on the fair representation of all Texans. Our districts should be drawn based on accurate census data, community input, and a commitment to protect voting rights, not partisan gain.

Please do the right thing for our democracy and stop gerrymandering in Texas.

Matthew Norman
Self
Austin, TX

I am writing in opposition to the redistricting efforts in this special session. I see a few major problems with the efforts to redraw the maps:
- First and foremost, redrawing the maps outside of the standard redistricting cycle erodes trust in the government. It is apparent that the party in power in Texas is only taking up this issue because they have been directed to do so by the President of the United States. The government does not get to pick and choose the voters it wishes. The voters pick the government. By further gerrymandering the Texas congressional map, the government has taken power from the voters.
- Second, there is already a Republican-approved map being used in Texas. If the current map is not a proper representation of the state's voters, why was it approved in the first place?
- Third, congressional maps should be drawn by someone in Texas, not a think tank outside of the state. Texans are proud to be from Texas, and rightfully so. Though we don't all agree politically, we're still Texans. Part of Texas Pride is not allowing outside influences to push us around. How sad that we are on the precipice of allowing a Virginia-based think tank to redraw our congressional districts [again] at the behest of a President from New York.
- Finally, following the devastating floods across Central Texas, there is nothing more important than making sure Texans are safe. Now is absolutely the time to drop this unnecessary redistricting effort and focus on warning systems for natural disasters. The deaths of hundreds of Texans could have been avoided had systems been in place. This should be your priority, not redistricting.

When this bill passes through committee, as I'm sure it will, Democratic congressmen and women are sure to leave the state for a quorum break. Republicans will have no one to blame but themselves. I am also curious to hear the response when Democrat-led states like California redistrict Republicans out of office. Will Texas Republicans cry foul when other states do exactly what they've done here in Texas? This whole fiasco can be avoided by rejecting HB 4.

Clayton Colwell
self -- senior software tester
Austin, TX

Ever since Ann Richards left the governorship, Texas has been plagued by Republican dirty dealings and gerrymandering cynically used to silence the voices of Democrats, who are consequently grossly underrepresented in the Texas political arena compared to the state's population per capita. And now, at the request of a President determined to shift the USA into his fascist regime, those principle-lacking Republicans are going to make it even worse, dishonestly making a blatantly game-theory move, not to adjust for population corrections informed by a census, but solely because they fear that their objectively terrible and unpopular policies will lose them power in the 2026 midterm elections. It's been bad enough that Republicans continue to submit maps that courts repeatedly determine are racially discriminatory while claiming they're not, but now to cynically agree with those courts, but not with the race the courts identified, is the worst sort of hypocrisy, and it displays the worst parts of Republican "character". Please do not agree to this heinous even-worsely-gerrymandered redistricting map, and expose the way in which gutless cynical Republicans are bending the knee to a tyrant and betraying the ideals of the nation they pretend to revere.

Susan Head
Self/veterinarian
Benbrook, TX

Redistricting mid cycle is atypical and a misuse of power to sway votes by disallowing fair representation. Please do not support the drawing of new district lines.

Shannon Langham

Self. Small Business Owner in mfg and construction

Austin, TX

I am a proud, seventh-generation Texan. My children are 8th generation, my Grandchildren 9th generation.
I am a small business owner, we manufacture and fabricate products for the construction industry. I work with the largest builders in the United States.
One of the most important guiding principles that I taught my children is that
CHOICES HAVE CONSEQUENCES.

YOU can control your choices - you cannot control the consequences of YOUR choices.
We KNOW the proposed redistricting scheme is designed to eliminate accessibility, accountability, and a strong voice for EVERY TEXAN.
It is simply Donald Trump's demand to maintain his stranglehold on the US House of Representatives.
The Texas GOP has forgotten their duty to the citizens of Texas and traded their honor to protect a felon.
WE SEE WHAT YOU ARE DOING Texas GOP.
Under this plan, many Austinites will find themselves in districts with Congressmembers based in San Angelo, Victoria, and Waco.
Austin is not even in the same climate zone as Victoria!
VOTERS should select their leaders, not the other way around.
This "Trump Map" relies on crooked lines instead of honest votes.
Every citizen has a right to be heard, and their voice is especially important when the issue is whether citizens will be able to elect someone to represent them in Congress who can be a strong voice for their values.
Making choices that suppress the will of the people and undermine the democratic process WILL NOT go unnoticed.
You often boast about your support for Texas small businesses in manufacturing and construction, yet these redistricting plans do everything to undermine the Texas citizens who run these businesses and the jobs they create for employees who contribute to our state's economy.
The long-term consequences of YOUR decisions will inevitably impact the political landscape for those who engineered those choices.
You are opening Pandora’s box and you will have NO CONTROL over what spills out of that box.
Texans remember when their fundamental rights are disregarded, and YOUR choices have led to a significant loss of trust
AND there will be future electoral repercussions for THOSE responsible for choosing to ignore the will of Texans.
YOUR legacy will be a long-term consequence, shaped by the short-term decisions you choose to make right now.

Donald Trump, the most unpopular president in American history - will be remembered as a stain on our pages of American history - what do you want the history books to say about you?

AGAIN-You control YOUR choices - you do not control the consequences of your choices.

If Texans Remember the Alamo - they will NEVER forget the very public and very obvious Texas GOP efforts to oppress and suppress TEXANS.

We know exactly what to do with garbage ideas - Don’t Mess With Texas!

Joseph M. Murray

Self. Management Training Consultant & media artist.

Flower Mound, TX

Blatant act of partisan gerrymandering. Shameful & possibly unlawfully. Must be opposed.

Natashia Gerald
Self / SOC Alumni Bearcave / The Paradigm Shift-Dallas
Dallas, TX

I am writing to express my strong opposition to any attempts at premature redistricting in the state of Texas. This move is not only unjustified—it is a blatant act that exposes how far some of our legislators are willing to go to bend the rules, distort democratic processes, and serve personal and partisan agendas over the public good.

Texas has a long and painful history of racial discrimination in housing, voting, and representation. The scars of redlining still mark our communities—an ugly legacy of exclusion, disempowerment, and systemic injustice that disproportionately affected Black and Latino residents for generations. For lawmakers to now push forward with redistricting before the constitutionally mandated time is a disturbing echo of that past.

This maneuver is not about fair representation; it is about power. It is about rigging the map so the voices of communities of color and working-class Texans are diluted, silenced, and ignored. It is about undermining the will of the people for short-term political gain. And we see it for what it is.

The rationale being offered—that the Department of Justice is applying pressure under Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act—is not a sufficient or credible justification for wholesale redistricting. If a court finds that specific districts violate federal law, then narrowly tailored remedies should be pursued. But absent a judicial mandate, any attempt to redraw the full map amounts to a political strategy cloaked in legal language. There is no credible basis for a full redistricting effort unless a federal court orders it as a narrowly tailored remedy for a specific violation. Anything else—especially when rushed through under the guise of DOJ "pressure"—should be seen for what it is: a political strategy cloaked in legal language. This approach is not just unlawful; it is immoral.

We are not living in a post-racial society. The structures that enforce inequality have simply evolved. What we are witnessing today is the new Jim Crow—more subtle in appearance, but no less oppressive in effect. Gerrymandering, voter suppression, and premature redistricting are tools of modern disenfranchisement, and we will not stand by while our rights are stripped away under the guise of legislative procedure.

The tools may be more sophisticated today—algorithms instead of red ink—but the underlying intent behind efforts like HB4 feels disturbingly familiar. We cannot allow redistricting to become yet another instrument of disenfranchisement.

I respectfully urge you: do not move forward with HB4. Do not let political expediency outweigh constitutional duty. The people of Texas deserve transparency, fairness, and a commitment to democracy that puts principle above party.

Again, I remind you—History is watching. Choose to be on the right side of it.

Natashia Gerald
Dallas, TX

Kayleigh Bukowski
Self
Houston, TX

I oppose this bill. This is not redistricting, it's silencing. Anyone that supports this bill is silencing the voices of our community that have a right to be heard.

Lindsey Ramirez
Texas AFT
Austin, TX

As a Texas AFT member and public school educator in Travis County, I oppose any mid-decade redistricting that reduces minority voting influence. Our communities deserve fair maps, not political manipulation.

Nataly Uriegas
N/A
Austin, TX

My name is Nataly Uriegas, and I live in 1703 E 16th St, Austin 78702. I'm writing to urge you to stand against the proposed redistricting maps being pushed through the Legislature. These maps appear designed to entrench partisan power rather than represent the real diversity and needs of our communities.
We deserve fair, transparent, and community-centered district lines—not ones that silence voters or split communities. I'm especially concerned about how these changes will impact Austin's representation in Congress and the Legislature.
Please use your voice and vote to:
Oppose gerrymandered or rushed maps,
Push for public input and transparency,
Support long-term redistricting reform like an independent commission.
Thank you for your leadership and for representing our district.

Jennifer Scalo
self
Austin, TX

This is blatant cheating, undemocratic and unAmerican. Shameful.

Donnetta Toston
Self and the Dallas Community
Dallas, TX

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the recent drawing of new maps in our community. As a resident and concerned individual, I believe it is essential that such changes are made transparently and with the approval of the people affected.

Unfortunately, these new maps were implemented without a vote from the community, which raises serious concerns about fairness and representation. The process appears to resemble gerrymandering, where boundaries are manipulated to favor certain interests rather than representing the true demographic and political makeup of our community.

Gerrymandering undermines the principles of democracy and compromises the trust we place in our local governance. I urge you to reconsider the current map boundaries and to ensure that any future redistricting processes are conducted openly, fairly, and with the participation of the community through a transparent voting process.

I hope you will listen to the voices of your constituents and take steps toward fair and equitable representation.

Suzanne Green
self
Sugar Land, TX

I live in congressional district 7 represented by Lizzie Fletcher. This letter serves as my opposition to redistricting without new census data. Please abandon this effort and focus on more pressing issues, such as flood mitigation and response. Although thousands of constituents testified intelligently against this redistricting in person and online, you continued this charade without proposed maps being released. It was requested that maps be released with ample time for public review and testimony at a hearing; however, you scheduled the hearing two days after the proposed map's release. This is not in good faith. As was stated multiple times throughout a hearing by the public, we the people, should choose our representatives. The representatives do not get to choose who they represent by redrawing lines without cause. I chose Lizzie Fletcher because she represents the needs of our racially diverse district and communicates with us honestly and in an unbiased manner. In the proposed map, Fletcher's district will shrink and many of us will lose her representation, which is a tragedy. Even more tragic is that Sylvester Turner's District 18 has remained unrepresented for six months, and rather than doing right by District 18's constituents, you are further taking away their representation by merging Districts 9 and 18. The changes to districts 9, 18, and 29 significantly dilute the voices of Latino and Black American minorities. The minorities are the backbone of Houston, and their voices need to be heard, not diluted. If anything, the proposed maps are racially biased against minorities. Please stop this process or redraw the maps to represent Houston fairly. Nobody likes gerrymandering. Please form an independent redistricting committee. It is unfortunate and creates distrust when representatives redistrict with a conflict of interest to maintain their position. Thank you for your time.

Angel Uribe
Self. Teacher
Houston, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map

Sam Woollard
Self
Austin, TX

I am opposed to the redistricting bill. Texans should have fairly drawn districts so that the will of the people is truly represented. Blatantly drawing districts to benefit one party is inherently wrong. We should have a neutral body draw district lines so that all Texans are fairly represented

Ashlynn Long
Self, Legal Support Staff
Austin, TX

This move for redistricting is in no way representative of what Texans want, or what is in our best interest. This is a clear example of our state government being ruled by federal powers and toeing the party line, to the detriment of our state’s citizens. I implore all reps to vote NO to this bill.

Heather Kanenberg
Self - College Professor
Houston, TX

As a longtime resident of Texas and a college professor who lives and works in Harris County, I oppose any mid-decade redistricting that changes the districts and reduces the voting rights and voices of my neighbors. Our communities deserve fair maps, not political manipulation. I urge the committee to abandon this attempt by national political leaders to change the way Texas operates! We have a history of being independent and doing what is best for all Texans. Please do not pass mid-decade redistricting maps! Thank you.

Caia Maglinao
self - apparel decorator
Georgetown, TX

By redrawing the lines as proposed, you are trying to suppress voting and fair elections. You are diluting minority voices, making sure their concerns are not heard. If republicans can't win without cheating, they shouldn't be in office. Focus was given into how you assume people will vote, rather than to what those areas really need. Rural communities have different needs than urban communities. Both deserve fair representation. This scheme is a disservice to ALL Texans.

Ellen Marshall, Dr.
Self - Professor Emerita - Alamo Colleges - San Antonio College
San Antonio, TX

I am strongly opposed to HB 24. Redistricting based on 2020 census data was done in 2021. The current maps were previously argued in sworn testimony by many Republicans as being legal. Now those same Republicans are saying that they are illegal. This turnaround is a blatant attempt at gerrymandering. This is absolutely wrong to do something like this mid-decade. Please do not pass this absolutely unnecessary bill.

Cliff Kaplan
Self
Austin, TX

This redistricting is a terrible idea -- let the voters choose their officials, not the officials choose their voters. The process, holding field hearings only before the map was published, and then cutting registration off before noon for public testimony at the 8/1/25 hearing, is also very bad form. Let people be heard in the process. It is too rushed, and moves the over all civic culture in our country in the wrong direction, to further empower President Trump, and disempower We the People.

Anacani Gonzalez
Self
El Paso, TX

I do not support redistricting. I live in a district where our local representative does not live here and he does not visit or vote in the best interest of my community. His constituents have to lean on the support of Rep. Veronica Escobar because Rep. Tony Gonzales doesn’t bother to meet any of his constituents in El Paso. I urge you to not resdistrict and instead focus on how you can ensure your constituents have access to
Healthcare, better pay, lower property taxes, fund public schools, and support an immigration reform.

Elizabeth Galiger
self. teacher.
Austin, TX

I am horrified to witness Democracy being dismantled, the most powerful country in the world reduced before our eyes. Redistricting to go from horrible gerrymandering to extreme gerrymandering at the whim of a criminally convicted president is NOT doing your job. your job is to represent your constituents, and i realize you've already gerrymandered things so much that there are very few representing my voice and you want to make that even fewer, but i beg you to honor what's left of democracy and reach inside yourself to remember any decency you once had and vote AGAINST the most blatant gerrymandering in our state and our country.

Julie Wall
Self. Music/Piano Teacher
Austin, TX

Fair districting so ALL TEXANS’ votes can count, not just Trump supporters

Valerie Street
self / teacher
Cedar Park, TX

I stand with the overwhelming majority of Texans who have testified before this committee already to reject this attempt at redrawing congressional districts for the sole purpose of increasing a political party's representation in Congress. Such an action, it would seem, seeks to deliberately subvert the will of Texas voters who should be able to elect the candidates of their choice as well as hold their elected officials accountable at the ballot box. The current district maps have never been about serving the public's interest or community's needs and the proposed changes in HB 4 would diminish the voting power for Texas communities of color. Texas lawmakers cannot have it both ways. To have both disclaimed and relied upon race in the same redistricting, when in the end, the only consistency is that the State’s position will suppress the votes of people of color. I urge you to reject HB 4 and put an end to this waste of state resources so that we might put focus back where it needs to be: Serving the people of Texas.

Jennifer Demeules
Self
Houston, TX

The new districts for my area do not align to my demographic. My small neighborhood is pieced into a new district that extends far into the suburbs and outlying areas of Houston. My concerns and needs as a constituent are much different. My current districting aligns much better to the urban area that I live in.

Rachel Wimberley
Self
Austin, TX

Y’all already redrew district lines in 2021. Shame on you. This undemocratic attempt to cling to power is shameful. We demand the legislature draw maps that are truly reflective of the diversity of our state. Texas deserves better than gerrymandering for Trump.

Brandon Stewart
Self
San Antonio, TX

As my representative, I expect you to OPPOSE redistricting! Gerrymandering is illegal, and I do not support suppression of the Black and Latino vote. SAY NO TO REDISTRICTING!

Michael Erwin, Mr.
Self
Leander, TX

I am strongly opposed to congressional redistricting. This is a sorry attempt to silence our growing liberal population out of fear for your own power and money. Gerrymandering in the hope of protecting your own status is shameful.

Licida Canan
Self
Conroe, TX

I am strictly opposed to this new map and the new districts it would instate. This map is not based on population shifts or fairness, it is drawn using “political performance” as the guiding principle. Rep. Hunter himself admitted the goal is to create five more GOP-leaning congressional districts. This bill is a clear attempt at gerrymandering and suppression of minority votes.

Sandra Tennant
Self
Cedar Park, TX

How can politicians elected by the people, surpress the same voters from their right to vote. How can you possibly look yourself in the mirror and justify this. We have certainly gone wrong some how in being compassionate human beings to.just plain greedy for power. What goes around, comes around in November.

Alfredo Ontiveros
Self
El Paso, TX

I am opposed to the redistricting of Texas as presented. First, it is unethical as it will strip our currrent district of valuable electoral votes. The state of Texas must maintain its current congressional district until the next census so that proper and more accurate count of residents are accounted for. Texas has always stood by itelf in its governance and should not rely on outside interests to influence this redistricting issue. Secondly, redrawing districts now would harm the El Paso and Ft. Bliss area stripping a vote in state congress not to mention the loss of revenue to this already minimally represented district. UTEP would also loose funding and representation where UTEP is nationally recognized for its strong educational system in the PHD areas. DO NOT vote on redistricting now but wait until the next census is complete.

Julie Bonner, Dr.
Self, content designer
Austin, TX

Why are state leaders redrawing congressional maps with no new Census and no public demand? To protect Republican's political power. They are afraid if they don't obey Trump bad things will happen to them. These proposed maps silence the voices of millions, cut out Democratic members of Congress, and tear apart our communities. But as far as I can see in the 35 years I have lived in Texas, Republicans truly do not care about the people they supposedly serve. It's all about them adhering to their religion of Republicanism and obeying Trump, even in the face of lies from the current president about not cutting Medicare and Medicaid, evidence that many people in Texas are dying from floods, hurricanes, and lack of health insurance (but they are fiscally conservative so they don't want to spend the money to protect Texas from natural disasters), and lack of rights and respect for anyone who is different than the average Republican male. Republican Texas senator Bryan Hughes learned one thing once it affected him personally, that some women will need an abortion to prevent them dying from an ectopic pregnancy. He was quite ignorant about that until it happened to his wife, then he sponsored a bill that allows the doctor to decide if an abortion is needed to save a pregnant woman's life. It seems that Republican elected officials are not capable of governing on the behalf of their constituents unless they experience misery, fear, and inequality firsthand. Everything is getting worse for the people of Texas with men like Abbott, Patrick, Paxton, Cornyn, and Cruz representing them. They do next to nothing to make the lives of the people of Texas better (except for the 1% and their fellow Republican males). It is a true disgrace.

Rachel Clemens
self
Austin, TX

I am writing to express my deep concern and strong opposition to the newly proposed redistricting maps. As a resident of Austin, I am appalled by the blatant gerrymandering in these maps, which appear designed to disenfranchise voters—not only in my community, but across the entire state.

Redistricting is intended to occur once per decade, following the census, to reflect population changes fairly. Undertaking another round of redistricting outside of this normal cycle—especially under political pressure—is an abuse of power and undermines the democratic process.

The maps in question fail to represent communities of interest and instead divide and dilute the voices of voters, particularly in diverse urban areas like Austin. This kind of manipulation damages public trust and sends a message that political self-preservation is being prioritized over fair representation.

I urge you to oppose these maps and demand a transparent, nonpartisan redistricting process that respects the principles of representative democracy and ensures every Texan’s vote carries equal weight.

Sincerely,
Rachel Clemens
711 East 43rd Street, Austin, TX 78751

Matt Williams, Mr.
self
Austin, TX

This blatant attempt by Texas Republicans to gerrymander statewide districts in a fashion more favorable to them keeping or increasing control in the U.S. Congress is vile and disgusting. It reeks of desperation and fear. Who would try to pull such a stunt if they weren't afraid of losing fair-and-square in future elections, especially the 2026 midterms? This isn't the Texas way to settle anything; this is the cowardly way. Stop this you-know-what. The Republican majority in the state legislature should be figuring out ways to prevent what happened on July 4 in the Hill Country from ever happening again, not bowing down to King Trump's imperialistic whims.

josh Busby, Dr.
Self - professor
Austin, TX

This is anti-democratic power grab by Republicans seeming to gerrymander elections by redistricting out of cycle to prevent what would like be a return to a Democratic majority in the House of Representatives in 2026. Wait until the normal 10 year cycle to redress districts after the next Census. This is cheating.

You would deprive Austinites of adequate representation by just trying make more Republican districts. This will set in motion an unraveling of districts across the country as red and blue districts re-do political maps. This will deprive voters of choice and representation and depart from established norms. We are begging not to do this as this will likely irrevocably undermine the prospects for free and fair elections. Do not do this.

Deborah Beck
self/teacher
Austin, TX

I am a former resident of CD 10 (McCaul) who was redistricted in 2021 into CD 37 (Doggett). District 10 was ridiculous. It combined parts of Austin; several rural counties east of Austin; and some suburbs of Houston. The entire district was 150 miles long and its parts had nothing in common. At the same time, my community was chopped in two -- I was in a different district from people who lived literally three blocks from me. For ten years, Representative McCaul ignored me and his other Austin constituents. He did not hold town halls and he refused to meet with constituents who came to his office every week requesting a meeting. Unlike “Representative” McCaul, who bent over backwards not to represent me, Representative Doggett actually represents me, and all of his constituents whether or not they agree with his policy positions. No one deserves the unrepresentative, undemocratic, community-killing gerrymander that I lived with for the first decade of my residence in Austin.

The proposed redistricting does not address any needs of Texans. It is not a good-faith effort in any way. It is simply the Governor rushing to do the bidding of President Trump with no regard for the voters of Texas. The Legislature and the Governor work for us. We pay your salary. This is not what we want and it is not to our benefit.

It is absurd to redistrict when our current maps are in court to determine whether they illegally include racial gerrymandering. Given that 95% of our population increase since the 2010 census was minority voters, and none of the districts that are now in court are majority minority, racial gerrymandering under the current set of maps is a good possibility. The new map is even more flagrantly racially gerrymandered.

Voters have not received adequate notice of the proposed map, of hearings on redistricting, and voter input during hearings is artificially limited. This process seems designed to disenfranchise voters at every stage, from the conception of the maps to the maps themselves.

If the GOP had confidence in their policy ideas, they would simply campaign on those ideas. This power grab in the guise of redistricting is an attempt to hold onto power when the GOP knows that if they ran on their actual policy ideas, they would lose in a landslide.

Your voters deserve better. We deserve a transparent redistricting process that starts with actual maps, in which we have ample advance notice of all its stages, in which voters’ voices are a central part of the process, in which all relevant communications are publicly available indefinitely, and in which any of the amply tested non-partisan mechanisms for redistricting are used, rather than chopping up Texas into nonsensical squiggles to appease President Trump.

I would be ashamed to do the things the GOP is resorting to, to take power they know they cannot get without this bad faith power grab. This redistricting shows that the GOP in Texas is weak and morally bankrupt.

Jennie Larder
self
El Paso, TX

do not change the districylts for El Paso

Aneel Nazareth
Self, Software Engineer
Austin, TX

I believe that every Texan's vote should count, and that the people should be able to choose representatives who actually represent their communities. The proposed plan makes no attempt to align with actual communities, instead carving up cities and counties in ways that deliberately divide them so that their voters are disenfranchised.

The right time to do redistricting is after the decennial census, and the right way to do it is with an independent, bipartisan commission that is responsive to voters and communities. Texas should back away from this naked power grab and ratchet down the polarization in our politics.

Nick Edinger
Self, Editor
Austin, TX

There is no electoral reason to redistrict. End gerrymandering, do not support this bill

Anita Holguin, Mrs.
Self
El Paso, TX

I want it to be acknowledged that I am a citizen of El Paso County and do not agree with the congressional redistricting of VA Hospital, Ft. Bliss and the El Paso International Airport. Leave these areas to those who live here in El Paso.

Adrian Fuentes
Self
El Paso, TX

I’m deeply concerned about the recent redistricting proposal in our city of El Paso, which has shifted nearly half of our community into a different district and altered its political makeup from Democrat to Republican. Redistricting should be a fair and transparent process that reflects population changes—not a tool to dilute voices or manipulate political outcomes.

This move raises serious questions about representation and voter equity. Our communities deserve boundaries that keep neighborhoods intact and ensure all voices are heard, regardless of political affiliation. Gerrymandering undermines the democratic process and weakens trust in our institutions.

We need to hold lawmakers accountable and push for independent redistricting commissions to prevent partisan interference. I encourage everyone affected to stay informed, stay engaged, and vote—because change starts with us.

Thank you for your consideration,

Adrian Fuentes

Ariana Chigani
Self
Richardson, TX

What is the purpose of this redistricting other than to tilt the scales? I've yet to read a solid or valid reason as to why this is being done halfway through term.

Austin Barnes
Self - engineer
Austin, TX

The proposed districts put my north Austin home in the same district as Midland and Odessa, over 300 miles away. With 38 districts in the state there is zero excuse to have people in the state‘s 4th largest city not be represented by someone local. This change is absolutely unconscionable and this should be clear to everyone regardless of political affiliation.

Sherry L. Beck
self
Mabank, TX

"As a Texas AFT member and former public school educator in Kaufman County, I oppose any mid-decade redistricting that reduces minority voting influence. Our communities deserve fair maps, not political manipulation."

Gina Mateer, Mrs
Self
Austin, TX

Written Testimony Opposing Texas HB 4 (Redistricting)
Submitted to the Texas House Committee on Redistricting

Chairman and Members of the Committee:

My name is Gina Mateer, and I submit this testimony in strong opposition to House Bill 4. As a Texas resident who values representative democracy, I am deeply concerned that HB 4 perpetuates unfair redistricting practices that disenfranchise voters—particularly voters of color—and undermine the principles of equal representation.

Texas has one of the most diverse populations in the country. According to the U.S. Census, the majority of the state's population growth in recent years has come from Latino, Black, and Asian communities. Yet, HB 4 fails to reflect this reality. The redistricting maps proposed under this bill reduce the number of districts where communities of color can meaningfully influence elections, despite their population growth and constitutional right to representation.

This is not only unjust, it is unconstitutional. The Voting Rights Act of 1965 prohibits voting practices that dilute the strength of minority voters. The Texas Legislature must not continue the pattern of racial gerrymandering that courts have previously ruled against. HB 4 risks repeating this discriminatory history, potentially leading to further litigation at taxpayer expense.

Additionally, HB 4 appears to be driven by partisan motives rather than a genuine effort to ensure fair and competitive elections. By carving communities apart and packing or cracking voters based on political affiliation, HB 4 entrenches incumbents and undermines public trust in the democratic process.

Every Texan—regardless of race, political party, or zip code—deserves to have their voice heard and their vote count equally. Gerrymandering silences communities and distorts representation. Instead of rushing through maps that do not reflect the will of the people, I urge this committee to go back to the drawing board and engage in a transparent, inclusive redistricting process that truly represents Texas.

Please vote no on HB 4.

Respectfully,
Gina Mateer
Austin Texas

Jessica Craven
Self-interpreter
Melissa, TX

If you can't win without creating a map that looks like complete chaos cut out with cookie cutters that favor your side and let you win when the reality is 60% the other party, it sounds like it's time to pack your bags and get out. The people dont want you and the only reason gerrymandering is still legal is because this country never punished former slave owners.

Louis Forrai

Self, retired.

San Antonio, TX

I am writing to strongly oppose the proposed mid-decade redistricting plan currently under consideration by the Texas Legislature. This plan represents a deeply concerning effort to manipulate electoral districts for partisan advantage and threatens the fair representation of millions of Texans—particularly communities of color that have been the driving force behind our state's population growth.

Redistricting is traditionally conducted once per decade following the U.S. Census to reflect shifts in population and to ensure that district boundaries are drawn fairly and equitably. There is no legitimate reason to undertake redistricting again in the middle of the decade, especially when the maps drawn just a few years ago have already been used in elections. This rushed process is not about correcting errors or responding to legal requirements—it is about consolidating political power at the expense of representative democracy.

The proposed maps appear to be intentionally drawn to reduce the electoral influence of Black, Latino, Asian, and Indigenous communities across Texas. These communities accounted for nearly all of Texas's population growth over the last decade, yet the redistricting plan fails to reflect that reality in how representation is distributed. This is a clear act of disenfranchisement that echoes a troubling history of racial and partisan gerrymandering in our state.

Public feedback at recent hearings has been overwhelming and consistent: Texans do not support these maps. We want transparency, accountability, and fairness in the redistricting process. We want maps that represent all Texans—not just those who currently hold power. Rushing through this plan with limited public engagement and no compelling justification further undermines public trust in our institutions.

It is unacceptable to redraw political boundaries for political gain, especially when doing so harms the very communities that have contributed most to Texas's growth and vitality. Our democracy depends on voters choosing their leaders—not politicians choosing their voters.

I urge lawmakers to reject this mid-decade redistricting plan and commit to a fair, transparent, and inclusive process that ensures equal representation for all Texans, now and in the future.

Marissa Paz

Self

El Paso, TX

Please let El Paso continue to have its own district. El Paso does not need to be under the umbrella of San Antonio. As a lifelong Texan- we know Texas is HUGE and I worry the breath and scope of such a vast area isn't beneficial. El Paso deserves its own district.

Sarah Harsdorff

Self

Lakeway, TX

Against HB 4

This is nothing more than a mid-cycle attempt to steal seats. Perhaps if republicans decided to support ALL of their constituents - rather than pander to lobbyists and rich donors - they wouldn't have to worry about cheating to stay in office.

Candice Swanson
Self
Hurst, TX

My name is Candice Swanson and I live in CD24. The Republicans have had control in Texas for 30 years. Before we give them more power, let's see how that has been working out for Texans?

A 2025 survey shows Texas ranks 49th for quality of life because of the deficiencies in healthcare, reproductive rights, and worker protections.

Texas has the worst uninsured rate in the nation — in fact, the percentage of uninsured children is more than twice the national rate.

Texas is 50th in overall women's health and reproductive care according to the Commonwealth Fund.

Texas Medical Board states that 127 of 254 counties do not have a single OB/Gyn doctor.

According to JAMA, in the year after SB8 went into effect, infant mortality in Texas was up 13%.

Government data shows that Texas leads the nation in freeze-related deaths, flooding deaths, and work-related fatalities.

A 2025 WalletHub study found that Texas has the highest number of people in financial distress.

With these dismal statistics it's no wonder the GOP needs to rig the system because their record for Texans is abysmal. Who voted for this? Why would we want more disfunction?

When one party gerrymanders for total domination, what are the incentives to work for the benefit of everyone? Gerrymandered-safe representatives don't have to weigh how their decisions will affect Independent voters like me — the system is rigged, so you'll never need my vote. You have no incentive to listen to my concerns. That's not democracy. That's autocracy.

Rebecca Bird
Self. Retired Social Worker
Richardson, TX

I am testifying today regarding HB 4. & I am stating that I am against this outrageous attempt to redraw the districts. I live in Richardson & in Dallas County. We are a majority BLUE district. I do not want to be represented by these republicans- they do not represent me. This blatant attempt to steal my district to please Donald Trump is disgraceful. Leave the Districts as they were.

Jeff Basen-Engquist, Voter
Self
HOUSTON, TX

Please do not support this legislation. Representation in the House already is out of balance. We should not have legislators selecting their voters, but rather facing and convincing voters to support them. Redistricting between census years is a raw power grab rather than a democratic practice. My historic District currently has no representative as our Governor maximally delayed a vote. Now the effort is to rig the next and future elections. Please stop! The ethical approach is to deal with the current status through the ballot, not a shameful power grab.

Patricia Honea-Boles
Self
Huntington, TX

It is egregious the way Texas is gerrymander! The GOP can't win fairly so they stack the rules against the other side. This is heinous! If you can't win fairly get out of the game. Go to the house! And I mean you're home not the house of representatives!

Lara Meeker
self/HRDS Analyst
Cypress, TX

I strongly opposed the proposed redistricting. The proposed map is intended to further gerrymander our state and manipulate districts to favor Republican agendas rather than to serve the will of the American people.

Jack Jacobson, Mr
Self
San Antonio, TX

We must stop supporting the runaway dictatorship that wishes to control our thoughts, actions, and communication.

The loss of reason in our government must be reversed! We cannot stop all reasonable voting in order to ignore constituents and reason!

RUTH HICKS
SELF; RETIRED R.N.
GEORGETOWN, TX

REDISTRICKING IS EVERY 10 YEARS AFTER A CENSUS !!

Matt Burton
Self
Austin, TX

I disagree with the boundaries drawn out in the map. They are not representative of real populations, particularly in urban areas. This map cannot be adopted and should require an objective method by which to set these boundaries.

Tom Goodrum
Self
Austin, TX

Reagan era College Republican here. I oppose this bill. Thank you.

Dana Weed
Self
Austin, TX

As an Austin resident, I vehemently oppose the discriminatory GOP gerrymandering of our districts to cheat in elections.

JOSEPH SCHUESSLER, Dr
Self
Fort Worth, TX

To the Texas House Redistricting Committee:

I am writing to express my profound outrage and disgust regarding the current, entirely unwarranted, and anti-democratic push for mid-decade congressional redistricting. As a full professor of business, I approach matters with a clear understanding of process, accountability, and the long-term implications of short-sighted decisions. What I witnessed firsthand at the public hearing in Arlington on Tuesday was an absolute travesty of democratic principles.

The overwhelming sentiment from the public was unequivocally against this audacious power grab. With perhaps one or two individuals in favor, and approximately eighty vociferously opposed, it is abundantly clear that this effort is not about serving the people of Texas; it is about manipulating the electoral landscape for partisan gain. This is NOT democracy.

Our constitutional framework dictates that redistricting occurs once every ten years, following the decennial census. This established process is designed to ensure fair representation and maintain public trust. To unilaterally disregard this fundamental procedure, especially under the guise of vague "constitutional concerns" that conveniently emerge after a change in federal administration, is a blatant betrayal of that trust. It erodes the very foundation of our democratic institutions.

Furthermore, to solicit public opinion, as was done in Arlington, and then proceed to ignore the overwhelming feedback is a reprehensible dereliction of duty. It demonstrates a contempt for the electorate and a profound disconnect from the will of the people you are sworn to represent.

Let me be unequivocally clear: I am pissed. As a former Republican who historically aligned with many conservative principles, I find myself at a pivotal juncture. This cynical, anti-democratic maneuver has solidified my decision to vote straight-ticket Democrat. While it is often said that elections have consequences, I now assert that your actions and your blatant disregard for democratic process also carry profound consequences at the ballot box. This is not a choice made lightly, but a necessary response to an assault on the integrity of our electoral system.

This proposed map is designed for partisan advantage, not for the Texans it purports to serve. It is an affront to every citizen who believes in fair elections and accountable governance. I urge you to heed the voice of the people and abandon this deeply flawed and damaging endeavor.

Sincerely

Joseph H. Schuessler, Ph.D.
Full Professor of Business

Laurie Hernandez
Self
Horizon City, TX

Do not agree with Trump

Brandi Lea
Myself
Leander, TX

I am writing to you today in utter disgust and profound alarm at the brazen, anti-democratic power grab that is HB 4. This bill—spearheaded by Governor Abbott and Republican legislators at the behest of Donald Trump—is a tyrannical assault on free and fair elections. It seeks to gerrymander five Democratic seats out of existence, silencing millions of Texans, particularly communities of color in our metropolitan areas, to appease a defeated president desperate to cling to power.

This is not governance; it is sabotage. Texas's growth is fueled by diverse, urban communities, yet HB 4 dilutes their voices to create 30 GOP-favored districts out of 38—a grotesque overrepresentation of Republican power in a state Trump won by only 14 points. The map surgically targets Latino-majority districts in South Texas, dismantles Black voting strength in Houston and Dallas, and forces Democratic incumbents into primaries or unwinnable terrain. This is a direct continuation of Texas's shameful history of racial gerrymandering, condemned by federal courts every decade since the Voting Rights Act passed.

The damage will extend far beyond Texas. Democratic states like California and New York—representing far more congressional seats—have vowed to retaliate by erasing every Republican district in their states. This nuclear arms race of gerrymandering will shatter national cohesion and make the U.S. House irreparably partisan. Moreover, businesses are already vowing to pull investments from Texas, fearing the economic catastrophe that follows when a state abandons democratic norms.

HB 4 is a betrayal of Texans, a felony against democracy, and a surrender to Trump's authoritarian whims. I demand you reject this poison—or be complicit in killing representative government.

VOTE NO ON HB 4.

Alana Rusonis
Self
Austin, TX

Opposition to HB 4 - Congressional Redistricting

To the Texas Legislature:

I strongly oppose HB 4 and urge you to vote against this unconstitutional redistricting proposal that represents blatant voter suppression and undermines democratic representation.

Constitutional Violations:
This redistricting plan violates the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment by deliberately diluting minority voting power and creating districts that fail to provide equal representation. The Supreme Court has consistently held that redistricting must not discriminate against voters based on race or ethnicity, yet this plan appears designed to do exactly that.

Voter Suppression Through Gerrymandering:
HB 4 constitutes voter suppression by:

- Packing minority communities into artificially concentrated districts to minimize their overall influence
- Cracking cohesive communities of interest to disperse their voting power
- Creating bizarrely shaped districts that prioritize partisan advantage over fair representation
- Ignoring traditional redistricting principles like compactness and respect for political subdivisions

Violation of Voting Rights Act:
This plan likely violates Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act by diminishing minority communities' ability to elect candidates of their choice. Courts have repeatedly struck down similar schemes that dilute minority voting strength.

Democratic Principles at Stake:
Fair redistricting requires districts that reflect actual communities and give all voters—regardless of party affiliation, race, or geography—meaningful representation. HB 4 abandons these principles in favor of partisan manipulation that makes a mockery of democratic governance.

Legal Precedent:
Federal courts have already ruled against similar Texas redistricting efforts, finding intentional discrimination. This plan invites costly litigation that Texas taxpayers will ultimately fund while communities suffer under unconstitutional maps.

Texas voters deserve fair districts that respect constitutional principles, not partisan gerrymanders that suppress votes and divide communities. I urge you to reject HB 4 and work toward redistricting that serves all Texans equally.

Adam Till, Mr.
Self, Pilot
Houston, TX

Hello, my name is Adam Till. My wife and I live in the The Greater Heights area of Houston, specifically Norhill, in the 29th Congressional District.

I would like to voice our strong opposition to HB4 and this proposed Congressional Redistricting mid-census….especially now that there is an actual map of the proposed re-drawn districts!

This is, at its most basic, a craven attempt to cling…..however desperately…….to a thin Republican majority in the U.S. House by using the legally dubious and blatantly racist tool of partisan redistricting. This is “packing” and “cracking” at its worst, and done with obvious malice toward communities of color in Texas.

I would challenge anyone to articulate a reason for this effort, now….in this special session….in 2025….other than that of a cheaply won consolidation of power prior to what will undoubtedly be a horrendous mid-term result for the so called Republican Party.

If politicians willfully manipulate these maps for personal and political gain, it further erodes voter confidence in our democratic process…..and for good reason! Who could blame them..who could blame all Texans…for feeling ignored, abused, and affronted.

It is un-American, un-Democratic, and MORALLY FOUL to actively seek to FURTHER diminish the voice and impact of our diverse communities of color and political demographics.

I implore the committee to take the righteous step to say NO to HB4 and this proposed redistricting in this special session.

Diana Foster
self, retired
Austin, TX

Redrawing congressional districts to specifically underrepresent the voices of urban democrats and gain advantage for republicans is unethical. If republican values and policies can't win on their own merits, they should be modified to have broader appeal. I strongly oppose HB 4.

Jessie Gibbon
self
San Antonio, TX

PLEASE do not do proceed with the Republican suggestion for redistricting. we are gerrymandered enough, we’re trying to fight for our rights and barely have reps who can hear us because we’re so far away in these districts. PLEASE think about the people!

Dorothy Green, Mrs.
Self- retired
Grapevine, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Amy Benefiel
Self
Austin, TX

The people deserve to be represented by officials that actually care about the communities. This redistricting is not going to more fairly ensure the people of this state are adequately represented. The only purpose of this is because the current administration cannot win fairly, and on the merit of their campaign and so they must cheat. That is all this is, a way to cheat the system to ensure those who disagree no longer have a voice. This is unjust, unconstitutional and immoral.

Carrie Schweitzer
self
Dallas, TX

I testified at the July 28 House Redistricting Committee Hearing in Arlington, TX, but I will oppose again. This is political rape! With hundreds giving testimony that night, only one person voiced approval of this redistricting effort. Everyone else cried "NO, stop, don't do this!" But the shameful assault continues. Cowardly action in deference to Donald J. Trump. Litigation is ongoing on maps drawn in 2021, and the Legislature should deny further action until the verdicts are announced. Additionally, without census data to account for population growth and demographic shifts across the state - what will your analysis be founded upon? Or, I guess that doesn't matter either. And what about maintaining communities of interest? My urban CD32 is now drawn east almost to the Louisiana border! I respect my East Texas neighbors, but our communities, goals and political concerns are vastly different. The racially-motivated cracking and packing of districts that are majority minorty is a violation of voting rights - not at all surprising given Texas' history of VRA Federal oversight. When the citizens of Texas are burdened with life and death issues brought on by rising living costs, federal budget cuts for health needs, cuts to public school budgets and the climate-related disasters that cost tax payers billions - Republican legislators turn theie backs on constituents to genuflect to the Rapist-in-Chief.

Kitty Woo Ham, APRN, FNP-c
Self, Family nurse practitioner
Austin, TX

Redistricting the congressional map will not allow proper representation of public needs in Texas. It will cause more disparities needs of Texans while benefiting only the public officials that oversee these districts.
Please do not waste time re-writing maps. Please utilize time to the benefit of the majority of people who live in Texas.

Gregory Holtorf
self
Austin, TX

Please have integrity, honor, and wisdom rather than get in your hearts when you decide who is allowed to have representation.

Bria Moore
Self
Austin, TX

The proposed redistricting map and this redistricting process which is taking place 5 years ahead of schedule is an insult to Texas voters. Draw maps that are fair to voters or abandon this sham process altogether.

Dagny Paul
Self
Austin, TX

This is disgraceful and a bald attempt to ensure that Texans are not fairly represented. Shame on you. We could be so much better than this.

Carl Hooker
self
Austin, TX

To the Honorable Members of the Texas Legislature:

I write to express serious concerns regarding the proposed mid-decade redrawing of Texas's congressional map. The draft map, released July?30,?2025, would reshape Texas's 38 U.S. House districts and potentially boost Republican representation from 25 to up to 30 seats—effectively flipping at least five districts held by Democrats in the Austin, Houston, Dallas–Fort Worth, and South Texas regions. These districts include heavily minority communities in the 9th, 18th, and 29th districts. ? ? ?

Unlike the usual once-a-decade process linked to the census, this early redistricting—commonly called "mid-decade" redistricting—is rare and often contested. It appears driven primarily by partisan motivations, echoed in public remarks advocating additional GOP seats. Critics have characterized the plan as classic "crack-and-pack" gerrymandering—consolidating Democratic and minority voters into fewer districts while diluting their influence statewide.

Voting rights advocates and legal experts emphasize that such changes may undermine representation for Black and Hispanic Texans—despite these populations representing much of Texas's growth since 2020. In past redistricting cycles, federal courts have required corrective remedies under the Voting Rights Act when maps diluted minority voting power.

Even the U.S. Department of Justice has flagged concerns that the proposed map may be intentionally drawn along racial lines—contradicting prior state claims of race-neutral mapmaking. ?

The timing—during an ongoing emergency session addressing recent historic flooding in the Texas Hill Country—has also drawn criticism, with some observers noting policy priorities may have skewed legislative focus. ?

The proposed map's consequences raise questions about fair representation, minority voting strength, and the health of competitive democracy in Texas. Given these factors, I respectfully urge you to reconsider the current plan. A more transparent, non-partisan approach—such as independent commissions or neutral criteria—would better serve Texans by preserving trust, protecting vote equity, and ensuring districts reflect communities, not partisan advantage.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Carl Hooker

Diana Brown
Self
Austin, TX

I do not agree with this I believe it's just Trump and Republicans to gain more control. It's wrong at this point. Women's rights have been taken from us, medicaid cuts, ect...none of this benefits me as I am a disable single mom. I don't represent any political party I consider myself an independent voter. And this bill should not pass..

Patricia O'Connor
Self
Katy, TX

I feel like my interests are already not represented. This redistributing plan is being used to give cover to the republicans whose only interest is their own not mine. You should be concerned about TEXANS and not Donald Trump, he has no interest in Texans

Sherry Ryan, Ms.
Self
Seguin, TX

I am writing to express my strong opposition to House Bill 4, which proposes redistricting measures that appear to further entrench partisan gerrymandering and diminish fair voter representation in Texas.

This bill undermines the foundational principles of our democracy—free and fair elections—by manipulating district lines to favor certain political interests over the voices of actual communities. It weakens the power of minority voters, dilutes genuine civic engagement, and deepens voter cynicism. At a time when trust in government is already low, HB 4 sends the wrong message to Texans.

I urge you to consider the long-term consequences of this legislation. The people of Texas deserve transparency, accountability, and districts that reflect real geographic and community cohesion, not partisan advantage. We need independent redistricting commissions—not backroom deals—that prioritize equal representation for all Texans, regardless of race, party, or region.

Please vote NO on HB 4 and stand with the majority of Texans who want a fair and equitable democracy.

Thank you for your service and for considering the voices of your constituents.

Dwain Aidala, MR
Self - Retired
San Marcos, TX

New Gerrymandering AKA Redistricting
Mr. Chairman and committee members, Good morning and thank-you for giving me a chance to speak to you.

My name is Dwain Aidala. I am a resident of San Marcos Texas, District 21 and speaking for myself. I'm also a United States Marine. I asked to speak today because I believe that the action under consideration by this committee violates the oaths that both you and I took as elected representatives and as a member of the armed services. I expect, under our constitution, that I, as the citizen, have the right to choose my elected representatives, and not that those who have been or want to be elected, get to choose who can vote to elect him or her.

I wear a cap on national holidays celebrating the history of this country. It identifies me as a Marine Corps veteran. That cap says, "earned never given". I believe this body should consider that statement. It appears to me that the action being considered is really close to "stolen not really elected".
I strongly request that you, as elected Texans, look to your sworn oaths and not further expand the disenfranchisement of a large portion of Texas citizens. If anything, you should be working to get us back to the intended meaning of "one person one vote".

Finally, in the Marines there is a hand-to-hand combat term of "weapon of opportunity". The Texas Republican party may think that this abnormal redistricting being considered is such a weapon. I would ask and warn you to consider that this action may be turned back against them. The current Federal administration's actions over the past 7 months, combined with this insulting gerrymandering of an already unfair districting map has a high probability of turning your recent supporters into enlightened citizens who realize that they are being played instead of being supported. Thank-you.

Peggy Kulesz
Self
Dalworthington Gardens, TX

Do not fall to outside interference ordering Texas lawmakers to redraw congressional districts. This is a horrible power grab that DOES NOT represent the will of Texas citizens.

Elizabeth Trimble, Ms.
Self
San Antonio, TX

Requesting my state representative does not support this bill. The redistricting changes further dilutes the unique differences of the affected districts thus not allowing the citizen’s voices to be adequately represented. This is especially true for the areas where less densely populated regions and portions of densely populated cities further combined. Our great state has a rich history of independence but this bill is showing the rest of the country that we are first in line to follow national rank and file and puts the greed of leadership over the needs of Texans.

Pamela Stein
Self
Highland Park, TX

I strongly urge you to vote against this blatant attempt to silence the voices of thousands of Texas citizens. Our government works best when both parties have a strong base and can work together for moderate policies that build a balanced government. By creating these ridiculously convoluted districts you are fanning the fires of mistrust and resentment. We will remember your votes and work to defeat all who support this toxic proposal.

Tanya Guthrie, Ms.
Self / retired
Austin, TX

I oppose redistricting as outlined in this bill. Redistricting should be fair to all Texans.

Rebecca González
Self
Fort Worth, TX

stop redistricting

Vincent Rodriguez
Self
Windcrest, TX

This is bad, shortsighted idea that will result in catastrophic GOP House losses in California, Illinois and New York, among others. Do not do this now. Be fair and wait until the results of the next Census.

Renee Stephenson
Self, Student
Austin, TX

To whom it may concern,
I am deeply troubled by the attempt to redistrict Texas. This is an anti-democratic move made by a president that has a history of treating elections as suggestions and a governor that already delays special elections to represent people in his own state. This is a move made by losers desperate to stay in power by illegitimate means, aware that their own incompetence, negligence, and malevolence is insufficient to win through the actual will of the people. This is anti-conservative, as the Seven Principles of Conservatism stress human dignity, which is intrinsic to fair representation, anti-democratic, anti-Texan, as it is a sign of weakness, and anti-American. The United States was founded on the principle of no taxation without representation. It is difficult to understand how anyone in the Texas Congress would be willing to be funded by the people's taxes in order to remove their fundamental right to fair representation. This is an embarrassment to the very people that suggest it and I hope that the Texas Congress will not shame itself by voting for it.
Thank you!

Kade Hells
Self
Cleburne, TX

Everyone knows what you're doing.
Everyone knows why.
If you want people to stop calling you racist, stop doing racist shit.
Stop supporting racist shit.
Nazi's don't go to heaven.

Susan Perry, Ms.
self / teacher
Austin, TX

Nefarious purpose, this bill. A waste of time and money to execute this bill. Only Donald Trump benefits from this bill -- is that what you want? more grift and corruption? If you vote to pass this bill, then be honest with yourself. You are voting for Donald Trump -- you are NOT voting for the Texas people in your district. Donald Trump does not care about the people in your district, nor you, except for how you can give him more power. Remember the Alamo -- vote no.

Virginia Fleiner
Self
Austin, TX

This redistricting plan is blatant gerrymandering. It prioritizes political power over people’s representation and should not be allowed to move forward!!
Politicians shouldn't pick their voters. Voters should pick their politicians. This map flips that principle on its head.

William Earnest
Self
Spicewood, TX

I support redistricting HB4 by Hunter.

Fayan Ridgley
SARW
Salado, TX

support redistricting

Cleveland Justin
Self
Grapevine, TX

I am against redistributing of Texas. Seems like blatant cheating. Let the voters decide.

Laurie Terry
Self / Accountant
Pflugerville, TX

I strongly oppose Texas House Joint Proposal 135. This bill appears to deliberately reduce the number of Democratic representatives in the Texas Legislature, undermining the principle of fair and equal representation for all Texans. Rather than reflecting the diverse political views across the state, HJP 135 risks manipulating electoral boundaries or procedures in a way that consolidates partisan power and weakens democratic accountability.

If enacted, HJP 135 would disenfranchise large segments of the population—especially in urban and minority communities that often vote Democratic—by diluting their electoral influence. Such tactics violate the spirit of the Voting Rights Act and contradict the foundational values of representative government.

Texas is a diverse and rapidly changing state. Our legislative process should empower voters and encourage competitive, fair elections—not rig outcomes in favor of one political party. I urge lawmakers to reject HJP 135 and pursue reforms that enhance, not suppress, democratic participation.

Brenda Bentley
Self
Tyler, TX

Redistricting as proposed is designed to illegally give the republican party a hugely lopsided majority and should be opposed.

Emilia De La Garza
Self
Edinburg, TX

If the HB passes many of the Latino and Hispanic communities will be affected. Republicans are heartless regarding the poor and marginalized. It’s basically taking away our voting rights and you all are picking our leaders. We, the minorities deserve a voice! My late Uncle Congressman Kika De La Garza served Congress for many years and did so much for the community. I learned the difference between the two parties. Democrats help, while Republicans destroy and fill their pockets, instead of them helping their Constituents. Come on. Get a backbone. It’s bad enough millions are also going to affected by the cutting of SNAP and Medicaid. Republicans don’t realize it can cause a lot of fatalities. I really request that you all get a heart and think of the Constituents that are going to be profoundly affected.

Sincerely,
Emilia I. De La Garza

Lorraine Kubala, Mrs.
self
El Paso, TX

I am writing today in opposition to the redistricting of Texas. You are letting Texas, TEXAS, get bossed around by an idiot yankee, and every one of you should know better. We don't take orders from Washington, or do we? Start acting the the Texans you are supposed to be instead of namby-pamby titty-babies. Stand up for your constituents and tell Washington we'll redistrict Texas when they pry it from our cold, dead, hands.

Victor Gonzalez
self mechanic
Corpus Christi, TX

I do not support this bill.

Emmanuel Perez
Self
Temple, TX

This is a heinous travesty and waste of resources. We should be focused on preventative measures to ensure we are better prepared for natural disasters so the state government’s response is not outdone by a grocery store (especially with the cuts to FEMA thanks to the Trump administration). We need better warnings and funding in reserve for the increasingly more devastating weather we are experiencing and our people are dying to instead of this farce that seeks to maintain control of a failing presidency and steal the voice of the people. Act with honor so you can look your families in the eye and say you did the right thing. Give your children a future and a legacy they can be proud of instead of a stain on their family name.

Aubrey Evans
Self
Houston, TX

This is gerrymandering/cheating. Texas is a purple state and Republicans are not the only ones that live here! No to this Redistricting, it’s flat out cheating because Republican policies do not help Americans. NO!!

Steve Champion
Self, Software Engineer
Plano, TX

I've live in Texas all but the first year of my life while my Dad was serving in Vietnam. I'm a proud Texan from a long line of Texans. I'm embarrassed that our proud State has bowed down to the Federal government to do the will of a scared, bitter man. We are better than this. You must refuse to redistrict, the precedent you set here will never go away. We've argued our current maps are correct and we should continue to do so. The Federal government has admitted they just want the seats. There's no legal grounds to do so. The DOJ letter is a joke being used to make Texas look like we're unable to stand up for ourselves. I implore you to drop this or let it die on its own. Don't embarrass us further.

Caroline Harper
Self-teacher
Fort Worth, TX

Great — here's a revised version of the public comment, tailored specifically to Tarrant County, while still staying under the 3,000-character limit:

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Public Comment in Opposition to the Texas Redistricting Proposal
Submitted by a Resident of Tarrant County

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed redistricting plan currently under consideration by the Texas House of Representatives. As a resident of Tarrant County, I am deeply concerned by the blatant partisan and racial gerrymandering embedded in the current proposal.

Tarrant County is one of the most diverse and rapidly growing counties in Texas. Much of that growth has come from Black, Latino, and Asian American communities. Yet, the proposed maps do not reflect this reality. Instead of creating fair opportunities for communities of color to elect candidates who represent their values and needs, the proposed districts intentionally divide and dilute these communities—denying them a meaningful voice in their own governance.

In particular, the splitting of historically unified neighborhoods in Fort Worth and Arlington appears designed to fracture the voting strength of minority populations. This "cracking" of communities undermines the core principles of representative democracy and violates both the spirit and the letter of the Voting Rights Act. Communities that live together, learn together, worship together, and work together should not be separated for partisan gain.

Moreover, the map appears crafted to protect incumbents and entrench partisan power, not to reflect the will of the people. Tarrant County is not the deep-red stronghold it once was. It is politically competitive, increasingly diverse, and deserves maps that honor—not erase—that complexity.

Equally troubling is the lack of transparency in the redistricting process. Community members have had limited time and opportunity to review the maps, provide input, or suggest alternatives. A rushed, closed-door process breeds distrust and damages public confidence in our institutions. Every Texan deserves a fair chance to participate in shaping the districts in which they live and vote.

I urge the legislature to reject this proposed map and commit to a redistricting process that centers fairness, transparency, and compliance with federal voting rights protections. Tarrant County voters should not be sacrificed to partisan interests. We deserve to be seen, heard, and represented.

Respectfully,
Caroline Harper
Tarrant County Resident

Hailey McClatchy
Self
Magnolia, TX

We do not need maps redrawn to better suit the whims of the current facicst regime. Texans deserve fair and even representation and these maps DO NOT do this.

Linda Rowlett, Dr.
Self
Industry, TX

Are the Republicans so afraid of democracy that they have to skew the districts? Isn't this called cheating in anyone's playbook? Are there no Republicans with a conscience? I, along with many others in my social circle, oppose redistricting that does not reflect the population of our state. I also oppose redistricting that draws districts with nonsensical boundaries. Districts should be drawn along community lines.

Savannah Hollis
Self - educator
Rockwall, TX

I oppose redistributing

Jameson Keller
Self. Management
Spring Branch, TX

I oppose the redistricting occurring in Texas.

Susannah Rolf
Self
Missouri City, TX

I am adamantly opposed to this. It is not an adequate representation of the people of Texas.

Arati Singh
self
Austin, TX

Dear Representatives:
Please do not bow to Trump's demands. Wake up. He is using you. You were elected to represent us--your fellow Texans. So please, remember why you are there and do your job. Do NOT support any congressional redistricting.
Sincerely,
Arati Singh

Charles Fife
Self - attorney
Rockwall, TX

I absolutely oppose redistricting

Tanya Uzelac
Self
Euless, TX

I strongly oppose the redistricting

Melissa Zentgraf
Self-HR
Austin, TX

This plan is insane. I thought my previous district which stretched from Ft. Worth to Austin was nuts, but seeing a district that puts me, someone who lives in west Austin, in the same district as someone over 200 miles away? This does not tie neighborhoods together, as one of your brethren so cynically attempted to point out. It takes away my vote so that the corruption you so obviously support only grows stronger.

Spenser Cook
self, Cashier
Jarrell, TX

Shameful, an utter regression for the concept of a "fair and balanced" society. Short-sighted and corrupt. Dissapearing the voting power of an entire side of the aisle. The system that has brought this is better off burnt down.

Bobbi Roquemore
Self, lawyer
Houston, TX

I am appalled by this redistricting in the middle of the decade. Governor Abbott is already gaming the system through his slow-walk of replacing the late Rep. Sylvester Turner. But Abbott allowed this to be considered via special session, and this is being rammed through at breakneck speed? The Texas GOP should be ashamed of itself for doing MAGA's dirty work. Please reconsider and don't let Texas become another pawn in the MAGA swamp.

Ricardo Longoria
Self
Falfurrias, TX

My name is Ricardo G. Longoria, a proud constituent of Texas District 15. On Monday, I drove over six hours to Arlington because you refused to hold a hearing in South Texas. That choice speaks volumes about whose voices you value—and whose you deliberately silence.

I wish I could be in Austin today, but I cannot. So I’m writing you instead, with a simple message: This gerrymander is racist, unjust, and a direct attack on our democracy.

Why are you following the lead of a convicted felon in the White House? Do you not have a spine of your own? Ryan Guillen, of all people, should know the devastating impacts of gerrymandering—he once stood with Democrats before he was bought out by Republican interests.

This is wrong. And you know it.

These maps silence Black and brown Texans. It erases our power. It whitewashes the vote. You claim to be a patriot and a defender of the Constitution—yet these maps spits in the face of everything it stands for.

If you vote for this gerrymander, history will remember you not as a leader, but as a coward who enabled voter suppression and bowed to Greg Abbott, a governor who governs from fear, not strength.

Vote NO. Stop the steal. And stand with the people of Texas—not the politicians trying to rig it.

Alejandra Lopez
self
San Antonio, TX

As a Texas AFT member and public school educator in San Antonio, I oppose any mid-decade redistricting that reduces minority voting influence. I live in district that could be effected by these changes. Our communities deserve fair maps, not political manipulation.

Patrick Anderson
Self
Austin, TX

My family and I are 100% FOR redistricting. We believe the current congressional map is not fair, nor constitutional.
We support re-drawing the congressional maps in Texas.
Please support redistricting.

Catharine Wall
Self; Educator
Austin, TX

I am opposed to this bill. The 2021 districts were drawn BY Texas and Texans, FOR Texas and Texans, and based on demographic data from the 2020 Decennial Census. The current scheme has been mandated by President Trump to ensure up to five more Republican seats during the 2026 midterm elections: “Texas will be the biggest [redistricting effort]. . . . Just a simple redrawing, we pick up five seats,” Trump said.a couple of weeks ago. This is a cynical corruption of the decennial redistricting process! Governor Abbott has bought into it and Texas Republican legislators are buying into it with this partisan bill and with the redrawn districts. Shame on them for buying into the scheme. And shame on every single last one of y'all who votes for this bill.

Courtney Earth
Self
Houston, TX

I highly oppose the redrawing of district lines. This is obviously gerrymandering and we the people do not support it!

Marinan Williams
Slef
Austin, TX

We are not due for redistricting until 2031, five years from now. This is a blatant abuse of power and attempt to silence voices. We have already gerrymanded our districts such that the majority are underrepresented. Do the right thing. Focus on flooding and stop pandering to Trump.

Richard Walshin
Self
Rockwall, TX

I’m all for it.
Get it done.
Also get rid of property taxes

Mary Dimijian
self
Farmers Branch, TX

I am absolutely opposed to redistricting in Texas. I am in district 32 and feel that Julie Johnson has done a fantastic job representing me and my neighbors. There is no need to change the district just to appease Trump. I believe that is the only reason this is being done. I am hoping the Republican house will use common sense and cancel the redistricting plans.

Erin Fleming, Ms.
self and family
Austin, TX

Undermining minority voting power
Racial discrimination: The maps have been challenged in court for allegedly diluting the voting power of minority groups (Hispanic, Black, and Asian voters) by splitting them into multiple districts, hindering their ability to elect candidates of their choice.
Targeting growing populations: This is particularly concerning as minority communities have been responsible for almost all of Texas' recent population growth.
"Coalition districts" targeted: Current maps reportedly targeted and divided "coalition districts," where voters of color were key to electing representatives, aiming to strengthen Republican control.
Legality questioned: Critics argue that using partisanship as a proxy for race to diminish minority voting strength is illegal.
2. Partisan gerrymandering and unfair elections
Creating safe seats for one party: The 2021 map was designed to favor Republicans, leading to an efficiency gap suggesting they'd win more seats than fair representation would allow.
Reducing competitive districts: The current map significantly reduced the number of competitive districts, limiting voter choice and potentially impacting election outcomes.
Targeting vulnerable incumbents: The new proposed map targets Democratic incumbents, aiming to shift control of the U.S. House.
Trump's influence and mid-decade changes: The unprecedented mid-decade redistricting push is seen as a partisan maneuver, pushed by President Trump and the state GOP, potentially impacting the 2026 midterm elections and setting a dangerous national precedent.
3. Legal and constitutional challenges
Violations of Voting Rights Act: Several lawsuits allege that the maps violate Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act by diluting minority voting strength.
14th and 15th Amendment violations: Some lawsuits also claim the plans are intentionally discriminatory against Black and Hispanic voters and represent racial gerrymandering in violation of the U.S. Constitution.
Ongoing litigation: The legality of the existing maps is already being challenged in the courts, and new proposals are likely to face immediate legal challenges.
In essence, the Texas redistricting efforts are criticized for being partisan-driven, potentially racially discriminatory, and ultimately undermining fair and representative elections by creating districts that favor one party and diminish the voting power of minority communities.

McKenna Mitchell
Self
Sugar Land, TX

Against the redistricting that intentionally removes representation and is obviously designed to remove voices of the people in certain districts.

McCall Teicher
Self
Cedar Park, TX

This is an unfair bill and you all should be ashamed of yourselves for even trying to do this. Remember the why you got into all of this in the first place I don’t think it was to follow a maniac who sits in the highest seat and tell you what to do. What happened to your integrity and your conscience?

Gabriel Gonzalez, Mr.
Self
San Elizario, TX

I am constituent of the 23rd congressional district. I am embarrassed by the manner in which the proposed redistricting map came to fruition. This wasn't initiated in Texas. The was Donald Trump's administration ordering the Governor Abbott to find the GOP additional congressional seats to sway the upcoming midterms. He and his administration know they would lose in a fair election. So you are putting your thumb on the scale and essentially swaying the election. It is evident that the proposed map was already decided prior to the public hearings. Hence the confidence of expediting the process. Yet you act aloof even though everyone can see through you thinly veiled lies.
This map dilutes the representation of many Texans. And it is not lost on me that most of the affected districts are minority populations. Is it racist? Possibly. Is it tactical? Absolutely. Is it immoral? Undoubtedly. Many of you align with Christian principles so I will leave you with:
Mark 9:35
"If anyone wants to be first, he must be the very last, and the servant of all."

Robert Wiltzius, Mr.
Self, Retired Army, Systems Trainer
Harker Heights, TX

Elections have consequences as was stated so eloquently by President Obama. If the majority wants to redistricting, then they have that option. We wouldn't have this issue though if we repealed Public Law 62-5 and grew the House. 435 people for 350,000,000 is absurd. We could have 8 regional houses spread throughout the country and have 250 members in each house. Identical bills would be presented to each region for vote. Give the power of government back to the people by increasing the size of the body politic. Today, we have more oligarch or professional politician than common man in government. Regional Houses would allow for someone to have a career and drive four hours to cast their vote and then return home the same day.

Luz Irene Jaquez
Self/Data Tech
El Paso, TX

This map and this redistricting process is just totally unfair. Regardless of party, the people of El Paso deserve the chance to vote for our own representative who lives in our city. We deserve a representative who lives here in El Paso. Implementing this map is just unfairly rigging the system just to benefit the president. That's not right, no matter who the President is. Texans deserve better than this. We deserve to choose our own representative. I strongly oppose this bill.

sarah kelly
Texan
Kingwood, TX

This is absolutely against our rights as Texans, and inadequately represents the voices of our major cities. Please block this!

Amanda Smith
Self
Waco, TX

I don't not support the redistricting of Texas gerrymandering and silence of black and brown constituents in Texas

Amelia Minutillo
self
Austin, TX

A representative's job is to represent the interests of the people in THEIR residence. It is absolutely absurd for a representative to be expected to accurately portray the needs and wants of their constituents, when their constituents live hours away from each other and in entirely different communities. The government works FOR the people and is made up of the members of our community. The government is not a separate entity that operates under its own law and society. We are in this together and we need to start acting like it. Allow Texans the DIGNITY and RIGHT to have their voices heard and represented FAIRLY. I am extremely opposed to redistricting Texas and don't appreciate my governor being complicit in a manipulative scheme for power. Do not put reason aside to quell the petty worry that YOUR will won't be popular. Your job is to lift the voices of the PEOPLE in the community you represent, not insert YOUR voice as their mouthpieces.

Danica Barnett
Self, Marketer
Round Rock, TX

Redistricting Texas only serves the politicians who desperately need it to get elected in those areas.

Randy Lander
Self - Business Owner
Austin, TX

For all that Texas values its independence, y'all sure seem happy to follow Trump's whims. This new map designed to give Republicans more seats in Congress by slicing Democratic support as thin as possible in most districts and concentrating in a few others is disgusting. But you know all that. I just wanted to be on record as opposing this. You should be ashamed of yourselves but you're not capable of shame.

Laura Barnett
Self
McKinney, TX

This proposed mid-decade redistricting is a blatant political power grab—designed explicitly to flip up to five Democratic-held U.S. House seats for Republicans, boosting them from 25 to potentially 30 out of Texas’s 38 districts. That’s 79% control, in a state where Trump won only 56% in 2024. This isn’t democracy—it’s manipulation.

Charlotte Parker
Self
Mansfield, TX

I urge all elected officials to reject any redistricting proposals that would diminish the political power of minority communities.

Fair representation is the foundation of our democracy, and any effort to redraw districts in a way that weakens the voice of historically marginalized groups undermines that principle.

Voters deserve to choose their representatives—not the other way around. Supporting maps that dilute minority voting strength is not only unjust but invites legal and ethical scrutiny. I implore you to stand on the side of equity, transparency, and democratic integrity.

Ariel Peeri
self, retired
El Paso, TX

Do Not change El Paso maps to fix or rig our votes . Our elected officials must be from here and stop trying to fix the elections to your liking.

Patricia Harvey-Sneed
Self
Forney, TX

I support the redistricting

MaryJane Harrison
Self
San Antonio, TX

I am 100% opposed to the redistricting which is illegal and totally unfair to minority voters. Our representatives need to be aware of the fact of just how opposed we are because this will be your last term in office if this unfair redistricting happens. Stacking the deck the way the Republicans are doing makes you look petty and small and like you can’t win without cheating just like your fearless leader does.

Demethra Orion
Self
Houston, TX

My name is Demethra Orion, and I am a resident of Harris County. I stand in strong opposition to gerrymandering in our district maps because it undermines the very foundation of democracy— fair representation.
Harris County is one of the most diverse and economically vibrant counties in the nation. Yet, when maps are drawn with partisan or self-serving intent, they dilute the voices of entire communities, often splitting neighborhoods, schools, and economic corridors in ways that serve politicians, not the people. Gerrymandering makes elections less competitive, leaving voters feeling like their choices don't matter. That erodes trust, discourages civic participation, and alienates citizens from the democratic process.
I believe that our leaders should choose their voters by earning their trust and votes, not by manipulating district lines. Fair maps ensure accountability, encourage healthy competition, and reflect the true diversity of our county.
As a taxpayer and community member, I ask that you reject gerrymandered maps and instead adopt transparent, nonpartisan districting practices that put people not politics— at the center. Our democracy works best when every voice is heard and every vote counts equally.
Thank you for your time and consideration.

Cinthya Cheta
Self
FORNEY, TX

This redistricting represents capitulation to the pedophile predator in chief, currently occupying the white house. This does not help Texans. It is embarrassing and not Texan to bend over for a draft dodging rapist/racist. Do better!

Bryce Laake-Stanfield, PO3 RET
Self
Austin, TX

Testimony in opposition to HB4

My name is Bryce Laake-Stanfield, and I am in opposition to HB 4, I am a proud resident of Austin, Texas. I come before you today not only as a constituent, but as a disabled veteran, a queer Texan, and someone who has dedicated my life to advocacy in this state.

I've worn the uniform to protect our democracy, and I'm here today because what's happening in this redistricting process is a direct threat to that democracy.

Let's be honest: these maps are not about fair representation. They are about consolidating political power through gerrymandering, plain and simple. Texas has grown more diverse, more urban, and more engaged. Instead of honoring that shift, this process seeks to silence it—splitting communities like Austin, gutting representation for Black, Latino, and queer Texans, and drawing lines that serve politicians instead of people.

I've spent the last few years working with organizations fighting for veterans, LGBTQ+ rights, and disability justice. And across every one of those movements, we fight for the same thing: a voice. A fair shot. A seat at the table. But these proposed maps are a deliberate attempt to pull the chair out from under us.

Let's be clear: this is not just a partisan issue—it is a moral one. Because when communities are cracked and packed, when neighborhoods are divided so their voices carry less weight, that is voter suppression. And when suppression is codified into the very maps we use to elect our leaders, that is structural discrimination.

Democrats, progressives, independents and every person who believes in representative government must treat this moment with urgency. This is not just about districts. It's about whether Texans—especially Texans who don't fit into a narrow mold of power—will be allowed to shape the future of our state.

I'm asking this body to reject these maps and instead fight for a transparent, inclusive process that puts people before politics. Follow the Fair Maps Texas principles. Elevate community voices. And if you truly believe in democracy, then don't just speak out—act. Challenge this in court. Mobilize your communities. Do not let this moment pass without a fight.

Because Texans like me—veterans, queer folk, disabled people, our Black and Brown communities—we're not going anywhere. We've earned our seat at the table. And we're not going to stop until this state reflects all of us.

Thank you.

Shatha Kasem
Self
Houston, TX

Th is proposal is based on flawed data and fails to provide adequate representation for MENA communities.

Katherine Krueger
Self
Sugar Land, TX

I write to you today in deep frustration and disappointment regarding the blatant and politically motivated redistricting efforts being carried out under the influence of Donald Trump—a convicted felon who has repeatedly shown contempt for the truth, for justice, and for our Constitution.

The people of Texas deserve better than this charade. These maps should not be reviewed for another five years. Any premature remapping will not only waste millions of taxpayer dollars, it will disrupt and harm communities across the state and, most disturbingly, further suppress the voices of voters—especially those from historically marginalized communities.

I might ask you—what are you afraid of? Why are you bowing to the demands of a man who refuses to release promised documents such as those related to Jeffrey Epstein, clearly in an effort to protect himself and his inner circle? Why are you following the lead of someone convicted of crimes, instead of standing for the people of Texas?

You are not honoring your oath to the Constitution. You are not acting in defense of democracy. And people are starting to see through it. We see you- we know what you are doing!

Republicans I know—friends of mine—have expressed shame, remorse, and regret for ever believing in the party they once trusted. Are you yet ashamed? You should be. This is not what democracy looks like. This is what voter suppression and government manipulation look like. What are we doing? This is not what America was built on. This is not who we are supposed to be. History will remember your failures. What legacy will you leave when you are gone? One of courage and principle—or one of cowardice and complicity?
Right now, you are standing on the wrong side of history. You are turning your back on the Constitution and on the rights of your fellow Americans. You still have a choice. Choose justice. Choose the people. Choose democracy. We're watching. And we will not forget. Shame on you!

Julie McCoy
Self
Houston, TX

Doing this is in alignment to the political alliance that will destroy your futures. You will be voted out of office and your names will go down on the wrong side of Texas history. Praying you all start talking to the Lord and start doing the right thing for Texas and this country. We will remember this all, come voting time. Grow some integrity and stop pandering to an unlawful dictatorship!
We won't forget you… till we can get you out and gone. Say no to the gerrymandering you are creating to keep a convicted felon in office.

Marian Rain
Self
Dallas, TX

Further gerrymandering in this way is neither democratic nor American. Any representative who go along with this should be ashamed. It will only lead to a worsening partisan atmosphere.

Madeleine Mannix
Self
El Paso, TX

My father is a veteran and the VA in El Paso takes care all his medical care. My father would surely not be alive today if it were not for the VA. I do not see why the VA center located in El Paso and Fort Bliss should fall under the representation of a district spanning from San Antonio. It doesnt make sense. El Paso is between 7 to 9 hours away. We are closer to New Mexico than any other major city in Texas. That should mean that we are to be represented but someone from El Paso. Someone who understands our needs best. Ask anyone from central to east Texas, they will tell you that El Paso is not Texas. At least not like the rest of Texas. We are a unique city that needs to be represented by someone who understands, I believe that. There is no need for redistricting, as we already have a representative who fully understands what it means to live and be an El Pasoan.

Reymundo Diaz
Retired/self
El Paso, TX

We're better off being a part of New Mexico than Texas, we're treated like step children, being at the tip of Texas

Michael Hanna
Self
EL PASO, TX

It is practically criminal to do any redistricting during a non census year. This is only being done to attempt to keep the Republican majority in the house. Here in El Paso, the redistricting would severely limit our representation to be included in a house district that stretches all the way to San Antonio.

Elise Portley
The Sanctuary of Dallas
Forney, TX

The request to redistrict will not fully represent the constituents within rhe districts that they currently serve. The push to move on this so quickly is an example of gerrymandering and as a concerned and involved voter, I do not agree.

Doug Stevens, Citizen of Texas
Self
HORIZON CITY, TX

I see the governor does not care about El Paso. How can one, whose office is in San Antonio, effectively serve half of El Paso, the airport,and Ft. Biss?? They cant- or do they really care to. We know what you are trying to do Govenor Abbott- steal seats away from democratic voters/parry. Stealing away IQ, empathy, people wanting to help/serve the people who voted for them!! Serve their constituents!! What a concept!! Gerrymandering wouldn't have to be an issue if you tried to serve you're state!! Instead you are giving in..kissing the ring of the "president". Why ? Because the gop- the Maga party- the white party of incompetence, destruction of rights of people needs more seats. Instead of serving/helping people- you are choosing to steal from them!! I know it's the Maga way and it is wrong!! You know it , your party knows it , buy yall don't care. Shame on you!! May you all get your judgment. Thank you and God Bless....we need it.

John Hughes, Mr
self / self employed
Austin, TX

As a lifelong Austin, Texas taxpayer, voter, and family man, I demand to have my elected representatives living in and based in Travis County. I do not want to be represented by some know-nothing interloper from San Angelo, Victoria, Houston, Waco, or any other city other than Austin. Austinites demand to have their elected representatives based in Travis County. It's outrageous to suggest otherwise. Vote rigging and gerrymandering to remove fairly elected local leaders who know the needs of our area , and replacing them with rubberstamping good ol country boy bootlickers is poor policy and will not be tolerated - it is anti-Texas, anti-democratic and is a crooked scheme put forth by crooked men who have no better ideas to govern with. Voters select their leaders, not the other way around. We've had enough of this mismanagement of Texas sovereignty. Here in Austin, we pay attention to our elected representatives, who they stand with, what they do and how they vote. We don't elect felons or molesters or kings. This bill attempts to eliminate fair representation and we won't stand down.

Adelina Orozco Eaton, Mrs.
Self
El Paso, TX

Please don't vote to remove our local representation. Someone who lives 500+ miles away from our city doesn't know us or our needs. That person has consistently voted for bills that inconvenienced us and take away all that we've worked for to better our city. You know the difference between right and wrong. Make sure that you're voting for the people that live in the area of the 6th largest populated city of Texas. Stand up and do what's right. This is about people, not about party lines.

Talemah Jones
self pharmacist
Grand Prairie, TX

I do not support the redrawing of maps during this special session of congress. I feel that this is an attempt to take away the voice of the people and that Texas is only doing this to appease our current President. I ask that you do not carve up these districts and instead await the ruling on the maps that are already being deliberated over and the next census cycle to redraw the maps. If this passes I will work diligently with my fellow voters to remove all persons from office who voted in favor of this redistricting effort.

Connor Gleim
Self
Austin, TX

I am a lifelong Texan and I think this redistricting plan must be abandoned. I think that such blatant rigging of a district map is a slap in the face to millions of Texans and our right to a free and fair democratic process. I think if the state legislature had a Democrat majority and that majority attempted this same sort of partisan election rigging, every single republican member of the Texas legislature would be strongly opposed on the same moral and legal grounds. I hope that the members pay close attention to the earnest and passionate testimony of Texans like myself and that they change course and scrap this plan. I love my home state and I have since I was born, but these types of partisan overreaches and attacks on fair elections make me think that Texas doesn’t love its citizens. Finally, I don’t think that the authors and architects of this redistricting plan should call the bluff of states with Democrat majorities who can and will redraw their own maps to erase these five petty additions to the narrow GOP majority. I think that map rigging of any kind, red or blue, is wrong. But I fear that this plan being considered is only just the beginning between now and our midterm elections. I urge our legislators to abandon this plan. Texas is a one of a kind state, and a leader among the 50. This plan isn’t leadership - it’s ring kissing, boot licking conformity to appease Washington party leaders and bureaucrats as well as the president, who will never return this kind of favor.

Jenny Hassibi
Self
Austin, TX

Please play by the rules and redraw the lines after the next census. This is clearly a power grab and an attack on democracy.

Lilia Villarroel
Myself
Tomball, TX

I am writing to express my total opposition to the proposed redistricting map.

I reached out to my representative on this special committee, Rep. Tom Oliverson (District 130), but have yet to receive any response or acknowledgment. As my elected representative, he has a responsibility to listen to and represent his constituents — and his silence is unacceptable.

This committee has failed to provide the public with adequate notice of today's hearing. Many members of the public were not given a fair opportunity to prepare or participate in this process. That lack of transparency and rushed procedure undermines the integrity of our democracy and, frankly, should be considered unlawful.

I am deeply concerned that these maps were drawn to serve political interests rather than fairly represent the people of Texas. I see through this process and will not forget.

My vote will count — and I will use it. Once again, I am in complete opposition to this redistricting map.

Stephen Hendricks
Self
Keller, TX

I support HB 4 and the redistricting map being proposed. Thank you.

Al Lindsey, M.D.
Self, retired Family Doctor
Austin, TX

To continue, " letter from the DOJ is total BS. AG Pam Bondi wrote it to address Trump's Panic that he was going to lose his razor-thin House majority in the midterms & desperately wanted to reach out to Greg Abbott to bail him out. And obsequius puppet that he is, Gregie Baby agreed & added this to the special session agenda. Your plan is racist and unconstitutional. Mr. Hunter; and the field hearings were SHAMS, since there were no maps to evaluate. The People of Texas do not want more Republican Congress Folks, and DJT is underwater on every issue in every poll! The 2021 maps are fine for now, and your & Texas GOP's pretense of wanting public input and to serve Texans is another Sham. We will see You In Court!

Janice Graham
Self
Cedar Creek, TX

What are the republicans so afraid of that they are unable to hear a different opinion or approach to solve problems? What is happening to this country was unimaginable when I first started voting. It is also unfashionable why you would follow a man who is a convicted rapist, a man who cares nothing for our veterans, etc. You have lost your moral compass. Shame on you - I suspect the bottom line is all about money.

Adah Jones, Dr.
self and AFT
Wimberley, TX

As a Texas AFT member and an educator in higher education, I oppose any mid-decade redistricting that reduces minority voting influence. Gerrymandering is a blatant abuse of power to put certain communities at a disadvantage for having their voices heard. Voting is every person's right and privilege and manipulation takes away any real effect that each person's vote has. Please move towards equity and fair inclusion.

Donna Goll
Self
Fort Worth, TX

I am strongly opposed to redistricting at this time, in this way! It is unfair and unethical. It is only happening because the POTUS is demanding it in order to secure more Republican seats in the 2026 elections! Do not capitulate to corruption! You know this is wrong! Give the citizens of Texas time to properly debate this and determine what is best for us. Do not allow DC to dictate what Texas should do! Allow fair maps to be drawn by an Independent Commission that fairly represents all Texas citizens!

Allison Campolo, Dr.
Tarrant County Democratic Party
Euless, TX

I am opposed to this redistricting effort as it is not being conducted in good faith. It is abundantly clear that the body is not convening and collecting testimony for a legitimate discussion about fair representation. This mid-decade redistricting is unnecessary and it is a cynical, calculated attack on the voting rights of millions of Texas, particularly communities of color. This is about kowtowing to the whims of a President who is a convicted fraud, yet demands fealty and "5 more Republican seats", even if it means sacrificing the very principles of fairness and democracy.

I think what really stuns me is that this body is undertaking this action in direct conflict with the best interest of even rural or Republican voters. By systematically carving up urban areas to dilute them with rural voters, this action only guarantees that all Texans will lose fair representation, regardless of party.

This committee asked for testimony last week without even giving the public maps. They lied blatantly and directly to our faces saying no map existed on July 28, 2025, and then released extremely technical and complex maps which take Texas - which is a 47% Dem, 53% Rep state according to the 2020 election and census - to a voting environment where Democrats only have the possibility of representing a mere 21% of the population only 36 hours later on July 30, 2025.

This isn't leadership, it's cowardice. It's an abdication of your responsibility to the people you swore to serve.

We will remember who stood for democracy and who bowed down to political pressure. You are diluting you own Republican districts with our numbers and you will overplay your hand. The shame of this blatant gerrymander will be forever tied to your names. Do the right thing or be remembered for this gutless act on the wrong side of history.

Caroline Docwra
Self
Houston, TX

The new map presented cuts one of the most diverse areas of Texas, Alief, into multiple parts and places us into a majority white, higher income district. This ensure the needs of our community will never be heard and our voices silenced. Our elected officials will not listen to the needs because we become the minority again where in Houston we are the majority. In our previous district our congressman spoke directly for us and what we want done with our hard working tax dollars. If is unconstitutional and unconsciable to take away rights from our community and will only lead into fascism.

Jennifer Bullock
Self/ Teacher
Austin, TX

As a life long Texan, I urge you to do the morally right thing and not gerrymander these districts. It is vital to the fabric of our democracy that everyone is allowed to have a voice and not be victim to greed and power. History has its eye on you.

Lauren Ivy Chiong
Self
Fort Worth, TX

I am strongly against the redistricting effort. Thank you.

Cathy King, A person
Self
Austin7, TX

This bill is unconstitutional and illegal. Section 1 of the 14th Amendment demands that each person has the right to representation. You are violating that right if you pass this.

Angelica Rivera, Ms.
Self
Temple, TX

I am against this bill!! VOTE NO!

Kristin Hook, Dr.
Self - Scientist
Corpus Christi, TX

I'm a native Texan, a concerned scientist, and former congressional candidate for Texas' 21st Congressional District, which includes Kerrville and communities devastated by the recent floods.

I OPPOSE redistricting Texas maps based on partisan ideologies instead of data. I urge the members of this committee not to aid and abet a political power grab that harms all Texans and our democracy.

I'm thinking of the flood victims today. When I campaigned in Kerr County last year, residents told me their top concern was the subversion of democracy. That's exactly what's at stake here.

This special session should be focused on flood victims. Instead, Trump and Abbott are exploiting this natural disaster and the families still reeling from devastating losses to ram through a partisan agenda that allows them to cling to power in next year's elections.

This mid-census gerrymander attempt is a slap in the face to Kerr County and Texans everywhere.

I've seen what happens when maps are gerrymandered: constituents have no one to show up to town halls to hear their concerns and no one to advocate for them in the halls of power.

Every decade since the Voting Rights Act was passed in 1965, the state of Texas has been found guilty of violating it by diluting the voices of Latino and Black Texans.
Right now, the last redistricting plan the state legislature schemed up is being challenged in court for the exact same thing.

If you approve this redistricting plan, you could set a new record for violating the Voting Rights Act – not once but TWICE in a single decade. Is that the legacy you want to leave behind? Is that a legacy you would be proud to share with your children, grandchildren, and constituents?

You were elected by the people of Texans – not Donald Trump, not Greg Abbott. So ask yourself: who do you work for? Are you here to serve democracy or to serve tyrants?

Instead of gerrymandering our maps to take a wrecking ball to our democracy, this committee should work to put an end to partisan gerrymandering by creating an independent redistricting commission to produce fair, more competitive maps and a publicly transparent process.

Thank you for your time. We're counting on you ALL to do the right thing.

Summer Hernandez
Self
Cedar Creek, TX

This is not representative of the desires of most Texans. I strongly oppose this bill!

Cindy Martinez
Self
El Paso, TX

This country was not built overnight but it feels like it is being destroyed by spineless politicians who refuse to stand up to their “master “.
May I remind you that you were elected to ensure to ensure the laws and bylaws of this state and county are followed. Rigging an election before the people of Texas can vote stinks of gerrymandering. It is corrupt and racist, not to mention an attack on our Democracy.
Do your job!! But do it honestly and with integrity.
Ensure our democracy survives.

Abigail Madden
Self - dietitian
Houston, TX

I am 30 years old and a lifelong Texan. This is my first time getting truly involved in speaking out on political issues, because though I’ve known Texas politics to be deeply unjust for some time, things are now at a breaking point.

I am a constituent of Congressional District 18, and weeks ago when I looked up which representative to call to express my disapproval of the “big, beautiful bill,” I found that there was no one to call. Because Governor Greg Abbott continues to purposely delay the special election to fill the seat of the late Sylvester Turner, currently I am experiencing taxation without representation.

On my registration form to testify today, I wasn’t allowed to mark “for” or “against” the redistricting effort, because for some reason we are being asked to give “public comments” on a redistricting map has not yet been created. Even in the absence of a map, or a hearing that allows opinions to be tallied, let the record show: I am against this effort. Against unnecessary mid-decade redistricting which is sure to be further gerrymandering and disenfranchisement of BIPOC voters. Against following orders from the president for ridiculous Republican power grabs that come at the cost of people’s lives.

The fact that every person here was forced to mark “neutral,” that public testimony is capped at five hours, and that only three hearings are being held across this entire state, all reflect how our voices are being actively suppressed.

I am disillusioned with my government. I don’t believe the current political majority cares what I think. But I’m here anyway, because we the people will not be silenced. We deserve representation that doesn’t treat our voices as obstacles. We the people are watching, and we’re asking you—don’t mess with our congressional districts, and don’t mess with Texas.

Johanna Caruthers
Self
Dallas, TX

My name is Johanna Caruthers, and I live in US Congressional District 32, Texas House District 114, and Texas Senate District 23. I have lived in Texas for 10 years now; the only other state I've lived in longer was Pennsylvania, where I was born. I am against HB4 and oppose any efforts to redraw the voter districts in the state of Texas. Texans deserve fair maps that represent communities, not politicians. Any redistricting process that silences voters—especially communities of color—is a direct attack on our democracy. We are watching, we are organizing, and we will not accept maps drawn to divide and diminish our voices. This committee has a choice: serve the people, or face the consequences of ignoring them. I ask the committee to reject this bill.

Sean Gulick, Dr.
Self
Sunset Valley, TX

I was truly dismayed to learn that the State of Texas would take the highly unusual move of redrawing congressional districts out of cycle with the Census. This is clearly not driven by any kind of mandated action on apart of the state, nor is this the usual get it right with our updated population numbers. Rather this is entirely political and will have the effect of continuing to disenfranchise voters in the State of Texas. Let democracy have a voice and leave the districts alone until the next census.

Beatrice Navarette, Ms.
Self, Oncology Sales Representative
El Paso, TX

I am writing as a Texas voter to vehemently oppose the blatant partisan redistricting efforts being pushed by Governor Abbott to manipulate our electoral maps in favor of Donald Trump and his political allies. This is not representative democracy—it is election interference carried out under the guise of "redistricting."

Every Texan deserves fair maps that reflect our communities, not maps drawn to silence voters and rig outcomes. My vote is MY voice, and these proposed changes are designed to drown it out. Gerrymandering undermines the very foundation of free and fair elections and erodes public trust in our democratic institutions.

If our leaders can redraw maps at will to guarantee one party's victory, then the promise of democracy in Texas is nothing more than a sham. This power grab is anti-American, anti-democratic, and must be stopped.

I urge the Texas Legislature to reject this blatant attempt to manipulate our elections. We deserve fair representation—not rigged districts designed to keep one man and one party in power. Texans are watching, and we will remember who defended our right to vote and who helped destroy it.

Saman Hassibi, Dr
Self
Austin, TX

This is premature and does not accurately represent Texans. As a physician and father in our community I vehemently oppose the bill.

Meghan Burk
self
Austin, TX

I disagree with this redistricting approach - it is imbalanced and puts an unfair majority to the favor of Republicans, forcibly so. If America is a democracy, you cannot be upset if a majority vote Democratically. Allow us to be heard.

Shannon Byrne
self
austin, TX

AGAINST

Anna Krachey
Myself
Austin, TX

This is unacceptable. Gerrymandering. It's a biased mapping made with the goal of promoting one groups voice over everyone else's. This is not how you represent the people. It's biased and unfair.

Terri Crouch
Self
Waxahachie, TX

These maps are whole unfair, racist and unconstitutional! This is a very blatant power grab and the people of Texas do not want this! Remember you work for us! We will continue to fight this tooth and nail! Do not redraw the maps!

Sara Peck
Self
McKinney, TX

I Absolutely OPPOSE this redistricting! It is against true democracy! Please cite NO!

Cebron O'Bier, Mr.
Self-Financial Representative
Avery, TX

I am in favor of the redistricting giving the Republicans 5 more seats.

Betsy Sanchez, Mrs
Self designer
Galveston, TX

Dear Madams & Sirs,

I would like to voice my objection to spending time and money on redistricting in Texas. We have other more pressing issues on our plates than to gerrymander voting lines.

FYI, I lost my brother in the Kerrville floods. I am devastated. As elected officials you should be spending all your time making concrete policy, implementation and funding for the health safety and welfare of all Texans. Spend time on this session on flood control. One topic for the special session. Please do what you were elected to do and stop trying just get elected through redistricting and gerrymandering district to find votes.

Kimberly Horne
Self—teacher
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose mid-census redistricting. I support compact districts reflecting communities of interest. Thank you for your attention to this matter!

Lesley Forte
Self / paralegal
Anna, TX

I strongly oppose this bill.

Khristen Lister
Self
Houston, TX

I am opposed to this bill

Nora Fuentes
self
El Paso, TX

I wish to negate the new redistricting maps that affect El Paso. El Pasoans do not want a Representative that is almost 500 miles away. It is a known fact that the new redistricting maps affect the votes of minorities, which has been seen time and time again. Ohio for one example. Redistricting revolves around the ongoing struggle between political interests seeking to maintain power through gerrymandering and citizens advocating for fair, transparent, and constitutional redistricting processes that truly represent the will of the people.

Monica Tison
Self, Director of Customer Success
Austin, TX

I'm writing to demand that the committee vote against the biased redistributing map in Texas. The proposed map explicitly and openly denies Texans equal representation in our government by suppressing votes for a single political party. This flies in the face of our forefather's desire for free and fair elections, and unjustly manipulates the electoral process for the benefit of the Republican party. Currently, the 66% of Texans are represented by a Republican congressional member, even though only 55% of Texans voted for the Republican candidate. With the proposed map, that number would jump by 13 percentage points to 79% - a vast over representation of the political diversity of Texans. Voting in favor of this redistricting declares to Texans, the United States, and those watching around the world that we are no longer a democracy that truly values the voice of it's citizens. I urge all members of this body to to vote against.

Nadia Hubbard
Self
Garland, TX

The pushed redistict needs to be stopped. It is being used as a tool to suppress the votes and voices of those in the areas being changed.

Samara Flener
Self
Austin, TX

I stand against the republican attempt at redistricting which will disenfranchise underrepresented voters and is a blatant power grab at the behest of the most corrupt president and administration in the history of the United States of America.

Kaitlyn Kash
Self
Austin, TX

Hello, my name is Kaitlyn Kash, and I'm a resident of Austin. I'm a mom with kids in our public schools, an active neighbor involved in my community, and a Texan who cares deeply about fairness, democracy, and having a voice that counts.
I'm really concerned about what's happening with this redistricting process. It feels rushed, unnecessary, and—frankly—dishonest. Nothing has changed in our population to justify redrawing these maps right now. The only thing that's changed here is the political calculation. You can't say this isn't about party advantage. When asked by reporters about the possibility of redrawing maps to help Republicans win more seats, The President said, "Texas will be the biggest one. Just a very simple redrawing, we pick up five seats."
If there were any doubt about the motivation behind this process, the President's own words erased it.
The privilege you have as lawmakers to shape our congressional districts is not a tool for party gain. It's a responsibility—to ensure that all Texans, regardless of race, geography, or party, have a fair and equal opportunity to elect representatives who reflect their communities.
When redistricting is reduced to a "very simple" way to "pick up five seats," it shows that you're not focused on serving your fellow Texans—you're focused on protecting your political future.
This process risks silencing specific communities, especially communities of color across Texas, just to give one party a few more safe seats. It makes people feel like our voices and our votes don't matter.
We already struggle with low trust in government. Pushing through a redistricting plan mid-decade—when we're not even due for one—only deepens that mistrust. And meanwhile, real issues—like how to prevent future tragedies for children and families who died while camping or attending summer camps in our state—go unaddressed. These were families simply enjoying what Texas has to offer, and they never got the warnings in time. Solutions were filed last session that could help prevent this from happening again—and could still be passed.
You're treating our congressional map like a coloring book—not titled "How to Ensure Fair Representation," but "How to Secure Total Domination."
I hope you'll choose to do the right thing. Hit pause on this process. Let Texans keep the districts we just voted under, and focus instead on the urgent problems families across this state are facing.
Thank you for your time.

Jill Patton
self, business owner
Round Rock, TX

This bill is an affront to democracy. It silences minority voices and will skew our votes further. The system of our government is trying to silence us and you are complicit if you pass this bill. Please do the bidding of your TEXAS CONSTITUENTS and not our President. You owe US. We will not forget where you stand on Election Day. And you bet blue states will retaliate is you pass this.

Zachary Herbert
Self
Garland, TX

This is obviously unfair, and should not go through.

Gregory Callow
Self - Self Employed
Trinidad, TX

Redistricting is only to be done in the year following the census. Any other "gerrymandering" is an illegal political ploy! Please adhere to the law not politics!

Susan Kelley, Ms
none
Austin, TX

Good grief. What is wrong with you people? Even though this is a farce of public comment, here are my thoughts. Texans should be allowed, in their current districts, to make their opinions clear about the so-called Big Beautiful Bill which will harm thousands of Texans, will terminate entitlement to health care, kill many of our rural hospitals, do essentially nothing for working poor Texans, and increases funding for masked ICE bully boys to invade our schools, businesses, and farms. Our Founders intended for Reps to be elected from those who LIVE in our communities, would serve for two years, then return home. They never intended it to be a form of permanent employment and a source of personal enrichment. When I moved to Texas in 1973, I was a Republican, but I have watched the GOP sink into a cesspool of culture wars and violations of the all-important separation of church and state in passing laws embracing sectarian beliefs (the abortion laws being a stark example) and support the most amoral and unqualified President we have had in my lifetime. You claim a "mandate" yet you fear the judgment of voters on the harm being done to our Democracy and the Rule of Law. Shame no longer exists in Texas GOP.

Nadia Trevino
Self-Educator
Manvel, TX

This is a blatant and gross overtaking of government by a party that has always touted itself as the party of “small government”. We will not appease dictators in Washington nor here in Texas. We will not appease nor enable autocrats nor dictators anywhere. Stop this attempt to steal future elections in Texas and in the nation in order to keep Republicans in power. That is not a democracy!

Kelley Blevins
Self
Mount Pleasant, TX

I do not agree with this redistricting effort. The proposed map does not allow an accurate representation of our population and our political values.

Rachel Gyamfi
Self
Mansfield, TX

My name is Rachel Gyamfi and I live in Mansfield, right on the edge of Tarrant County, in congressional district 6.

I strongly oppose this redistricting plan. This is clear racial gerrymandering to boost the Republican's stronghold in the House of Reps. It works to silence the voices of democrats and independents. This redistricting plan comes not from the people of Texas, but the dried up orange that is sitting in the oval office. He does not care for us, he does not know us, and he does not represent us. But yall do, so I hope that after hearing our pleas that you will do the right thing and not vote on this oh so "secretive" map that we still have not seen.

Vote NO to HB 4 by Hunter

Jill Carter, Dr.
Self
Terrell, TX

Redistricting in Texas is unnecessary and harmful to the people of Texas. This attempt to redistrict is politically motivated to manipulate the 2026 Congressional elections to favor the Republican Party. This flies in the face of our democracy and the idea that American citizens have the right to representation. This redistricting plan seeks to silence the voices of Texas citizens, especially those who are Black and Hispanic. This is blatant discrimination and has no place in our state or country.

Andrew Moore
self/Executive and Small Business Owner
Jonestown, TX

Members of the Texas House,

Texas is more than a place on a map — it is an idea. An idea forged in independence, built by people who believed in taking responsibility for their own future. For generations, Texans have carried that identity with pride: tough, self-reliant, unwilling to bow to the dictates of Washington, D.C. or anyone else.

That is why HB?4 — the proposal to redraw Texas' U.S. House districts in the middle of the decade — strikes at the very heart of what it means to be Texan.

This bill doesn't arise from new census data, demographic shifts, or the natural cycle of redistricting. It comes from partisan calculation — and worse, from pressure applied by forces outside Texas, including a President and his national operatives, who have made no secret of their goal: to engineer a map that delivers more seats in Congress for their party.

When Texas legislators allow mid-decade redistricting at the request of Washington strategists, we send a dangerous message — that Texas is willing to set aside its own traditions and values to serve the needs of a political machine we don't control.

By redrawing districts mid-stream:

Communities are torn apart. Towns, neighborhoods, even school districts will suddenly find themselves represented by someone they didn't vote for, someone who doesn't know their issues, someone who isn't rooted in their lives.

Constituent services are disrupted. Families who need help with a Social Security issue, veterans who need their VA claims handled, small businesses that need guidance from federal agencies — all of them will have their cases shuffled to new offices, creating confusion and delays.

Texans lose their voice. If your community is carved up into pieces, your concerns don't carry the same weight. When a district is engineered to serve a party instead of a people, your vote becomes a checkbox in someone else's strategy.

We were a republic before we were a state. We've fought wars to defend our right to self-determine. We've written independence into our very DNA.

We talk often about the Tenth Amendment, about state sovereignty, about keeping Texas Texan. But sovereignty isn't just about resisting federal mandates; it's about resisting the temptation to hand Washington more control over us.

HB?4 is exactly that temptation.

It says: Let's redraw our map — not because Texans asked for it, but because Washington did.

It says: Let's divide our communities — not because it helps Texans, but because it helps a party gain power in D.C.

It says: Let's put Texas to work for Washington, instead of putting Washington to work for Texas.

And when Texas Republicans vote for HB?4, they risk becoming what Texans will rightly call TINOs — Texans In Name Only.

You cannot claim to stand for Texas independence while handing over the keys to our representation. You cannot claim to stand for Texas values while reshaping our map to serve someone else's agenda.
I urge you: reject HB?4. Keep Texas independant.

Debi Castro
Self
Round Rock, TX

I ask that all our leadership publically condemn and refuse to support the radical Redistricting process happening in our great state. This blatantly partisan gerrymandering is a dangerous precedence and takes away the voice of so many of our citizens. Hardworking, critical members of our communities will be robbed of their participation in our democratic process. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Erik Powers
Self
Cedar Park, TX

This bill and this process are extremely unpopular. It's no wonder because it is blatantly undemocratic. Our political bodies are now so dysfunctional largely due to things like gerrymandering that stifle true representation of the citizenry. And now it's becoming a race to the bottom with other states threatening to follow Texas' lead. Rather than pursue this, why not pass a bill that bans political gerrymandering? Texans would certainly appreciate that.

April Patrick, Ms.
Self
Canyon Lake, TX

NO redistricting!! Please stop this.

Nicole Trejo-Serrata, Mrs.
Self
Alice, TX

This bill is a blatant attempt to silence Texan's voices. My district (15) would remove many and now include more registered republicans than democrats. The new district would include many citizens whom do not share our human experiences, lifestyles, political views, environment, etc. Do better! Vote against this atrocious bill. The whole country is watching you.

Elissa Saxon
self
Richardson, TX

If you rig these districts, I will not be voting for any of you in the next elections. Your actions are appalling and you all should be ashamed.

Joshua Bradley
Self, precinct 29 chair of Smith County, Texas
Troup, TX

As an active citizen, I urge the Texas Legislature to approve HB4. The current districts drawn in 2021 followed the flawed 2020 Census which officials have acknowledged significantly undercounted several states, including Texas, while overcounting others. Further, recent court decisions including the U.S. Fifth Circuit's 2024 ruling in the Petteway v. Galveston County established that districts based on "coalitions" of minority groups are not protected by the Voting Rights Act. It is time to correct the error of 2021, pass HB4, and restore fair Congressional seat representation in Texas. Thank you.

Tanya Mahr
Self - marketing director
Austin, TX

NO. As an east Austin resident represented by Greg Casar, I am strongly opposed to this legislation. I have lived in Austin for 12 YEARS, and FINALLY, for the very first time as a Texas resident, Casar has made me feel like I have a voice in congress that truly represents me. Sure, my district would be absorbed by Doggett's who I also support, but this bill ignores the thousands of voices who WON'T have a voice again, or whose voices will now be diluted because of more gerrymandering and political strategy that's an obvious power grab. We WILL NOT STAND FOR THIS. Hear me say this, we cannot and will not stand by and let Washington dictate our local politics as a ploy to remain in power. This is abhorrent.

Jeff Gifford
Self
Cedar Park, TX

What a disgrace. Embarrassed to be a Texan. Republican Party is not of the people, but for the wealthy. Name of thing done by the Republican Party that benefits everyday people in a positive way?

Richard Wiseman
Self
Fort Worth, TX

I fully support HB4 and the redistricting map.

Kathryn Genet
Self
Austin, TX

Mid cycle redistricting is designed to take away the voice of select citizens. It indicates the ruling party can not win on their policy and agenda. It is not democratic. It is not American. Those that push this: remember that we are a democracy. Your fellow citizens have the right to elect representatives that best represent their ideals in this competition of policy. That's how America became great. I know we all love America. Be a ruling party that is brave enough to put the judgement of your ideas and policy to the public. If you are afraid, then examine your policy or educate voters. No on serving Donald Trump. Be Texans. Be worth it.

Aman Sandhu, Ms.
Self
Flower Mound, TX

All Texans need to be fairly represented. I do not support this redistricting at all.

Sharon Guthrie
Self
Tyler, TX

Please support Rep. Hunter's redistricting plan. I encourage all Republicans in the Texas Legislature to approve HB4. The current districts drawn in 2021 followed the flawed 2020 Census which officials have acknowledged significantly undercounted several states, including Texas, while overcounting others. Further, recent court decisions including the U.S. Fifth Circuit's 2024 ruling in the Petteway v. Galveston County established that districts based on "coalitions" of minority groups are not protected by the Voting Rights Act. It is time to correct the error of 2021, pass HB4, and restore fair Congressional seat representation in Texas. Thank you.

Robert Barracca, Mr.
Self
Fort Worth, TX

Support

Amanda Erickson
self
Austin, TX

As you all well know, redistricting is supposed to happen based on the census taken every 10 years and get updated based on population change. This is a blatant attempt to gerrymander the districts at the whims of a certain president so the Republicans can stay in power. What this ends up doing is silencing voters, especially those in minority communities. No one wants this, and this certainly does not represent the will of the voters in any which way you slice it. Vote no on this power grab that threatens our democracy. Instead of spending so much time on this, maybe you should focus your efforts on the flood victims and making sure Texas has appropriate warning systems for all of the increasing storms and natural events that keep happening with more frequency. That would actually help people, but we know you only help yourselves.

Marlene DiLillo
self Retired
Harker Heights, TX

I am in SUPPORT of HB4. This bill is legal, and opposition is fermenting fear through lies and false information. Personal attacks against the committee members at this bill's hearings are unacceptable and reflect on the bad character of the persons making these threats and attacks. Both Dems and Republicans have precedent for this redistricting, so again, I support the swift passage of HB 4.

Allison Cleary
Self
Comanche, TX

The redistricting of Texas has been at the request of the President of the United States. This redistricting proposal was not initiated because our great state had a need for it, but because a sitting American President TOLD us this needed to happen. Since when have Texans bent to the will of the Office of the Presidency? Since when did the great state of Texas start looking out for the interest of the national government than for its own people? A Texans we tend to pride ourselves as being self sufficient and independent. We pride ourselves in looking out for one another and to fight against big government systems that have overstepped their lane of power. I implore you to not listen to the demands of the President. I implore you to stick to Texan values and continue to put us Texans first before big government. Reject this redistricting and embrace all of the Texan voices. When we as a state stand strong, stand together historically we have done phenomenal things, and I want to continue that legacy. It would devastate me to see my home state, the one I serve as a healthcare worker, the one where I was born and raised, to see the state that I love, fall to its knees in devotion to big government.

Susan Van Haitsma
self, retired
Austin, TX

This is a dishonest, openly racist move by Texas Republicans, who are damaging Texas and undermining this country's basic values of democracy and equality.

Rosa Ratterree
self
Burleson, TX

I respectfully, request the committee accept the HB 4 bill. I live in an area that will be affected by this bill, and will be better represented with the HB 4 bill passing.

Lynn Bridge, Ms.
Self- retired
Dripping Springs, TX

To all the Republicans on the Committee: You have fallen under the spell of the governor, who has fallen under the spell of the president, who has to cheat his way to votes to maintain power. I see what you are doing- you don't fool me. I live in Hays County, and you are clearly trying to silence voices here, rather than following the law and creating districts that represent local interests. You could choose to create districts which are representative of the voting patterns and the wishes of citizens, but instead, you choose to force your will on your constituents. This is not representative democracy. This is autocracy. This is not Texas. This is not America. You can choose differently, and you can help create liberty and justice for all; you know- America. Texas.

Tomas Jimenez-Williams
Self
Austin, TX

I am opposed to Congressional Redistricting in Texas. Thank you.

Veronica Rice
Myself
Austin, TX

Stop this illegal act NOW, and start representing us like you were elected by the people of Texas.

Jennifer Rodgers
Self
Austin, TX

District composition should not be manipulated to suppress the will of the constituents in order to appease President Trump or a corrupt conservative agenda to pander to those in power instead of fighting for the individuals you represent. Distract maps should remain unchanged and instead the focus should be how you can best protect and serve the human beings of the state of Texas and the Trump arm of the Republican Party. Please please think of the people who depend on you to represent their voices and their needs.

Kristena Glenn, Ms.
Self- attorney
Manvel, TX

I request my representatives of Brazoria County and other representatives to oppose HB 4. This redistricting is not being done according to census data, as it is premature. Therefore these districts are being redrawn to silence the voices of the constituents you represent. Do the right thing, and oppose this Bill.

Megan Morris
Self - Mental health professional (LCSW)
Austin, TX

As a citizen and a mental health professional, I am concerned about redistricting that separates community members into different districts that works to have them not represented in our government, a government for the people and by the people. There is no good reason for this gerrymandering to exist. A congress person should not have a strange shaped district that runs through different counties. Keep it simple. Allow people to have true representation. To not allow for that effects people's mental health. And, in the long run, the people will rise up. All we have to do is look at history. Societies do not continue to exist if their voices are not heard and represented fairly.

Marieke Lahey
Self / engineer
Houston, TX

I oppose the redrawn districts as proposed. Having a Rep responsible for vastly different geographic areas makes no sense, especially when needing to respond to natural disasters or other local issues. I've also been in a district so Gerrymandered that my neighbors one block down across a neighborhood street were in a different district. Very inconvenient when trying to coordinate discussion with Congress people who are supposed to represent US not rich lobbyists.

Hailey Maschinski
Self
The colony, TX

I'm a mom and I'm tired of watching politicians play games with our lives. Changing tax districts like this hurts families like mine. It takes away resources from our schools, our clinics, our neighborhoods. And let's be honest—it targets communities of color. That's racist, and it's wrong. We work hard, we pay our taxes, and we deserve fair representation. Not maps drawn to push us out or keep us quiet. This should be illegal. You should be protecting our voices, not erasing theM

Brian Murphy
self
El Paso, TX

I propose a vote in Congress for a special mid-decade ballot measure vote by constituents in the proposed areas for redistricting. I have also requested a similar request through the El Paso District 77. As the U.S. House of Representatives each passed as bipartisan the Freedom to Vote Act & John Lewis Voting Rights Act—the former including Texas Representative Brian Babin's Yea with 13 other Republicans, and from a 50-year history of discrimination lawsuits now pending decision from MALDEF & NAACP, please wait.
A vote will help confirm to our respective members in the Texas Special Congressional Redistricting Committee the constituents' will for the Senators to make leadership decisions, and it also serves as a partial census in tallying the number of eligible voters who vote—of whom I suspect many will have great interest to compel their viewpoint as many testified in the available committee sessions in the past week, and most statements were from El Paso with disagreement over either the current districting is not representative to the intent of the taxes we provide or the rumors that now show a similar plan of diluting the one, unique voice of El Paso County.
Having the official prospective redistricting map on the congressional website, is essential to help the voters make informed decisions.
The Lone Star Republic needs to hold fast to keeping it's business at the lowest level—not the DOJ—especially if there are discrepancies.

Marc Garcia
self, analyst
Houston, TX

Keep non-bipartisan Presidential hands OUT of Texas.

Kate Mesches
Self
Austin, TX

Stop the gerrymandering. This rushed, off-schedule "redistricting" is a blatant attempt to cement results of upcoming midterms at the demand of your maga overlord. I thought Texas loved its independence. You, the gop controlled Gov & lege are bought & paid for by maga. If you & the gop has the best candidates, the best plans & best ideas then why wouldn't you want to make it easy to vote?! Why would you have to try and disenfranchise voters just to have a chance at winning. This is criminal - even the last gerrymandering that gop did hasn't been approved by courts and now you're already doing it again?! Bring real democracy back to Texas. Let the people vote for their lawmakers - not lawmakers pick their constituents. Shame on you. You are on the wrong side of history (which we will teach again one day when you are gone)

Chelsey Hockett
Self
Terrell, TX

The map that was submitted is absolutely heinous and completely silences voices of a massive amount of our Texas community. Registering everyone as neutral is a horrible way to silence all of the voices that dared speak up. I am not okay with this redistricting and is not an acceptable way to treat constituents. This is a racist bill and a racist map. I hope whatever boots you have on the agenda to lick later, have stepped in dog crap.

Erica Robinson
Self
Fort Worth, TX

I would like to state for the record that I oppose the bill to redistrict and the gerrymandering in the state of Texas. I am a proud Texan and this is not just or lawful in communities of color. Let diversity reign in our great state. Thank you for your consideration. I must say that Chair Cody has been great with respecting all people during these public meetings. He also explains well when answering questions. Praying for leaders to do the right thing at the right time.

Makia Thomas
Self
Rosharon, TX

To the Honorable Members of the Committee,

My name is Makia Thomas, and I am a concerned resident of Rosharon, Texas, and I am a constituent of Congressional District 9. I am here today to voice my strong opposition to House Bill 4, a bill that I believe poses a significant threat to the principles of fair representation and democratic integrity in our state.

The core reason for my opposition is that this legislation, in its current form, dilutes the voting power of my community and other communities across Texas. The proposed maps are a clear and alarming example of partisan gerrymandering, designed not to reflect the will of the people but to create an unfair advantage for a specific political party. This is a perversion of the democratic process.

Furthermore, I am deeply troubled by the unprecedented timing of this redistricting effort. Redistricting is a constitutional duty to be performed once every ten years, following the decennial census. To undertake this process mid-decade, without a compelling legal or demographic justification, undermines the stability and predictability of our electoral system. This timing is not a coincidence; it is a calculated attempt to seize political power outside the normal, expected course of events.

Finally, I believe this bill is racially provocative. Texas has grown and diversified immensely over the past decade, with people of color accounting for the majority of our state's population growth. Yet, the proposed maps appear to intentionally minimize the electoral influence of these growing communities, packing them into a few districts or cracking them across many to weaken their collective voice. This is an affront to the very idea of an inclusive and representative democracy.

I urge this committee to reject House Bill 4. We, the people of Texas, deserve a fair and transparent process that respects the voting power of every citizen, not a cynical political maneuver that seeks to silence our voices. Please do the right thing for our state and our future.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

John Duncan
Self
McAllen, TX

With Dustin Burrows and 35 other RINOs giving TX House control to DEMOCRATS, this is an opportunity to put REAL REPUBLICANs and CONSERVATIVEs to represent the WILL of the people of Texas.

Anita Roselle
Self
San Antonio, TX

Strongly oppose this unethical push to redistrict Texas. Could offer a list of reasons but I'll keep it brief. its sneaky and unethical and everyone involved in these maps and putting them in place knows it. We the people are watching and taking notes.

Pat Cope
Voter
Marble Falls, TX

I support the redistricting as proposed in HB4 by Hunter, additionally, I support a smaller delta between voting precinct populations within a county:
TO: Eduardo Arredondo, Burnet County Attorney
FROM: Colleen Davis, First Assistant County Attorney
RE: Proportionality of County Election Precincts
MEMORANDUM24May2024
[...]The Texas Election Code governs all aspects of elections in the State of Texas. Specifically, Section 42.006 governs the population of county election precincts, specifying:
"A county election precinct must contain at least 100 but not more than 5,000 registered voters."
Although the number of registered voters is constantly changing, the data provided by [...] and Mr. Ferguson demonstrate that all 20 county election precincts in Burnet County are compliant with §42.006. The number of registered voters in each precinct ranges from 628 to 4,139.[1]
[1] County election precincts should not be confused with County Precincts. Burnet County has 20 county election precincts, which are distinct and separate from, but make up, the four County Precincts associated with each County Commissioner, Justice of the Peace, and Constable.
[2] Numbers as of May 21, 2024, excluding "S Voters."
Election Code §42.006(e): "In computing a number of registered voters under this section, voters whose names appear on the list of registered voters with the notation 'S', or a similar notation, shall be excluded."
Arguably, the Texas Legislature answered the question left by the Court in Avery regarding what constitutes "substantially unequal population," defining it as any county election precinct with more than 100 but fewer than 5,000 registered voters.
Section 42.031 of the Election Code requires that a Commissioners Court review county election precincts in March or April of odd-numbered years. If the court determines that any precinct is not in compliance, it shall order the necessary boundary changes.
Therefore, I recommend that in March 2025, this item be placed on the Commissioners Court Agenda and that a thorough review be conducted and presented.
It is likely that by that time, Precinct 19 (currently 4,547 registered voters) and Precinct 20 (currently 4,240 registered voters) will have surpassed the 5,000-voter threshold, especially with upcoming voter registration efforts.
However, any attempt to change precinct boundaries before the May county-wide runoff election or the November national election would be rushed and difficult to implement. Since we are currently compliant with state law, I recommend waiting until the mandatory review in 2025.
[Presentation of and the statutes relevant to Burnet County's registered voter population distribution within voting precincts (PDF)]
(https://destinyhosted.com/burnemindocs/2024/ComCt/20240528_4476/minutes/1459_8._Presentation_of_and_the_statutes_relevant_to_Burnet_County%27s_registered_voter_population_distribution_within_voting_precincts..pdf)
You wouldn't believe the "review" that was done in March 2025.

Crystal Chism, Mayor Pro Tem

Texas Coalition of Black Democrats Dallas County, Self

DeSoto, TX

PUBLIC COMMENT SUBMISSION
Crystal Chism, Mayor Pro Tem – City of DeSoto
Texas House Select Committee on Redistricting
August 1, 2025 – HB 4 (Hunter)

I submit this comment in strong opposition to HB 4 and the proposed congressional redistricting maps.

These maps were released less than 48 hours after the public hearing in Arlington — before the public's input could be fully received or considered. That timeline alone demonstrates a deliberate lack of transparency and engagement. This is cowardly behavior and a political power grab, carried out with complete disregard for the communities most affected. What's worse, the people drawing these lines do not live in the areas they are reshaping.

The proposed maps weaken the collective political voice of Black and Latino communities, despite the fact that these populations are driving the majority of Texas's growth. The result is a redistricting proposal that fails to reflect the demographic reality of our state. These maps are racially discriminatory and serve political interests—not the people of Texas.

As an elected official in southern Dallas County, I represent a city and a region made up of vibrant, diverse, and growing communities. Congressional representation should reflect the people it serves. Instead, HB 4 erases those voices for short-term political gain.

History will not forget this moment. Redistricting should be about fairness and equal representation—not partisan manipulation. As elected officials, you are obligated to serve all Texans equally, not just those who benefit your political future.

I urge the committee to reject HB 4 and return with maps that are legal, equitable, and representative of the true face of Texas.

Respectfully submitted,
Crystal Chism, CMO
Mayor Pro Tem, Place 6
City of DeSoto, TX

Joan Jordan

Self

Round Rock, TX

This is wrong and you all know it.
STOP CAPITULATING TO TRUMP!

Colleen Wu
Self, Genetic Counselor
Austin, TX

am writing to express strong opposition to the ongoing gerrymandering present in Texas's redistricting process. Redistricting should reflect the will of the people—not the interests of political parties or incumbents. Unfortunately, the current maps continue a pattern of manipulation that undermines fair representation, dilutes the voting power of communities of color, and weakens public confidence in our democratic institutions.

Texas is one of the most diverse states in the nation, with communities that deserve to be represented in ways that reflect their shared interests, geography, and lived experiences. Yet, current and proposed district lines often split these communities apart or pack them into a limited number of districts, effectively minimizing their political voice. This practice violates the spirit—and potentially the letter—of the Voting Rights Act.

Furthermore, the use of partisan data to draw safe seats for one party over another discourages voter participation, increases polarization, and results in legislators who are less accountable to their constituents. Voters should choose their representatives—not the other way around.

I urge the Legislature and all relevant bodies to reject any redistricting maps that are drawn with partisan bias or racial discrimination in mind. I call for a transparent, community-driven process that prioritizes fairness, competitiveness, and equal representation for all Texans.

Protecting our democracy starts with fair maps. Texas voters deserve nothing less.

Jeanine Ratliff, Dr.
Self
Aledo, TX

I oppose the redistricting plans for the state of Texas. This is highly inappropriate to do. Not only are the new districts unfair, but this is not the appropriate time to redraw districts. We need not bow down to this request. We must stand for what is right.

Jeff Gilbert
Self
Lake Jackson, TX

I absolutely oppose this unwarranted and unnecessary bill. Perhaps you could change policies to win elections and stop this immoral power grab. Since when did the Texas House begin tolerating those who lie, cheat or steal? There is no honor in this effort.

Wes Weinhart
Self / finance
Dallas, TX

I strongly oppose this redistricting measure which is blatant gerrymandering to benefit the Republican Party in Texas. As an example too many DFW area residents are represented by elected officials that have no ties to the local area and do not properly represent our interests.

Anne Heller
Self / body worker
Austin, TX

I am against HB 4 to redistrict Texas because it will inaccurately represent the population of our state, since this is not a census year. Besides, it will disrupt the representation of this state by destroying the districts of congressmen already in office by popular vote. Redistricting should only take place after the census of each decade to be accurate and truly reflect the population of Texas. Stop gerrymandering and start passing legislation to care for your constituents as opposed to billionaires who have everything they want and need! Serve the common man and stop destroying the middle class!

JACQUELINE GONZALEZ
Self
San Antonio, TX

I oppose this illegal gerrymandering of Texas districts and outrageous power grab just to suit Republican interests. This is totally against U.S. democracy and the fair election process. Texas needs to do much better than this. You failed in Uvalde and Kerr County and we need fair representation at all
Political levels.

Ashley Martinez
Self
Austin, TX

I am writing in strong opposition to House Bill 4 because it is unjust, harmful, and fundamentally un-American. This bill does not reflect the values of fairness, dignity, or humanity, and it certainly does not reflect the Texas I know, a state built by immigrants, shaped by diversity, and strengthened by community.

HB 4 opens the door to racial profiling and gives state law enforcement dangerous new powers that will almost certainly be used to target people based on how they look, where they come from, or what language they speak. That is wrong. It is a violation of civil rights and a direct attack on some of our most vulnerable neighbors, families who are simply trying to survive, work, and care for their loved ones.

This bill does not make Texas safer. It makes people afraid, afraid to go to school, to report a crime, or to seek help when they need it most. It erodes trust, divides communities, and distracts from real solutions to real problems. It is cruel policy driven by political theater, not compassion or common sense.

At a time when people across Texas are facing the fallout of economic hardship, extreme weather, and rising costs, we should be focusing on policies that unite us and lift us up, not laws that punish, scapegoat, and sow fear.

I urge you to do what is right: reject HB 4. Reject division. Reject fear. Choose justice, choose dignity, and choose a Texas that stands for all of us.

Susan Young
Self/Teacher
Austin, TX

I oppose the proposed maps for redistricting aka gerrymandering. This will result in someone representing me in Congress who does not understand or care about my community. Literally no one has asked for redistricting right now except Donald Trump. Texans do not want redistricting. I urge you to oppose this unethical and undemocratic power grab.

Sarah George
Self
Austin, TX

I disagree with this bill that once again. Is trying to silence certain demographics of Texans. This is not a representation of the people of our state which for who you were sworn to serve

Jessica Herring
Self
Burkburnett, TX

The redistricting plan clearly biases the Republican representation of Texas in favor of Republicans by an undue amount. When the President asks the Governor to redistrict to gain seats for their party - not to make it more fair and reduce gerrymandering, but to increase it! - there is a very serious problem in our Republic. This bill is an affront to 45% of Texas.

Jeffrey Guarnieri
self
San Antonio, TX

Please do NOT perform further partisan redistricting. I strongly oppose this bill and anybody who would support it. The right to vote in a district that represents you, and your local community values are essential to the spirit of Texas and America.

Omar Solis
Self; Economist
El Paso, TX

As Texans, are we proud of our cowardice?

When a man insults our wives, do we replenish his plate with the food from our own? When our children's lives are threatened, do we wait patiently beyond harm's reach? When election results differ by only a few percentage points, do we dilute the interests of constituents to benefit ourselves?

This is not the Texas I was raised to understand. Let's all move to California; we'll take turns playing the tambourine on the beach.

Carolyn McClugage
Precinct Chair 263/Leander
Leander, TX

Please support the Republican Redistricting Plan and vote FOR HB 4.
Thank you!

Shannon Davenport
SELF - Founder & CEO
Austin, TX

I'm a mother, a wife, a business owner, and a proud Austin voter—and I'm raising the next generation of voters.

Let me be clear:
We see what you're doing.

You let children drown in the Mystic flood.
You send them to school with no real protection from mass shootings—just drills and prayers.
And now, instead of protecting them, you're protecting your own power—by redrawing maps to erase our voice.

You're merging TX-35 and TX-37, forcing two sitting Democrats into one seat, and calling it democracy. It's not. It's a power grab.

You're counting on working people to stay quiet. On mothers being too exhausted to fight back. But we're still here. And we're not leaving.

I come from a long line of American patriots. My great Uncle Red died fighting in Sicily during World War II.
He gave his life to protect freedom—not to hand it over to a fake king born with a silver spoon in his mouth.

This isn't strategy. It's sabotage.
We vote. Our children are watching. And if you push this map through, they'll grow up knowing exactly who tried to silence them.

Reject this map. Or explain to your grandchildren why you chose power over country.

Guy Dowdy
Self / Retired
Allen, TX

I heartily support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map to make a much needed adjustment to reflect the current reality of the will of the Texans that live in those areas.

Teresa Jarriel, Dr.
Self
Austin, TX

I oppose this restricting bill. Everything about the formation of this country was intended to give voice to the people. Actions like this that distort that voice are shameful. If you want more district seats for your party, tell your party to enact policies that benefit those who reside within reasonable district delineations. Don’t redraw the map. Shameful.

Alexa villalobos
self
Austin, TX

These boundaries sre not drawn along amy logical lines except influencing the election results. Maps should be drawn without partisan bias. Period. I do not support this new districting proposal.

Elias Frank
Self, student
Austin, TX

I just want to say that I holding flood relief hostage so you can force redistricting through is monstrous.

Carmen Garcia
Self /not currently working
Manchaca, TX

I am writing as a concerned native Texan and senior resident to strongly oppose the newly proposed congressional redistricting plan unveiled by Texas Republican lawmakers. This plan, as reported by reputable sources, seeks to redraw district lines in order to flip five Democratic seats into Republican hands in the next election cycle, most notably targeting districts in Austin, Dallas, Houston, and South Texas.

The proposed redistricting is an unprecedented, mid-decade maneuver pursued not out of necessity, but as a partisan effort pushed by national Republican party leaders. Public reporting clearly indicates that this redrawing is intended to artificially bolster Republican congressional presence. Such manipulation disregards the actual demographic and political diversity of our state, disenfranchising Texas voters and diluting fair representation.

This redistricting attempt circumvents traditional census timelines and erodes public trust by being initiated mid-decade, outside of established practice.

The map intentionally dismantles districts currently represented by minority and Democratic officials, further suppressing the voices of communities that are already underrepresented.

There is a clear perception, both statewide and nationally, that this is a raw power grab driven by partisan self-interest rather than the needs or will of the people of Texas.

There are so many other urgent needs that our fellow Texas citizens have at this time that we don't need to have focus shifted to this political agenda set by someone outside of our state. By prioritizing political gains over pressing state concerns like disaster relief, among others, you, our leaders will fail to address the urgent needs of everyday Texans, both Republicans and Democrats.

I urge you in the strongest possible terms: reject this proposed map and recommit to a redistricting process that honors the principles of representative democracy, respects the integrity of our diverse communities, and ensures every Texan’s vote counts equally.

The people of Texas deserve fair maps and a government that reflects, not manipulates, their will. Thank you.

Tessa Perez
Self
San Antonio, TX

I'm a Texas resident and I oppose the redistricting because it isn't the proper time and it doesn't represent the residents well.

Jeanette McKnight
Jeanette McKnight
Fort Worth, TX

I am HIGHLY opposed to the proposed redistributing. This gerrymandering is meant to suppress minority voting and boost republican results.

Rebecca Pope
Self/Homemaker
Nevada, TX

I’m to be brief and blunt. This redistricting plan is insane and makes lawmakers look like crooks.

Anthony Ferrante
self - Software manager
Austin, TX

Political gerrymandering is a LOSING idea for Texas voters and an unjust way for officials to chose their voters instead of voters choosing their officials. This mid-decade redistricting attempt is CLEARLY only to rig the system to yield more republican winners and unfairly takes away the voices of your constituents and suppresses electoral competition.
We the people see through the charade from the DOJ as an unfair attempt to silence voices and that is NOT OK. Greg Abbot created these lines, let them stand where they are and don't gerrymander and silence Texas voters.

Betsy Woldman
Self
Austin, TX

Do not restrict our state yet again. Pay attention to the people you represent, what our needs are. Safety and flood prevention not new maps.

Guilherme Momesso Dias
Self
Georgetown, TX

I position myself against this bill. It is manipulation of the spirit of the law not based in objective or consistent criteria. This should not be a priority of the House and the State.

Sophia Powell
Self
Allen, TX

I heavily oppose the mapping y'all are doing to kiss ass for.

Macarena Martinez
Self
Grand prairie, TX

I, Dallas County resident, born and raised Texan, STRONGLY OPPOSE AND REJECT the proposed Congressional Redistricting. It is unethical, and it does not correctly represent the wants and needs of working class Texans.

Sharon Valdez
self/homemaker
San Antonio, TX

I'm against gerrymandering, or the redrawing of district lines. It is unconstitutional and unrepresentative of the people of this state. It is also immoral. You are choosing to silence the voices of people you are supposed to honor and represent. That is not democracy. That is not the freedom at the heart of this country. It's not the freedom our country stands for, nor is it the freedom that makes our country great. I will not support anyone who takes this course of action. Do not choose to silence the voices of your people on the basis of greed, in exchange for power. I'm an independent. I believe in discourse and different sides coming together to find solutions for the betterment of everyone. Don't make me a fool. Everyone might not get everything they want, but at least we can act with integrity and make good on our promises to each other as citizens and neighbors. We have laws for a reason. We have our constitution for a reason. This is a country of many voices and many perspectives, not just one. I believe we can come together with love in our hearts; with hope and optimism to speak our truths and still not lose sight of each individual voice. We are not a country of hate. This path our government is walking down isn't working. It's creating chaos and fear. Listen to your constituents. Listen to their troubles and worries. Listen to their hopes and dreams. Don't be so narrow-minded that you lose sight of and go against the very morals you herald and proclaim. Don't silence our voices. I ask that you don't redraw district lines.

Deborah Avellano
sel
Corinth, TX

I am in Favor of HB4 and the proposed Texas Redistricting Map.

Adriana Knight
Self
Corpus Christi, TX

I oppose the rearranging of districts in our state. This gerrymandering only profits those who have a significant financial profit out of the Republican agenda. This is voter suppression of Black and Latino Central Texans. Please do not approve this redistricting.

Kelsey Phillips, Ms.
self
Austin, TX

This redistricting is appalling. Gross and stinky, the only way I can put it.

Jaslene Tavares
Self
Mesquite, TX

This is a deplorable and disgusting show of cheating. You are no longer following laws and just cherry picking what you deem is fair so that you can win. You are taking away the voices from constituents that are already under represented. This is gerrymandering and you are just a group of maga zealots. You have no moral integrity. You are morally bankrupt. Do not cow tow to Trump.

Kimberly Hart
Self
Fort Worth, TX

Redistricting in Texas has become a tool of political manipulation rather than a process to ensure fair representation. Far from reflecting demographic shifts or striving for equitable districts, the redrawing of district lines has repeatedly been used to entrench power, dilute the voices of communities of color, and undermine the foundational principles of democracy.

At the heart of the issue is gerrymandering—the deliberate drawing of district boundaries to benefit a specific political party or suppress certain voters. Despite the fact that Texas has seen significant growth among Latino, Black, and Asian populations, recent redistricting maps have reduced the number of districts where communities of color have a realistic chance to elect candidates of their choice. This is not just unethical—it’s undemocratic.

Redistricting in Texas has also been repeatedly challenged in court for violating the Voting Rights Act. The courts have found that Texas lawmakers have drawn maps with discriminatory intent, either by “cracking” communities to dilute their vote across districts or “packing” them into a single district to limit their influence elsewhere. These practices betray the principle of "one person, one vote."

Moreover, the process has lacked transparency and public input. Maps have been drawn behind closed doors with minimal opportunity for meaningful community engagement. This secretive approach silences the very people most affected by the changes—everyday Texans trying to have a say in who represents them.

Ultimately, redistricting in Texas has served to preserve power, not protect people. It undermines trust in elections, discourages civic participation, and erodes the representative nature of our government. We must demand independent, transparent redistricting commissions that prioritize fairness, equity, and true representation over political gain.

Texans deserve better.

Susan Carson
self
Plano, TX

The district map is already awful. Changing it to gain seats for one party is obscene. You're supposed to be representing the people. You should be making the districts accurately reflect the people.

Leila Fannon
Self
New Braunfels, TX

I'm totally against the Redistricting plan. Everyone is entitled to representation. Your job is to do what is best for us! We will be watching to see who is supporting this bill.

Katie Dieterich
Self
Fort worth, TX

I oppose this illegal gerrymandering.

Clare Nickel
Self/Retired
Abilene, TX

Vote AGAINST any attempt to redistrict (gerrymander) Texas in 2025. The only time to redistrict is when there is a new census put out.

Jenny Arthur
self
Austin, TX

Gerrymandering is unethical, not democratic, and anti-american. Every person deserves to have easy access to voting, and to be justly counted, and not swept here and there in order to skew the results in favor of a particular party.

Ruth Vonbieberstein
Self
Austin, TX

This is an illegal political move by Republicans at the direction of a felon. ILLEGAL

Laurie Pearson
Self
Katy, TX

I oppose this bill as it strips votes and representation from the people of Texas. Instead of changing voting district lines, try appealing to voters on issues. If your position does not win the people's votes, then you must change your position to reflect the voters wishes. Do not stoop to stealing votes. Tell trump to get out of our states business!

Damian Borichevsky
Self
Austin, TX

This is a disgraceful effort to limit the voting power of nearly half of the residents of Texas. While people are still missing from the floods and no investigation has been initiated, the Republicans have chosen to blindly follow the orders of a President who is leading this country further away from a democracy. This is one of the most embarrassing moves by a group that has already embarrassed itself beyond belief. Any state representative or politician who supports this should reevaluate their faith and moral decency.

Katherine Sandlin
Self/retired
Galveston, TX

What the hell are you thinking? This redistricting issue is a deplorable waste of your time considering the issues and tragedies your constituents are dealing with , which you obviously would rather ignore. Readjust your focus and serve your constituents, not some “leader du jour.” Texas has lost its spine. We are better than this.

Anna Boorhem-Stephenson
Self
Dallas, TX

I 100% oppose this blatant gerrymandering bill. Texas already has districts that obviously are drawn on racial and economic lines. Not to mention diluting the largest cities (where the majority of the population resides) to further the MAGA agenda. This bill is a fascist ploy that will continue to drag us into the authoritarian hell the GOP has created in Texas. Reject this bill.

Steven Maynard
Self
Houston, TX

This bill serves to unfairly take power away from constitutes and is undemocratic in nature. Adjusting the rules to give power to one party is unfair, the votes need to be earned no matter which party is in power. This effectively throws away the votes of thousands of Texas and ensures they will be overwhelmingly represented by leaders they didn't vote for. The duty of our government is to ensure that constituents are fairly represented, not to actively rig the system to disenfranchise voters.

Emily Cowart
Self
Austin, TX

I do not support redistricting.

Elizabeth Baker
self
Austin, TX

I considered myself Republican for years, however over the past decade the Republican party has devolved. This bill (Texas House of Representatives' HB 4) is the most blatant, dangerous, and undemocratic attempt to redraw congressional district maps in a way that dilutes minority voting power while artificially inflating Republican representation. This bill is a modern-day form of gerrymandering—a practice that manipulates electoral boundaries to favor one political party over another—and it disproportionately harms Black, Latino, and other minority communities. It really shows how weak, insecure, and anti-American the party has become. By packing minority voters into overwhelmingly white districts or splitting their communities apart, HB 4 undermines the fundamental American principle of fair representation. Lawmakers must reject this bill because it:
(1) Dilutes Minority Voting Power by intentionally weakening their political influence. Texas has a long history of discriminatory redistricting. In Veasey v. Abbott (2018), federal courts found that Texas' voter ID laws intentionally targeted minority voters. Similarly, in LULAC v. Perry (2006), the Supreme Court ruled that Texas' mid-decade redistricting violated the Voting Rights Act by dismantling Latino-majority districts. HB 4 continues this pattern by manipulating district lines to favor white, Republican-leaning areas while breaking up growing minority communities—particularly in cities like Houston, Dallas, and San Antonio, where Black and Latino populations have driven recent electoral shifts.
(2) Violates the Voting Rights Act of 1965, which prohibits racial discrimination in redistricting. If passed, this bill will waste taxpayer money on lengthy court battles—money that could be better spent on education, healthcare, or infrastructure while ensuring the loss of faith in our democratic process.
(3) Subverts American principles of democracy by prioritizing partisan gain over fair representation. Democracy depends on fair elections where every vote carries equal weight. When politicians choose their voters—rather than voters choosing their representatives—the system becomes corrupt.
(4) Contradicts Core American Values of equality and the right to vote. The United States was founded on the principle of government by the people, for the people. Yet HB 4 turns that ideal on its head. The right to vote is sacred.
This is a brazen attempt to suppress minority voting power, violate the Voting Rights Act, and rig elections in favor of one political party. It is unethical, undemocratic, and likely illegal. Lawmakers who believe in fairness, equality, and the integrity of our elections must stand against this bill. The right to vote should never be a partisan issue. It is a fundamental American right—one that HB 4 seeks to undermine. For the sake of democracy, justice, and the future of Texas, all legislators must vote NO on HB 4 or risk losing our American way of government.

Crystal Edwards, Dr
Self
San Antonio, TX

This proposed redistricting is arbitrary, deeply problematic, and blatantly unconstitutional. It intentionally silences and undermines the political voice of a majority of voters of color, violating the principles of fair representation and equal protection. I am deeply opposed to this bill, as it is not just gerrymandering—it is voter suppression.

Cynthia Mingea, Dr
Self. MD
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose this bill. Vote no

Laurie Lloyd
Self
Georgetown, TX

I support HB 4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Stephanie King
Self
Georgetown, TX

This is an obvious power grab by the republican party and an effort to disenfranchise independent and democrat voters via obvious gerrymandering. President Trump has clearly admitted that in interviews.To your ends, you claim to be doing this because the Department of Justice found the current maps included unconstitutional racial gerrymandering, a charge that you have interchangeably denied in court and cited as the basis for pursuing this mid-decade redistricting. None of the illogical reasoning, aside from Trumps honest explanation of a power grab make any sense. Just win elections by playing fairly and let the will of the people speak for itself.

Crystal Clark
Self- Real Estate
Houston, TX

I oppose the redistricting.

Judy Shorman, Business owner & manager
Self & Dog Boarding business
Galveston, TX

I am very opposed to redistricting at this time! There are many more important issues that you legislators could be working on! It's also not fair to citizens to cheat people out of being represented!
Here are some other issues: Emergency Management, including stable power, we don't even have that. Or how about 1 in 6 Texas families facing food insecurity? Or hurting innocent immigrants who are working hard & helping our economy?

Christopher Ford, Dr.
myself
AUSTIN, TX

I am opposed to mid-decade redistricting.

Please attend to pressing business that will protect Texans such as dealing with the Hill Country floods.

Christopher Ford

Doug Readr, Mr
Self
Dallas, TX

I am opposed to this plan to Redistrict ing. It’s unfair for the voters of Texas.

Melissa King
Self
Austin, TX

Representation matters, Redistricting mid decade removes a congressperson that is supposed to be representative of their area. If the goal is to be a voice for constituents then redistricting cannot happen to please a president. Please stop this nonsense.

Nancy Pickens Robertson
Collin County GOP Precinct Chair 221
McKinney, TX

I support this redistricting bill! Please pass!’

Stephanie Zubieta
Self
Houston, TX

I heavily oppose this redistricting on the basis that these efforts have been made in attempt to dilute and silence the voices of the citizens you represent. This is gerrymandering and should not be allowed in a democratic society such as ours.

Dana Sprute, Dr.
Self
Austin, TX

This bill is a gross disenfranchisement of Texans. A mid-decade gerrymandering of Texas serves the purpose of Republicans to maintain power rather than allow Texas citizens to have true representation by their chosen representative. Please DO NOT SUPPORT HR4.

Erik Felthauser
self
Austin, TX

This is an utterly shameless power grab. Whatever party you are a member of, this is BAD FOR DEMOCRACY--Voter suppression is never the way. Shame on you for even proposing such a ridiculous map, Rep Hunter! Why go down on the wrong side of history?

Denita Jones
Citizen's Lab
Garland, TX

Good morning, Chair and members of the Redistricting Committee.

My name is Denita Jones, and I’m a community advocate and DEI leader here in Texas. I’m here to oppose the proposed redistricting maps, which I believe will have a discriminatory effect on communities of color, particularly Black and Brown Texans.

These maps break up communities of interest—communities that have fought for decades to be heard. The proposed changes destroy historical districts that reflect the cultural, political, and social power we've built over generations.

This is personal. These maps don’t just redraw lines—they redraw our futures. In many cases, they weaken districts where Black women, young voters, and returning citizens have organized and turned out in record numbers.

There is also ongoing litigation related to redistricting. I respectfully ask that you allow those cases to conclude before moving forward. Pushing this through now undermines public trust and the rule of law.

These proposed changes also threaten our federal influence—whether it’s on healthcare, education, or economic justice, these lines impact how we’re represented in Washington.

I urge you to listen to the voices from previous field hearings, to consider the decades of struggle for voting rights, and to draw maps that reflect the diversity and dignity of this state.

We deserve more representation, not less. And we demand a process that protects—not erases—our power.

Thank you.

Marcia Rayne, Ms
Kaufman co Democratic Party
Kaufman, TX

Redistricting AGAIN? I hope you realize one day that your actions form an alliance with all voters, black, white, brown. Doesn't matter what district. We are bonded with all districts, not just the ones you are illegally manipulated. You cannot stop us. Signed: a Texan descended from an immigrant family from the U.S. old Three Hundred settlers . Stephen F Austin brought us. My ancestor's flag is displayed in the Austin capital next to the Speaker of the House apartment. Check it out.

David Schulz
Self, Retired Cyber Security Auditor
San Antonio, TX

This is outright theft of votes as serious as any corruption of vote process- not hacking an individual system, hacking the entire foundation of Democracy.

Khoai Mi Ho
Self
Houston, TX

I respectfully submit this comment in strong opposition to Texas House Bill 4 (HB 4), which proposes changes to the redistribution of U.S. House districts in Texas. The bill undermines the fundamental democratic principle of fair and equal representation and risks disenfranchising large portions of our population—particularly communities of color and historically underrepresented groups.

Texas is one of the most diverse states in the nation, and its population growth—driven largely by Latino, Black, and Asian communities—should be accurately and fairly reflected in any redistricting process. HB 4 fails to do so. Instead of drawing district lines that provide equitable representation, the bill appears to manipulate district boundaries for partisan advantage, commonly known as gerrymandering. This practice erodes public trust, dilutes voting power, and disproportionately affects minority communities in violation of the Voting Rights Act.

Moreover, HB 4 lacks transparency and genuine public input. Redistricting should be guided by data, community feedback, and constitutional principles—not by political expediency. Texans deserve a process that prioritizes geographic coherence, equal population distribution, and the preservation of communities of interest. This bill fails on all counts.

I urge lawmakers to reject HB 4 and instead support a nonpartisan, independent redistricting commission that puts voters—not politicians—at the center of our democracy. Fair maps are essential to fair elections, and the people of Texas deserve nothing less.

Sincerely,
Khoai Mi Ho
Harris County resident

Elaine Robbins
self
Austin, TX

My mother taught civics her whole life, one basic tenet of which is equal representation under the law. She believed in U.S.democracy with all her heart. Please do your jobs and work on helping Texans. And don't allow any anti-democratic attempt to cheat one party's way into power by unfair redistricting. Don't make my mother give you an F!

Karen Darby
Self-Retired
Georgetown, TX

I strongly oppose the redistricting proposal in HB 4. Congressional districts in Texas have already been gerrymandered unfairly and are still the subject of litigation. This redrawing would further dilute the voting power of vulnerable groups such as communities of color. and other marginalized groups. The impact of the 2020 gerrymandering and the HB 4 proposal is racist and prohibited by the Voting Rights Act. It also prolongs one-party rule that frequently fails to consider the interests of all constituents within respective districts. I urge you to consider fair redistricting, implemented by a nonpartisan, independent redistricting commission instead. We need to allow voters to choose their representatives in a fair process that groups normal communities of interest in a rational geographic area, so that representatives can more easily reach their constituents and hear their concerns. Please do not vote this discriminatory bill out of committee.

Stephen Pulsipher
Self, Writer
Austin, TX

Under the proposed maps, my neighborhood in North Austin would be divided between four congressional districts. My particular section of the neighborhood would be lumped together with a number of counties stretching from Central Texas to almost the border of New Mexico. While I understand that there needs to be a division somewhere and that a state as large as Texas will require some geographically large districts, this division seems to be a nakedly partisan effort to split a Democrat-leaning neighborhood among Republican districts. My neighbors a block north and a mile south would each be in different districts than me. We would go from voting with fellow residents of Austin to voting with residents of rural districts with different needs and voting patterns. Please drop this effort. You represent the people of Texas, not a particular party.

Dale Ryder, MR
Self
San Marcos, TX

The racial and political bias that this House Bill is trying to perpetrate is completely illegal! To take seats away because your master in Washington DC says so it despicable. You know that the people are rising up with one voice to say no to this crime of an administration and you know the only way not to lose Republican seats is to cheat. Gerrymandering is cheating. It takes the voices and votes of the people away so you can help create a dystopian and authoritarian government and disenfranchise your constituents even more. To take away the already marginalized people's voices is abhorrent. We need a government of the people and for ALL the people. Stop this illegal redistricting plan! We the people are at the top of the power of our nation and you all want to take away that power and give it to the plutocracy so you can keep your millions in campaign contributions coming in so you can keep your positions. You were elected to serve ALL the people not just the rich white men of this state!. I am ashamed of all of you Republicans that are kowtowing to the President. He does not care about you and is using your loyalty to money to control this stae and to disenfranchise the already marginalized communities of this state.

Stand up to the President and stop this illegal redistricting, do the jobs you were elected to fulfill and serve your constituents. If not 2026 could likely be the last time our country will have an election. The dictatorship of our country will be completed, with all of your collusion with it.

Cathy Edminster
Myself
Maypearl, TX

I strongly support this redistricting

Julie Anderson
Self
Bedford, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map

Kathy Clausen, Ms
Self
San Antonio, TX

I do not agree with the redistricting. You need to win by your ideals.

Julia Doody
Self
Austin, TX

VOTE NO!

I’m writing to voice my strong opposition to HB 4, a bill that is as undemocratic as it is transparent in its intentions. We cannot allow politicians treating redistricting like a political chessboard instead of a process meant to serve real people and real communities - the underrepresented.

HB 4 is a blatant power grab. Let’s call it what it is: a mid-decade gerrymander, engineered to entrench power, silence opposition, and strip representation from communities like mine in southwest Austin. There’s no population crisis forcing this redraw. No court order. No constitutional mandate. Just partisan opportunism disguised as governance.

I live in a community that cares deeply about public education, housing, sustainability, and civil rights. We show up, we vote, and we pay attention. But every time lines are redrawn to dilute our voices—every time you carve us up and toss our neighborhoods into sprawling, unrelated districts—it gets harder to be heard. We didn’t ask for this. We don’t want this.

The idea that this map was drawn “race blind” is laughable. It’s clear who this map targets: Black, Hispanic, and progressive voters whose growing power threatens the status quo. The new lines slice through central and south Austin, cracking communities and breaking up voting blocs that have every right to representation. You can’t erase people just because you redraw the map.

What’s most infuriating is the timing. Redistricting is supposed to happen once a decade for a reason. That process already happened in 2021—and it was flawed enough. To force through another map now, behind closed doors and with no real input, shows exactly how little respect this Legislature has for public trust or democratic norms.

HB 4 is not about fair representation. It’s about rigging outcomes before voters ever get to cast a ballot. It’s about making elections less competitive, not more. It’s about silencing communities that are growing, changing, and demanding better.

As a Texan and a voter in 78749, I am beyond frustrated. This is disgraceful and is not how democracy is supposed to work. I urge lawmakers to vote NO on HB 4 and stop treating our voices like obstacles to be moved on a map.

VOTE NO!

Diana Larkin
Self
Austin, TX

Unnecessary use of redistricting, and punitive to the majority of the population that lives in cities. This is not how democracy works, having parts of Austin combined with cities over 200 MILES away is so far from reality the only motive for this is disenfranchisement of all voters.

Joanne Kridner
Self and retired
Tomball, TX

I support HB 4 with redistricting maps as proposed. Please vote in support of this bill.

Jessie Lewis
Self
Austin, TX

Redistricting is stripping your citizens of our voices and doesn't actually represent us, our wishes, or our needs. DO NOT REDISTRICT.

Vijay Singh
SAAVETX
Round Rock, TX

RE: Opposition to Mid-Decade Congressional Redistricting – A Statement from South Asian Texans
Dear Governor Abbott, Lt. Governor Patrick, and Speaker Burrows,
As members of the South Asian American community across Texas, we write to express our unequivocal opposition to the mid-decade congressional redistricting plan currently before the Legislature.
South Asian Texans are one of the fastest-growing populations in this state. We run businesses, drive innovation, advance medicine, and enrich the cultural and civic life of Texas. We also vote, organize, and contribute to the democratic process.
But this redistricting proposal is not about improving representation — it is about manipulating it. These maps are being redrawn to break up strong, diverse voting blocs and weaken the collective voice of communities of color, including South Asians, who are becoming an undeniable force in Texas politics.
In major metropolitan counties where South Asians live and work — Harris, Fort Bend, Dallas, Collin, Tarrant, Travis, and Bexar — cohesive neighborhoods are being fractured and stitched together with distant rural counties. These artificial districts have nothing to do with shared interests and everything to do with diluting the political power of growing populations.
This is not representation. This is an intentional strategy to silence voters and undermine democracy.
What does a tech executive in Plano have in common with a farmer hundreds of miles away? What shared vision for Texas can come from districts designed to split communities apart rather than bring them together?
Texas should stand as a model of democratic integrity, where representation reflects the people who call this state home. Instead, this process dismantles the very pillars of democracy — fairness, accountability, and trust.
When maps are drawn for partisan gain, they don't just distort election outcomes — they tell entire communities their voices don't matter.
We stand with Texans in Fort Bend, Collin, Dallas, Harris, Travis, Williamson, Bexar, El Paso, Denton, and Tarrant Counties who are seeing their voting power diluted and their representation sacrificed for political advantage.
We urge you to withdraw this plan and commit instead to drawing fair maps that keep communities whole, reflect where people actually live and work, and protect every Texan's right to representation.
Democracy only works when every vote counts and every voice is heard. These maps break that promise. Texans — all Texans — deserve better.
Sincerely,
Vijay Singh (SAAVETX)
Round Rock, TX

Monica Stettler
Self
Grapevine, TX

I ask you vote against redistricting these counties. Please listen to the people of these counties, and do the ethical thing. Please remember that you were elected to make decisions for the people of Texas, not the president of the United States.

Dakota McCallister
Self
San Antonio, TX

The gerrymandering in this state is so awful they make necklaces of the shapes on Etsy because of how bad they are.

Merry Allebach, Mrs.
Self-author
Friendswood, TX

By redistricting in this way, you have disenfranchised Texas voters. This is not the purpose of government. With this act, you set off the starting shot for a race to destroy our remaining democratic form of government. Blue states will follow you, then red states again, and sooner than later, the voters no longer have a voice. Their only choice left would be where to live, not how to vote. You have been put in the positions you have, because of the vote. What happens when all this settles? Where will your jobs be when the public only has as much power to support you as a church mouse. Your colleagues in blue states will be gone, along with the democrats in red states, and there will be no recourse back. Of course you will not succeed at silencing your opposition. They will keep on shouting, and because of independent media, we will still hear them. You are speeding our decline towards an end akin to the fall of Rome. Your actions have already set us upon a precipice. We will not let you forget what you have done, should you choose to move forward. We will still share the truth, perhaps even louder than before, because votes no longer matter. There is no need for temperance. We will proceed full scale against you with an endless media blitz. Think about your future. Think about the consequences of compliance. Think about our DEMOCRATIC Republic.

Francis Luttmer
Myself
DALLAS, TX

This is completely a mistake diluting decent representation by a congressman. It throws together a mish mash of residents with out common needs

Daniel Strinden
self, SQA Manager / Product Manager
Austin, TX

A republic is a democratic state in which political power rests with the people, through their representatives. Fair and adequate representation is the cornerstone of any republic. Without it, the state loses legitimacy in the eyes of its citizens and other states.

When electoral maps are drawn with the intent to guarantee a political party more seats rather than to more perfectly reflect the will of the people, it undermines public trust in government, weakens accountability, and fosters cynicism about civic participation.

Cracking and packing districts, regardless of which party benefits, erode the principle of equal representation, the idea that each person's vote should carry roughly the same weight, and that all citizens should have a fair opportunity to elect representatives who reflect their interests. This principle is foundational to republican government and was formally recognized by the U.S. Supreme Court in Reynolds v. Sims under the doctrine "one person, one vote".

Make no mistake - the path of engineering electoral outcomes - of making congressional seats less representative of the will of the people - will lead our state into ruin. It is unethical, immoral, and antithetical to our values. It's wrong, and there's a part of all of you that knows it. I implore the representatives of the people of Texas to reject the proposed redistricting, to restore trust in government by doing so, and to protect the people of the State of Texas from unequal representation.

Adela Justice
Self, librarian
Houston, TX

The GOP isn't even pretending to hide gerrymandering anymore. Wow. What a disgusting, anti-American and anti-Democracy plan. Texans don't want this!

Liz Plaster
Self
Houston, TX

I believe that all Texans should be fairly represented. I do not think the new redistricting does this. Leave our state districts alone.

Amy Winton, MRS
Self
Carmine, TX

I support HB 4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Jennifer Thrift
self, Executive Recruiter
Austin, TX

The Lege needs to hold on to the Texas spirit of independence and not bend the knee to Trump. Please hold the line against MAGA extremism.

Rhonda Jones
self, retired teacher
Sugar Land, TX

Gerrymandering is against the principles of democracy, and I want to speak out against this bill. It disempowers Americans, makes races less competitive and is a disadvantage for communities of color. Redistricting follows a timeline in the US, every 10 years after a census. Completing this early is only bowing to the orders coming from DC. Let's stand up and show them that Texas and it's lawmakers care more about doing what's right.

Karen Jurgensen, Ms.
AFT
Lockhart, TX

edit:
"As a Texas AFT member and educator in Caldwell County, I oppose any mid-decade redistricting that reduces minority voting influence. Our communities deserve fair maps, not political manipulation."

Kathleen Staudt, Dr.

self, retired professor and community leader

El Paso, TX

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. My name is Dr. Kathleen Staudt, retired professor of political science, after 40 years teaching, and co-founder of the El Paso Community First Coalition with its 25 allied organizations. I write on my own behalf in opposition to the mid-decade redistricting.

I focus on 3 issues: (1) districts should be based on geographic coherence, communities of interest, and population size. Both El Paso city and county did a methodical and fair job of redistricting after the 2020 Census, with LOCAL analysis and input. It was NOT a rush job, such as what you propose to do, and the maps were certainly NOT done by a distant, east-coast consultant.

(2)Texas should adhere to the long-established principle to redistrict every TEN YEARS after new data from the Census comes in.

(3) Texans and district constituents should DRIVE the process rather than pressure from Washington, D.C.. Texans always prided themselves on independence rather than obedience from 'above.'

Let me elaborate a bit more. While I recognize flaws in the last redistricting process, we who live in the 16th Congressional District experience relative geographic coherence and a community of interest in some parts of our large county. Yes, parts of #16 were gutted last time around and added to the San Antonio-based #23, the district which is a TEXTBOOK EXAMPLE of GERRYMANDERING (seriously, the map is illustrated in some government textbooks). The map recently dropped would make things worse. El Pasoans who work at the airport and Fort Bliss live nearby INSIDE our city and county. They deserve voice, responsiveness, and representation that coheres around their workplaces and neighborhoods.

In closing, these are my recommendations. *REFUSE mid-decade redistricting. Show some courage and independence from the feds! The popularity of the president and his political appointees is TEMPORARY, and if your coattails hang on them and their associated scandals, your political futures could be in doubt.*If you proceed and succumb to pressure from the feds, remember the evidence-based principles for redistricting: geographic coherence, communities of interest, and population size (not short-term political opportunism in this highly polarized context, one that is dynamic and changing).

I look forward to a post-polarized state in which independent redistricting commissioners can analyze the process with rationality and sufficient time.

Kathleen Staudt, PhD, Professor Emerita of Political Science, 7289 Cactus Spine Lane, El Paso, TX 79912

Mike Sweet

Self

Austin, TX

I am writing to express my opposition to this bill which is another step by the Republicans to undermine democracy in Texas. Over 40% of Texans voted for Democratic candidates in the last election. The sole purpose of this bill is to silence their voices and take away their representation. We pay taxes and are increasingly being treated as second class citizens. I appeal to any Republicans with a sense of decency and respect for the democratic ideals that this country was founded on to vote against HB4

Bridget Tice

Self

Pflugerville, TX

AGAINST

Marilyn Kepner

Self

Fort Worth, TX

Mid-decade redistricting based on the 2020 Census is a ridiculous practice. As a resident of Texas for 40+ years , I see for myself the decline of government under Republican Philosophy . This redistricting is being done under the very public orders of the President and his henchmen. The state would be better served by addressing the issues made visible by the recent floods, public education funding and improving healthcare. I say NO to redistricting.

Himanshu Zambare
Self, employee
Houston, TX

I’m concerned about this bill, as it redistricts in a way that no one in a given district will be able to vote for someone who will properly represent the entire district. It is un-American. Additionally, with blue states threatening to do the same, we can’t let that happen either. We are a democracy and need to let the fair will of the people decide, not through gerrymandering. I implore you to vote against this measure, you will harm millions of hard working and good Texans with this. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Diane Brostoski
Self/retired
Colleyville, TX

I support the proposed redistricting map! Voting preferences have clearly changed. These communities should be allowed to reflect their voting preferences.

Cindy Nick
Self
Tyler, TX

Please protect Texas values and consider our conservative roots when redistricting. Rural Texas will not cave to the liberal cities who are trying to define the narrative in our state and nation.

Sharon Sanders
Self
Sanger, TX

I support HB 4 and redistricting

Jayne Baker
Retired from HaysCISD
SAN MARCOS, TX

Texas belongs to the people, all people. This is outrageous.... Mr. Trump should have no say in changing already gerrymandered districts... Our country is "for the people, by the people".... a democracy... Do you understand that?! How dare you give so much power to a supposed-president who is only in this office to benefit from it personally... TX is not much better, forcing inhumane actions on immigrants and trying to "dumb-down" the population to keep control of these inhumane and greed-driven actions. The Trump Republicans are trying to force insidious actions on our state and the entire world. Stop them now!

Kathryn Higman
Self, RN
Allen, TX

I’m writing to vehemently oppose the redistricting efforts being discussed. This maneuver is patently corrupt, appalls and disappoints me to know that my fellow Texans would behave in a way that so callously removes the voice and autonomy of more of your fellow statesmen than have already been suppressed. If your policies and stances are good, people will vote for them. Only those who know they’re on the wrong side of history need to manipulate votes at this level to grasp at power.

Tatum Owens
Self
Austin, TX

We are coming upon the 60th anniversary of the national voting rights act and the fact that we could potentially lose civil rights in 2025 is astounding. It is clear that the proposed maps are an effort to segregate voters by race, plain and simple— in the name of partisan games. I urge representatives to vote against the proposed maps as they would create a less representative democracy, in the state of Texas and unfair advantage in our elections.

Nora Dearing
Self - Retired teacher
Bay City, TX

As a resident of Matagorda County, this redrawing of my district smacks of trying to cheat to win! We are a rural, coastal county and this bill has us linked with Buda and other counties just to get the outcome you desire to please the president and not us, the residents of Texas! Stop trying to manipulate, intimidate and suppress our votes! What you are doing not only looks suspect and shady, it makes our whole state and especially YOU, look like a bunch of crooked, sleazy, used car salesmen and that is NOT WHO I AM! You need to do right by us and leave the maps alone! We've been gerrymandered so many times and enough is enough! What happened to integrity and honor in being a representative? I will be voicing my disgust at every turn about this illegal move by Republicans in this state. Cheating, lying and protecting criminals and pedophiles is what the GOP has turned into in this state. LEAVE THE MAPS ALONE!

Alicia Higareda
Self
San Antonio, TX

To the esteemed members of the Texas House,

I am here today as a concerned constituent, and I speak for many Texans who believe that the current push for congressional redistricting is a profound disservice to the very people you represent.

You were elected to serve the interests of your constituents, not to act on political directives from outside forces. The idea that you should "find five more seats" for any particular party, simply because it's requested, is an egregious overreach. This is not about fair representation; it is about manipulating the electoral process for partisan gain.

Redistricting, by its very nature, is meant to occur after the decennial census to reflect shifts in population. We just went through this process in 2021, and to consider another redistricting so soon is disruptive, unnecessary, and frankly, a waste of taxpayer resources. It suggests a blatant disregard for the stability and integrity of our democratic system.

When you redraw district lines in a way that prioritizes political advantage over the voices of the people, you are not upholding your oath of office. You are attempting to impose your will upon us, your constituents, rather than reflecting our diverse communities and interests. This is not what we elected you to do.

Let me be clear: we are watching. We expect you to act in the best interests of all Texans, not just a select few or a particular party. If you move forward with this unwarranted and manipulative redistricting, understand that we, the voters, will remember. We will not hesitate to exercise our right to vote you out of office.

This is our state, and these are our votes. Do not betray the trust we placed in you.

Thank you.

Beth Christopherson, mrs

self, social worker

Houston, TX

Please do not pass HB 4. This would lead to a further disenfranchisement of Texas voters, especially Black and Latino voters. Texans want to be able to choose their elected officials and not have the maps rigged so only one candidate can possibly win. Do not be Trump's weak-sauce minions. Democracy trumps party in the United States. The Constitution, freedom, and democracy are all at stake. Please do not pass HB 4.

Rekha Rao

SAAVETX

Irving, TX

RE: Opposition to Mid-Decade Congressional Redistricting – A Statement from South Asian Texans
Dear Governor Abbott, Lt. Governor Patrick, and Speaker Burrows,
As members of the South Asian American community across Texas, we write to express our unequivocal opposition to the mid-decade congressional redistricting plan currently before the Legislature.
South Asian Texans are one of the fastest-growing populations in this state. We run businesses, drive innovation, advance medicine, and enrich the cultural and civic life of Texas. We also vote, organize, and contribute to the democratic process.
But this redistricting proposal is not about improving representation — it is about manipulating it. These maps are being redrawn to break up strong, diverse voting blocs and weaken the collective voice of communities of color, including South Asians, who are becoming an undeniable force in Texas politics.
In major metropolitan counties where South Asians live and work — Harris, Fort Bend, Dallas, Collin, Tarrant, Travis, and Bexar — cohesive neighborhoods are being fractured and stitched together with distant rural counties. These artificial districts have nothing to do with shared interests and everything to do with diluting the political power of growing populations.
This is not representation. This is an intentional strategy to silence voters and undermine democracy.
What does a tech executive in Plano have in common with a farmer hundreds of miles away? What shared vision for Texas can come from districts designed to split communities apart rather than bring them together?
Texas should stand as a model of democratic integrity, where representation reflects the people who call this state home. Instead, this process dismantles the very pillars of democracy — fairness, accountability, and trust.
When maps are drawn for partisan gain, they don’t just distort election outcomes — they tell entire communities their voices don’t matter.
We stand with Texans in Fort Bend, Collin, Dallas, Harris, Travis, Williamson, Bexar, El Paso, Denton, and Tarrant Counties who are seeing their voting power diluted and their representation sacrificed for political advantage.
We urge you to withdraw this plan and commit instead to drawing fair maps that keep communities whole, reflect where people actually live and work, and protect every Texan’s right to representation.
Democracy only works when every vote counts and every voice is heard. These maps break that promise. Texans — all Texans — deserve better.
Sincerely,
Rekha Rao
Irving, Texas

Tony De La Nuez

self - security engineer

Austin, TX

As a constituent of Texas' 37th Congressional District, I am writing to express strong opposition to the redistricting efforts taking place. This proposed gerrymandering, if it were to succeed, is a clear statement that our government has no intention of representing and advocating for the people who voted for them. This plan would ultimately eliminate congressional representation for a multitude of Texans and effectively make their vote meaningless. Regardless of your party, I strongly urge each member of the legislature to put the people of Texas over the desires of a president who does not care about the democratic process.

Kris Liu
Self
Kellet, TX

I strongly object to the abrupt decision to redraw district lines beginning on August?1,?2025 at 10:00?AM, or upon final adjournment/recess or bill referral. This isn't a neutral or necessary adjustment—it's a direct attempt to merge vibrant Asian-American and minority communities into rural Republican districts solely to dilute our voting power. That's unacceptable.

According to multiple news reports, the Texas GOP is using this mid-decade map change to vault five more reliably Republican U.S. House seats—despite no legal or demographic necessity for another redraw since the 2020 cycle ? ?. Critics point out that cities such as Austin, Dallas, and Houston—home to growing Asian, Hispanic, and Black populations—are being sliced and merged into rural hyper-conservative districts hundreds of miles away, deliberately cracking cohesive minority voter blocs ? ? ?.

Such tactics echo classic racial vote dilution through gerrymandering. The Voting Rights Act (§?2) and legal precedent (e.g. Thornburg v. Gingles) prohibit redistricting that "cracks" or "packs" minority voters in ways that weaken their influence ?. Texas courts have previously struck down maps for similar violations under Bush v. Vera and Perry v. LULAC—demonstrating that race-based manipulation remains legally forbidden ?.

To the architects of this plan: Where is the legal justification for an unnecessary mid-decade redistricting? Where is the demographic emergency? None exists—only a political calculation to weaken representation for Asian Americans and other communities of color increasingly engaged and growing in the state's urban centers ?. This is not neutral boundary-setting—it's re-segregation of the vote.

Bottom line: Don't sugar-coat it—this is an unconstitutional power play. It takes communities away from districts where their voting strength matters and tosses them into rural, conservative districts where their voices are drowned out. That is unjust. That is deliberate. We expect better from our representatives.

Elizabeth Sills
Self
Tyler, TX

I oppose this because it undermines fair representation by redrawing congressional districts mid decade to favor one political party. This undermine our democracy and hurts people from urban and minority communities. I believe that we should have representative districts, and this is not it.

Ruth Siegel
self
Pflugerville, TX

Why are Texans allowing federal government how to run our state? Tell them to take a hike, and do not vote for redistricting.

Robert Tait
Retired / Self
Plano, TX

Rigging the game to avoid losing in fair competition is despicable and weak. If you retain any kind of moral compass, be ashamed.

Rachael Jenkins
Fort Worth
Fort Worth, TX

Redistricting Texas to push out nearly all democratic voices is wrong. Whatever power you consolidate for you, can be used against you in the future. If you wouldn't want Democrats redistricting Republicans out of office, then Republicans should not do it to Democrats. Do unto others as you would have do unto you; love your neighbor as you love yourself.

Helen Husband
Self, retired public school teacher
Odessa, TX

I strongly object to the mid-decade redistricting that Gov.Abbot is pushing because he has bowed down to the wishes of the White House and the people behind Trump. Texas legislators are being used by Trump to illegally help the GOP maintain control of Congress. Do the right thing. Vote no on the HB 4.

Megan Gordon, MS
Self
Addison, TX

I am appalled at this blatant attempt to rig the game, once again, in favor of Republicans. If this is the only way you can win you are clearly not working in the best interests of your constituents. We want to be able to choose the individuals that represent us both here and in Washington. Those representatives should speak with our diverse voices and represent our goals and values. If the Republicans would like to win elections fairly, I would suggest supporting policies that actually HELP regular Americans rather than funneling money to people who have more than enough already. What's being done here is reprehensible and runs contrary to what a democracy should be. It seems obvious that this is exactly the point, but the people will not stand for it.

Kristin Turner
Self
Elgin, TX

Disagree with this blatant attempt to keep Republicans in power. Would you agree with this if Dems were pushing it to favor their majority? The people ask that neutrality and fairness be applied. Let us elect who we want in power, not who you do.

Michael Killalea
Indivisible 1431
Lago Vista, TX

I strongly oppose the proposed mid-cycle redistricting plan put forth in the Texas Legislature.

This redistricting is no more than an excuse to prevent people of color from voting. This proposal would steal voting power from those suffering from longtime racial inequities. This redistricting effort is a clear violation of the Voting Rights Act, which sets majority minority districts apart as political divisions important to an equitable democracy.

The notion that the 2021 maps discriminate against white people is absurd. That idea twists the reason the Voting Rights Act was made law – to protect those who for hundreds of years have faced discrimination and violence from their white neighbors.

Further, this map further distorts the philosophy behind political districts – that people in similar communities have similar concerns. The distorted weird maps proposed by the Legislature subdivide Texas into groupings with little in common.

The only gerrymandering should be to create majority minority districts, not to create more majority majority ones!

Reject this cruel, discriminatory map.

Redistricting helps only politicians. Let’s help Texans instead.

Thank you for your attention.

Kevin Bacon
Self
Austin, TX

Redistricting to favor a single party will not be tolerated by this Texan. Do the right thing!

Claire Wrigley
Self
Houston, TX

I strongly object to the mid cycle redrawing of federal representatives districts. This is a blatant push to dilute minority voices, particularly those of Black and Brown Texans. The President of the United States is scared to face the fair vote of the people and has asked Texas to deliver the representatives since he was unable to steal the votes previously. This is an attempt to dismantle our democracy and Texas should not be the state to bow down and deliver to anyone.

Hon. Rudy Metayer, Councilmember
City of Pflugerville
Pflugerville, TX

My name is Councilmember Rudy Metayer, and I am a resident of Pflugerville, Texas. Thank you all for your service to Our State. Currently, my city is well served by 4 Congressmen: Michael McCaul, Pete Sessions, Greg Casar, and Lloyd Doggett. I am writing to voice my strong opposition to the proposed mid-decade redistricting plan.

To be clear, I'm not opposed to redistricting as a concept. Done correctly, with the correct data, it's an essential part of our democracy. That is not what is happening here. Even though the current maps from 2021 are still under federal review, your committee is pressing forward to substantially change how my constituents are represented. Multiple lawsuits challenging the 2021 redistricting maps in Texas are still pending, including LULAC v. Abbott, United States v. Texas, Gutierrez v. Abbott. Launching a redistricting process now—without any new census data and multiple unresolved lawsuits raises serious questions about motivation and fairness of the process.

Even worse, there is significant evidence that this is not normal political gerrymandering, but instead racial gerrymandering. The targeting of districts like CD 9, 18, 29, and 33, which are built on diverse, minority coalitions, is not coincidental. It's a direct attempt to diminish the electoral power of communities of color. The Supreme Court of the United States has found such efforts not to be just wrong, but illegal. Our diversity is our strength and we should be looking at ways to uplift ALL Texans. Not just ones that vote a certain way.

As a taxpayer, I do not want my dollars tied up in yet another legal battle defending unconstitutional maps. Texas has been repeatedly found to have violated the Voting Rights Act. We do not need to relive this history. We need leadership that respects the rule of law and the value of every voter's voice.

We often say elections have consequences. So do the actions you take in office. As a fellow elected official, I know all too well the importance of service to our constituents. That should be at the forefront in all that we do. How does drawing a new congressional map that has major portions of Cedar Park, Round Rock, and Pflugerville in the same district as Midland and Odessa improve the services to my constituents?

Please do the right thing. Stop this mid-decade redistricting effort and focus on creating a process that is lawful, data-driven, and inclusive of all Texans.

It's hard to do the right thing at times of discomfort, but it is in those times that character is shown.

Ann Minter-Morrison
Self
Round Rock, TX

I'm against redistricting during a special session of the legislature. This new congressional map is unfair and it's an unprecedented and anti-democratic power grab to manipulate the control of Congres. It would cause the 43% of Texans who voted democrat last election to lose 5 congressional seats. If Republicans can't win Texans over with their policies, they should not manipulate congressional districts to undermine the democratic principles of Texas and America!

Susan Turitz Cooper
Self
Richardson, TX

This mid-decade redistricting proposal is illegal! It is a blatant effort to gerrymandering. It is downright wrong! You know that I am telling the truth, and yet, you are doing it anyhow!

You acceding to the demand of an inept, corrupt, thoroughly selfish, "wannabe" king, instead of respecting the wishes and opinions of your thousands of constituents. You took a solemn oath to represent us, your thousands of constituents to whom you owe your loyalty. We are the ones who can also vote you out of office. Trump does not care a whiff about you as an elected official of Texas. He only cares about himself.

Yet, you are willing to sell us out to appease this tyrant!

You know perfectly well that Constitution provides that redistricting should take place ONLY EVERY TEN YEARS, following the Census, in order to fairly represent the nature and diversity of the people who live within the district. And a properly drawn district should be compact, with contiguous neighborhoods so that all of us are represented WITH NO DISCRIMINATION!

Therefore, I am registering my complete and adamant opposition to the proposed mid-decade redistricting.

Nirav Peterson
Self, Business Owner, Hendrikus Group
Jefferson, TX

Greetings Legislators: I am in full support of the Redistricting for Texas as shown on the redrawn map. I urge you to pass this bill quickly and get on with it. It is known that the past redistricting does not represent the current demographics of our great State, and it is your obligation, as our representatives, to be sure the We the People are represented accurately. Sincere thanks!

Rebekah Schraut
Self
Richardson, TX

I am writing to express deep concern over any proposed plans to redraw voting districts during this non-census year with the stated goal of securing additional seats for one political party. Redistricting outside of the decennial census undermines the integrity of our democratic process and erodes public trust in our elections.

Gerrymandering—manipulating district boundaries for partisan gain—disenfranchises voters, dilutes communities' representation, and distorts the will of the people. It is fundamentally undemocratic and has no place in a fair and free society. Redrawing districts to guarantee five additional seats for a particular party sends a message that power takes precedence over the voices of the people.

Texas voters deserve transparency, fairness, and equal representation. Redistricting should be guided by objective data, community input, and nonpartisan principles—not partisan strategy. Undertaking such a consequential action outside of the census process, especially for overtly political reasons, sets a dangerous precedent and calls into question the legitimacy of our electoral system.

I respectfully urge you to reject any efforts to redraw voting districts outside of the normal census cycle and to support legislation that makes gerrymandering illegal and enforceable. Our democracy is strongest when all voters are heard, not when political lines are redrawn to predetermine outcomes.

Thank you for your attention and service to the people of Texas.

Faith Carter
Self
San antonio, TX

I have lived in Texas my entire life and would obviously prefer to see our voting rights remain the same. Intentionally splitting democrat districts should not be a viable path to further republican victories. Let the PEOPLE decide how to vote, NOT those in power. If you can't win the democrat districts normally don't force them to become something they are not, the people in these districts have clearly voted for what they want and what they want are democrat representatives.

Mary Whittenberg
Self retired teacher, rehired
Arlington, TX

The map, I believe 2308, can not be considered anything but gerrymandering. When the district that takes a slice of downtown Austin and puts it in a district with east Texas, and Arlington parts of Fort Worth are thrown into a district with west Texas, it says one thing: Texas government no longer is interested in representing constituents. This map says that Texas government is corrupted. I said it, prove me wrong. History is watching.

Carol Watkins
Self Insurance Manager
San Angrlo, TX

I strongly urge the committee to not redistrict the state, yet again.

Pam Bell
Self
Valley View, TX

I oppose redistricting for elections

Lawrence Robinette
Self
Denton, TX

This is another attempt by the GOP to disenfranchise of minorities and white Democratic voters. Please get yourself a much thicker rug to pray on.

Ruth Soisson
Self-High School Science Teacher
Houston, TX

I am testifying in support of HB-4. Governor Abbott added this topic to the special session due to the report from the DOJ cited that four districts are unconstitutionally drawn and 3 of these are in Houston. While none of these districts are mine, I feel that the legislature should take this opportunity to make sure that these four districts and any others are drawn fairly, taking into account equal population, compactness, continuity, respect for the interests of the community , voting rights protections, and political neutrality. All Americans deserve to have a chance to have their vote count!

Keona Williams
Self
Katy, TX

Vote 'NO' on the redistricting effort. Prove to the Texas voters that you don't have to cheat to win!!

David Sims, Mr.
Self
Houston, TX

Texans aren’t cheaters… Follow the historic census=redistricting protocol… Don’t follow the crooks…

Bruce Allen
self retired
Woodway, TX

Dear Members of the 2025 Special Session Congressional Redistricting Select Committee,
I am writing to urge all of you to vote no on HB 4 and vote yes on any current or future bill which proposes a non-partisan committee to draw all future U.S. Congress District Maps for the State of Texas. My reasons for this request are below.
1. Our current representation in the United States Congress is not reflective of the actual communities in our state or of the demographic make up of our state. This bill makes that lack of genuine representation worse, not better.

2. This bill is deeply undemocratic. It is not being presented in good faith with good data (or adequate input from your constituents). Rather, the timing of this bill makes it very obvious that Texas Republicans are taking orders from Donald Trump, not the people of Texas. President Trump has been clear in his recent public comments. He wants 5 more Republican seats from Texas (rather than fair and just representation for Texans). He and the national Republican Party realize that they are likely to lose the next Congressional election because of their wildly unpopular agenda, behavior and legislation. So their plan is more minority rule through anti-democratic chicanery. They are asking you to do the dirty work for them, please don't! I believe that if you proceed with this legislation, as the saying goes, the people of Texas will "remember in November." Even if they don't, history will remember this sad chapter in our country and who stood up for Democratic and American values and who didn't.

3. As you know Texas is already a minority, majority state with tremendous ongoing growth in our diversity. This bill is the most brazen disenfranchisement of our brown and black fellow citizens that I have seen in quite some time. You can and should stand on the right side of history and do better (i.e. vote no on more extreme gerrymandering and vote yes on non-partisan redistricting commission, as several other states have done).
4. Our legislature has much more important and pressing work to do on behalf of the citizens of Texas. Do the work you were sent to Austin to do and use our precious legislative time and resources for urgent matters such as disaster relief, not for partisan politics.

Sincerely,
Bruce Allen

Emily Lineberger, Mrs.
Self
Carrollton, TX

I am a Texas voter, and I oppose any mid-decade redistricting, especially while the current maps are still being challenged in court. Furthermore, I oppose any redistricting that does not result in fair representation for all Texans. Texas has a long history of racial gerrymandering and discriminatory voting practices, so I urge you to prevent communities of color from being deliberately divided, thereby weakening their political voice.

Texans have the right to fair and equal representation that's achieved through a thoughtful, transparent process that allows meaningful public input. Lawmakers should have the necessary information to create legally compliant district maps, protect minority voting rights, and respect county lines, city boundaries, and communities of interest. A rushed 30-day special session packed with unrelated agenda items is not the way to achieve this.

Texans deserve to have a redistricting process that is fair, transparent, and results in equal representation for all, not this rushed and deeply flawed process. Flood recovery efforts and the safety of Texans should be the top priority, not redrawing political maps.

Thanks for responding to this urgent need.
Emily Lineberger

Peggy Maxwell
Self
austin, TX

For this bill

Jill Jacobs
Self
Austin, TX

Hello,

I am writing to express my concern for the redistricting in discussion now. We just re-districted 5 years ago, under Republican leadership. If there are issues with it they are as a result of the work done by Republican leaders. As a result, I deduce that this current need to re-district is not in good faith and is actually a way to disenfranchise voters like me in Austin and other cities which I am vehemently against. I advise you that the TX House and Senate work for TEXANS, not Donald Trump. Please do what's right for Texans and leave the districts alone till 2030 or if you are going to remap them, make them bipartisan and fair. Otherwise you leave no other choice than for us to deduce that Republican elected officials are up to no good, trying to alter the results of future elections with this exercise which is unconstitutional. Please stop what you are doing.

Thank you,
Jill

Matthew Davis, Mr.
Self
Cedar Hill, TX

Make redistricting fair. Everyone deserves a fair chance

Mary Ross
Self
Fresno, TX

This redistricting unfairly targets majority minority districts, that makes it racist. I reside in CD9 which is one of those targeted districts which will force US incumbent districts or incumbent minority US Representatives to run against each other and result in the loss of one Representative several times to give Republicans more Districts. This act is racist as the district lines of specific former majority minority districts were primarily chosen and redrawn in a way that will redistrict current targeted Democrat districts to Republican and result in the change and increase in the number of Republican Districts, and winning more elections, especially targeted four to five Districts.

This is shameful, racist, and should not be legal.

I OPPOSE this submitted redistricted map.

Elizabeth Roehm
Self, attorney/parent
Austin, TX

I'm AGAINST HB 4.

This is an openly partisan, unfair attempt to disenfranchise communities in Texas, particularly in big cities and "liberal" areas.

The proposed changes disproportionately affect people of color and dilute their votes, denying them a chance at fair representation.

This is NOT about serving communities; this is about silencing our voices.

Enos Richard
Self Retired Military
Killeen, TX

District maps are supposed to be looked or redrawen only right after a census which happens every 10 years. This was last done after the 2020 census so there is NO NEED for it to be done now. Not only that the current district makeup throughout Texas does not provide full and true Representation to all citizens in all districts because most people like myself feel their representative DOES NOT listen to them NOR CARES how they feel, what they are going through or what help they might need. Those in charge should and needs to do a better job at speaking to ALL their constituents and understanding their needs. If Texas Government is really against the Federal Government dictating how Texas is ran and what Texans do then they need to show it through their actions and NOT by bending a knee to the demands of The White House.

Barbara Lampley
We The People
Austin, TX

Is it 2030 already? Hell no!

Amy Kane
Self
Cedar Park, TX

I am writing as a concerned citizen, parent, and longtime educator in Texas to strongly oppose any attempt at mid-decade redistricting.

Redistricting is meant to follow the census—not political whims. The current effort by Texas Republicans to redraw district lines mid-decade, outside of the standard decennial process, is a clear abuse of power and a betrayal of democratic principles. Voters should choose their representatives; representatives should not manipulate district lines to choose their voters.

This process lacks transparency, invites further partisan gerrymandering, and erodes public trust in the integrity of our elections. It wastes taxpayer resources and undermines the will of the people—all to serve short-term political gain.

As a teacher, I tell my students that democracy only works if we all play fair. What message does this send to them? That rules can be rewritten anytime power shifts hands? That voter voices can be diluted at will?

Texans deserve better. I urge you to reject any mid-decade redistricting efforts and focus instead on policies that serve the people—not political interests.

Ana Dalasta
Self
San Antonio, TX

There is not a reason or need to redraw district lines. This is a n unscrupulous attempt at gerrymandering. The people are not on support of this move.

Danielle Hargett
Self
Austin, TX

I oppose HB4 and the gerrymandering proposed in the redistricting maps. Texas is already gerrymandered and this only takes it that much further.

Democrats currently make up only about 34 percent of the state’s congressional delegation. Kamala Harris received 42% of the vote in 2024, and Colin Allred received about 44%. So Democrats are already underrepresented in our congressional delegation. HB4’s proposed new maps will worsen that disparity.

Stephen Alrubaiie, Mr
Self
Benbrook, TX

Redistricting is not what we want. Babies, every single one of you that want to try and play this game. This is not representative of how the occupants of this state want it ran and despite the public outcry that has been ignored for years and years and years about how wrong this is it seems to fall on deaf ears. But the people are tired of this and we are more aware than ever. More organized than ever and we will no longer tolerate this corruption and pitting us against one another. We will soon all be against you and you will have no one else to blame but yourselves.

Eugenia Beh
Self
Cedar Park, TX

Our Our maps and voting districts should reflect our communities and serve our benefits, not Trump's! Targeting communities of color to draw us out of fair representation is racial discrimination!

Patrick Brooks
self / retired
Houston, TX

Against this bill for a number of reasons. First the priority of the legislature should be on addressing emergency resource improvements after the recent tragedy of the hill country floods rather than this bill demanded by our president to try and obtain more Republican seats in congress. Second we should be doing redistricting in the normal interval of time after the next census not at the arbitrary whim of someone who is not from this state. Thirdly the map looks highly gerrymandered. Fourthly I do not even have a representative here in the 18th district due to the Governor dragging his feet to preserve an unfair advantage after the death of our representative. And of course the 18th is one of the targeted districts. These efforts to game the system seem all too common with our Republican leadership and they should be ashamed of themselves. Thank you.

Erin Greer
self / public university professor
Dallas, TX

I am writing to urge my representatives to reject the redistricting plans that have been proposed, and which threaten to a) blatantly disenfranchise communities; b) further degrade the reputation of TX and its legislature, both among constituents and in the wider national and international outlook; c) contribute to the political rancor and polarization that radicalizes people and destabilizes our society. In other words: the stakes are high, and I consider it unjust, immoral, short-sighted, and all around dangerous for the legislature to egregiously gerrymander. Do the right thing, please. Protect the legitimacy and fairness of our electoral system.

Liz Fredrickson
Self
Austin, TX

I don’t agree nor do I support the gerrymandering of these districts. Brown people are under represented and bowing down to the DOJ is not ok. I don’t support this and I won’t support anyone who supports this vote. I will work hard to make sure this is your last vote.

Ada Yang Gomez
Self
Arlington, TX

As it’s been stated by many already redistricting for the purpose of gaining more seats for one party is unjust and unfair. I don’t know how much more you all need to hear this. We, the constituents, are not happy about this and do not agree to this. Leave it alone and focus on improving Texas instead of gerrymandering.

Angelique Gonzalez-Page, Mrs.
Self
Austin, TX

Hi! My name is Angelique Gonzalez-Page and I have a few thoughts about HB4 and the redistricting plan for Texas. It looks awful. I mean let's be honest gerrymandering is going strong in the state of Texas, and I completely understand the need to assert your political dominance for the next election cycle. But I do want to caution you on the direction that you are taking. Taking away the autonomy of citizens by diluting their vote is cheating. It's stacking the deck in your favor and it's the behavior a taker. There will be dire consequences for both the Republican and Democratic parties and politics in general in the state of Texas. Now I hate to sound alarmist, but I've cracked open enough history books to see a definite pattern starting to emerge. Most citizens have lives to live, families to raise and bills to pay. We all have something to lose. It's what makes most Texas citizens… cowards. That threat is enough to keep their heads down and trudging along. But then they start to lose hope. Now if this were Russia, China or some other country where the government has historical oppressed their citizens then this would be all good. But the United States of America was formed by a bunch of rebels, or a better term would be revolutionists. Conforming to the status quo is not something that Americans do, or we would be Brits. So, please take this world of caution and try for moderation. History has shown that when someone is taking too much like the Adolf Hitler, Napoleon Bonaparte, the South in the Civil War, those takers are punished hard. So hard that this cycle of punishment happens again and again. Honestly, I am tired of the political circle jerk that is Texan and American politics. But I am also hopeful. I am starting to see citizens think about what kind of world their leaving their children. Most citizens understand that life is unfair, but they don't and won't tolerate that for their kids who are going to be inheriting this plant after we are long gone. Thank you for your consideration and please contact me if you have any questions.

Cindy Brown
Self
Houston, TX

The new redistricting that is trying to go into effect is completely unnecessary and unfair. It is not even the time for the actual redistricting to happen. What this is trying to do is silence our voting rights.

Megan Jacobsen
self, self-employed
Fort Worth, TX

I oppose HB4, and hope that the Texas state house will pass a more fair districting map that accurately represents all Texas voters.

Shanley Hicks
Self
Austin, TX

I'm a concerned citizen in strong opposition to this redistricting effort. What's happening here is a blatant power grab. The maps are illegally drawn along racial lines. A mid-decade redraw is designed to silence our majority-minority communities. This session should be laser focused on disaster preparedness and alert systems in the wake of the catastrophic Kerrville floods.
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.

Warren Williams
Self
Bedford, TX

am a 62 year old independent voter from Bedford TX

When I was a boy, If you had told my father and his friends while we sat around the campfire on our deer lease in Laredo TX that a New Yorker with fake hair, a fake tan and a gold plated toilet would mandate the Texas legislature's and the Governor's agendas they would have laughed in your face. Yet here we are

I wanted to address the points of discussion at the beginning of the meeting. We are here because Trump told you by proxy of the Govenor to find him 5 seats for the 2026 election. You can put lipstck on a pig but it is still a pig.

Race, legality, fairness, and the questionable procees for HB4 have already been well covered . I fully support my minority neighbors in opposition to HB4.

Another concern I have is:
Donald Trump has stated in a recent interview that he does not know if he is supposed to follow the constitution, after taking the presidential oath of office just a few weeks before for the second time.

Republicans at the federal level recently confirmed a judge who according to 2 witnesses advocated disobeying constitutional rule of law by not following judicial rulings.

Based on their actions, our Republican reps at the federal level are loyal servants of Trump and party, not protectors of the constitution. We are edging closer and closer to authoritarianism

Our founders designed the constitution to hopefully prevent future Tyranny in the executive branch. The coequal branches are supposed to be a check on the executive branch, not be a rubber stamp.

This is an American issue, not a partisan issue.

I urge you to vote no to on HB4. Do not give more power to a President who cannot say that he is supposed to uphold the Constitution.

Please the potential impact of your actions. Check this power grab by the executive branch by voting no on HB 4. Let the litigation on the 2021 maps complete it course.

I find it interesting that Trump who has longed claimed the 2020 election was stolen from Him with no credible evidence, inspired an insurrection, then pardoned the insurrectionists, is now telling the State of Teaxs to rig an election to get him 5 more seats.

References
During an interview with Ed O'Keefe of CBS News on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, President Trump stated that he wants Republicans in Texas to redraw the state's congressional map to create five new districts that favor the GOP

Donald Trump made statements questioning his duty to uphold the Constitution during an interview with Kristen Welker on NBC's "Meet the Press" in May 2025

ZEPHYR STONE
Self
Pflugerville, TX

I am incredibly disgusted by this blatant attempt to rid Texas of its democratically elected Democratic leadership. Gerrymandering is a cowardly, mean-spirited way to get your way. Are you that scared of Trump that you would cast all ethics to the side? Its shameful. Absolutely shameful and disgraceful. Our elected officials should represent us, not be manufactured to support a felon and sex offender.

Janet Modesto
Self / teacher
San Antonio, TX

Voters should have the power to choose their representatives.

Marina Lin
Self
Austin, TX

I am strongly opposed to this rushed redistricting for what looks like extraordinarily partisan reasons. This directly contradicts the principles of democracy - where Texans get to make their voices heard through voting for someone to represent their views. By diluting certain voices through redrawn maps, you are acting in ways that are why many are so disillusioned with politicians. You are supposed to represent your constituents, not redraw maps to stay in power. This is a mockery of the title "Representative".

Yangli Peng
self, student
Austin, TX

I'm a constituent living in Austin, and I strongly oppose this redistricting. It's a blatant manipulation of district lines that prioritizes partisan power over fair representation. This map does not reflect the will of the people, it reflects an intentional effort to silence voters and undermine the foundations of our democracy. Texans deserve districts drawn with integrity, not maps engineered for political gain.

Sean Birkenfeld
Self - IT Project Manager
Amarillo, TX

I strongly oppose HB 4 and the newly proposed congressional map. This redistricting plan is a blatant attempt to further entrench political power at the expense of fair representation. It dilutes the voting strength of communities of color, particularly in rapidly growing urban and suburban areas, and appears to violate the Voting Rights Act by undermining the ability of minority communities to elect candidates of their choice.

The proposed map would eliminate or weaken districts currently represented by diverse voices, and it favors one political party in a way that does not reflect Texas's changing demographics. Redistricting should be about fair representation, not political advantage.

Texas voters deserve a transparent process that respects communities, protects voting rights, and reflects the true diversity of our state. I urge the committee to reject this proposal and demand a fairer, nonpartisan redistricting process.

Jamie Judd-Wall, Ms
myself
Austin, TX

I oppose the redistricting plan for Austin, TX. I encourage my representatives to vote against this plan. I do not want the composition of the district to change in any way.
Thank you for your attention to my request, Jamie Judd-Wall

Kim Garmany, Texas Citizen
Self
San Angelo, TX

We all learned about the dangers of gerrymandering in social studies in 7th grade. Maybe elected representatives didn't? This proposal is atrocious and does not serve the people of Texas. Stop pandering to the federal government's inept leader and do something positive for Texas citizens.

Alfred Krebs, Pastor
self---ELCA Lutheran pastor
Austin, TX

This redistricting plan is unjust and crooked and will greatly undermine our cherished USA democracy.

Kristia Leyendecker
Self
Flower Mound, TX

Please do not allow for mid-decade redistricting for the sole purpose of increasing potential politcal party representation. This sets an untenable precedent that could be implemented when another party is in power. We have a process for redistricting that we need to maintain. Districts need to represent the people living there not be redesigned at the whim of the president. That is not democracy.

Stephen Baumgartner, Mr.
Self, engineer
Houston, TX

I strongly oppose this effort by the TX House to carry forward this effort that has the explicit goal of advantaging one political party for future state and federal elections.

Deeply harmful policies being enacted by this U.S. Congress are being enabled by these efforts to change district lines, which in turn are reducing and minimizing the voices of non-White citizens.
Citizens are losing their voices because of these changes.
In the Houston area we are proud of our rich diversity of culture, language, opinion, and background. Our house representatives should broadly mirror this rich diversity and the rich variety of backgrounds and opinions.
An instruction articulated from the President, to replace reliably Democratic-led districts with districts that will be reliably Republican, was then embedded in a statement from the Department of Justice that the current districts are racially discriminatory or biased.
This is DESPITE the fact that in 2021 there was explicit confirmation from the Texas leadership (governor, attorney general) that the maps were not racially biased.
Changes to the TX district lines should be based on DATA and EVIDENCE, not swayed by a politician's or party's personal and political pursuit of power.

Adam Price
self CSM
Austin, TX

This is unacceptable. Texas does not have kings. I reject this redistricting action as a native Texan and American. Shame on you small willed men. You are low cowards. Listen to the people this is not a request, this is your duty. Reject this bill.

Monica Galante, Dr.
Self
El Paso, TX

As a lifetime resident of El Paso, 63 years, I strongly oppose the proposed redistricting map. In a moment that demands vigilance and unity, El Paso finds itself once again at the center of a redistricting battle that threatens to dilute our voice and compromise our future. The newly proposed congressional map—crafted under the influence of partisan interests and mid-decade maneuvering, or as many refer to it as gerrymandering—strips El Paso of critical assets and reassigns them to a sprawling district that stretches hundreds of miles away, tethered to priorities that do not reflect our community's needs.

This is not just a cartographic reshuffling. It's a direct affront to the principle of fair representation. Fort Bliss, the El Paso International Airport, and the newly funded $700 million VA Health Care Center—landmarks of federal investment and regional pride—would be forced to compete for resources alongside installations in distant counties. These institutions are not simply infrastructure; they are cornerstones of our regional identity, economic vitality, and federal investment. Again, relocating them to a district encompassing 27 counties, with competing priorities and limited resources, undermines El Paso's voice and jeopardizes our future. The proposed district spans 27 counties, each with distinct and often conflicting interests. El Paso's voice would be drowned out, its priorities sidelined.

The representative who would inherit this district has a documented history of voting against programs that sustain El Paso families—Medicare, Medicaid, veterans' services, infrastructure, and nutrition support. This is not theoretical. It's a pattern. And it's unacceptable.

We demand representation by someone who lives here, understands our challenges, and walks our streets—not someone who drops in occasionally from San Antonio. Our community deserves someone who understands our local challenges and advocates for our needs—not a distant figure whose priorities lie elsewhere.
I respectfully urge the House Select Committee on Congressional Redistricting to reject this proposal and preserve El Paso's right to local, accountable representation, representing the people of Texas, the people who elected them, and stop doing the bidding of others. With a 42.3% approval rating for the Republican party, is something you really want to push. Be a seed of growth and not continue the destruction of American civilization initiated and sustained by #47.

Mary De La Cerda
None
Eagle Pass, TX

Against,

Karen Risser
self retired
Richardson, TX

Redistricting in between the census taking and done to gerrymander the state even more than it is, is wrong.

Joel Bourdier
Self - musician
FRISCO, TX

Redistricting at this time is nothing more than a brazen attempt to cheat. Texas
Republicans - at the behest of Donald Trump - are attempting to steal seats. STAND UP TO FASCISM AND SAY NO TO REDISTRICTING!

Lewis Pierce
Self - Tech
Austin, TX

Hello, I am writing in regards to the newly proposed congressional map of Texas. The changes suggested by this legislature are obviously an anti-democratic attempt to immorally and illegally carve an advantage for the Republican party at the expense of Texas citizens.

I realize the voices of myself and the countless others who oppose Donald Trump's parasitism will likely be ignored so long as he holds power, but I would like to remind you that an alliance with dictatorial measures and authoritarian ideology can only lead to ruin. This lesson is oft-repeated through history, yet its siren's call seemingly has the power to entice and blind those weak enough to believe true strength can be found in domination.

I would invite you to consider your place in history. If you wish to be remembered as the individuals who unquestioningly fell in line behind a egotistical, anti-intellectual, and pedophilic tyrant, then continue on your current course. If not, then please remember that in unity we have power, and cooperation has never before been so sorely missed or so absolutely necessary.

I am a native Texan, born and raised. I visited the congressional hall as a child and always imagined it to be a place deeply reverential of reason and justice. I have a great deal of love for our state, and wish to see it thrive. However, I see the Republican party of today as unrecognizeable from that of my grandparent's day, and am dismayed by its current direction. I hope you will listen to the constituents whom you represent and were elected by.

Tamra Snell
self
Pflugerville, TX

I am writing to submit my opposition to the proposed redistricting currently under consideration. Redistricting is not an urgent issue and the timing of doing this mid-decade raises concerns about fair representation for all Texans and pressure coming from outside of Texas or a few people with power to dictate what will impact many Texans against their will. The proposal appears to break up Democratic seats and disenfranchise historically marginalized voters, such as Black and Latino voters. Carving up the districts to favor one party over another is not allowing Texans the right to fair and equal representation in our federal government. It is silencing voters.The proposal appears to target "coalition districts" and exacerbate racial gerrymandering. As a lifelong Texan and community member of Pflugerville, I want to have fair and equal representation for all Texans, regardless of zip code, race, or ethnicity. I strongly oppose this legislation and hope committee members will choose to do so, as well.

Ruben Ramirez, Mr
Self
El Paso, TX

To Whom It May Concern: El Paso Texas was not and does not need to be represented by someone 500 miles away who will not pay attention to our needs. Leave our district the way you set it up the last time.
Thank you!

Fallon Brazell
self
Denton, TX

My name is Fallon, and Im sharing my opinion on the new congressional map that is big proposed.. I believe it is a threat to our democracy and negatively impact voter diversity and accessibility.

Thank you,
Fallon Brazell
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624 Londonderry ln, denton,tx 76205

Richie Popp
Self
Plano, TX

I’m against this happening in my district

Larissa Huffman
Self
Austin, TX

As a native Texan and deeply concerned American citizen, I urge our representatives follow the law of the land and say no to Trump’s demand for immediate redistricting! The Constitution states voters choose their leaders, not the other way around. Be on the right side of history and do whatever is in your power to stop this illegal power grab!

Katharine Winsor
self
Rockwall, TX

Absolutely not. This is just another obvious attempt by the Republican party to appease their orange daddy and cheat. Vote no on redistricting.

Mary Hinson
Self
San Antonio, TX

I’m a young woman of mixed background living in San Antonio, and I’m speaking out because I’m tired of watching people who look like me and live like me get pushed to the margins—especially when it comes to redistricting.

This isn’t just politics. This is personal.

San Antonio is a city of culture, movement, and community. We’re growing fast, driven by young people, Latino and Black families, immigrants, and multiracial households like mine. But instead of being recognized for that growth, the new redistricting maps are designed to weaken our voice.

These new lines split up communities that have shared history, resources, and values for generations. They pit our representatives against each other and make it harder for us to elect people who actually reflect our lives. That’s not democracy—it’s manipulation.

As a young voter, I’m trying to stay engaged. I care about my neighborhood, my future, and my ability to create change. But how can we believe our votes matter when the system keeps redrawing the map to shut us out?

It hurts to watch leaders redraw our city like we’re just numbers on a board—like our culture, our languages, our stories don’t matter. It’s not just unfair. It’s strategic exclusion. And it’s happening at a time when youth voices are rising and demanding more equity.

This redistricting process feels rushed, closed off, and one-sided. The people in power aren’t listening—they’re redrawing the rules to stay in control. And communities like mine pay the price.

I’m asking for something simple: fairness. Keep our communities whole. Stop using redistricting as a way to silence Black, Brown, and young voters. Give us maps that actually reflect the people who live here.

I’m young, but I’m not naive. I see what’s happening. And I’m not going to stay quiet about it.

Michael Zizza
self
Austin, TX

BLUF: HB 4 by Hunter is unequivocally is classic gerrymandering and nothing else. I am opposed for the following reasons:
Gerrymandering fundamentally undermines democratic principles by allowing politicians to manipulate electoral district boundaries for partisan gain, rather than ensuring fair representation. This practice leads to "safe" districts, where election outcomes are virtually predetermined, diminishing the significance of individual votes and fostering voter apathy.
For diverse communities, gerrymandering can be particularly damaging. Districts are often "packed" (concentrating a group into a few districts to limit their overall influence) or "cracked" (splitting a group across multiple districts to dilute their voting power), making it difficult for minority groups to elect candidates of their choice and effectively voice their concerns. This disempowerment can lead to a lack of genuine representation for significant portions of the population, whose specific needs and priorities are then ignored.
The creation of uncompetitive districts also fuels political polarization. Incumbents in safe seats are less accountable to the broader electorate and more beholden to their party's base, encouraging extreme positions over bipartisan compromise. This can result in legislative gridlock and a government less responsive to the real challenges faced by its citizens.
Ultimately, opposition to gerrymandering stems from a belief in fair, competitive elections and genuinely representative democracy. It argues that electoral maps should reflect the will of the people and foster a responsive government, rather than serving as tools for partisan entrenchment and the suppression of voter influence.

Cynthia Bulanek
Self
Houston, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Kristen Babcock
Self - self-employed
Cibolo, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map

Shelley Stevens
self
Friendswood, TX

I support redistricting! Thanks!

Leah Neely
self
McKinney, TX

I am in support of HB4 and the proposed redistricting map. Thank you for your service in our state. Lets make it great again.

Nancy Hidalgo
Self (Engineer)
Austin, TX

Gerrymandering is not cool. Please don’t do it. Thank you.

Carla Trussell
self
Stephenville, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.
Carla Trussell

Beverley McClure
Self
San Antonio, TX

The Republicans are doing Trump’s bidding and diluting our votes in the process. This egregious bill will be challenged in the Supreme Court.

Michell Huber
Self
Austin, TX

I’m sickened by the way that Texas is furthering their already grotesque gerrymandering and voter suppression.

Karen Pritchett, Ms
Personal
Bryan, TX

I support HB 4 concerning redistricting and hope you support it and will vote for it as well.

Thank you

Kenneth Sauter
Self
Garland, TX

It is way past time for Republicans to get the representation they deserve. Democrats have been gerrymandering and CHEATING for decades.

Janelle Jennings
Self
Amarillo, TX

I support HB4 and the redistricting plan. It’s important that the house seats in Congress represent the people and the way they are currently voting.

Michelle Villafranca Michelle Villafranca
Self
Alvord, TX

No redistricting mid-decade! Republicans need to earn Texans' votes fairly; not through manipulation & cheating the system. Don't undermine our votes!

Matthew Reynolds, Mr.
Self
Fort Worth, TX

Mid cycle redistricting is a huge concern. This partisan effort will reduce minority voting power and take away their ability to have fair representation. Just because Trump snaps his fingers doesn’t mean you have to do what he wants. This is not good for the people of Texas. It is a violation of voters rights and the vast majority of Texans do not want this redistricting to proceed. This is highly evident by the number of people who showed up from all across Texas to the public hearings and made their voices known. If this is passed it is going against the will of the people of Texas. The people who voted you into office. Please do not do this. Stand strong against the current corrupt administration in Washington and do what is right by the people of Texas.

Selene Rodriguez
Self
McAllen, TX

I strongly oppose Texas' proposed congressional redistricting map, which undermines fair representation and disproportionately harms communities of color. This plan is a transparent partisan power grab, designed to silence voters by dismantling competitive districts and diluting minority voting strength—especially in South Texas.

The map intentionally fractures communities of color, packing Black and Latino voters into fewer districts while spreading Republican voters into Democratic-held areas. These changes violate the Voting Rights Act, prioritizing political gain over equitable representation. The fact that 30 of 38 districts would now favor Trump by double-digit margins—despite Texas' rapidly diversifying population—exposes this as an undemocratic scheme to rig future elections.

I ask that you reject this discriminatory map and commit to a transparent, nonpartisan redistricting process that respects all Texans—not just one party's agenda. Our democracy deserves better.

Alexis Roberts, Mrs.
Self-homemaker
Austin, TX

I am a Texas voter, and I do not approve of Congressional redistricting at this time. The Republicans plan only serves to disenfranchise voters, which is not how the US government is supposed to work! Every citizen's vote must count, and the map should not be rigged to favor one party over another!

Isabel Gonzales
Self
Pasadena, TX

I do not agree with the re-districting. Will be detramental to the minorities. They will not have a voice regarding bills that will affect their way of life. This would also make the current president more powerful in erracting the constitution.

Linda Ford, Mrs.
Self
Fort Worth, TX

The State of Texas has grown immensely. I am a real estate agent and have seen the unbridled growth. We needed an opportunity to reevaluate where we have districts so that people are represented properly. Since Covid our population has increased and changed the demographics of the State. Please consider supporting the new map. We need to help Texas stay Texas!

Paul Williams
Self
Victoria, TX

Voting to redistrict before having accurate census data that is collected every 10 years is wrong. The president should not be trying to change our state districts to suit his wishes. I strongly urged everyone to vote NO on this matter. If you support this issue, contact me and explain your reasoning. It will assist me next time I vote for the people I choose to represent me and my family. Do not be a sheep and just follow someone who is supposed to be our shepherd.

Stephanie Mullin
Self
Pinehurst, TX

I do not want this redrawing of the voting maps of Texas. Stop this bill.

Katie P
Self
Houston, TX

It is silly that the state of Texas is told what to do by the current President of the United States. It is criminal to redistrict the state now, based on nothing more than racial lines. When I moved to Texas over 10 years ago, I was under the impression that I was moving to an independent state who won't bow to anyone and it's embarrassing how we're doing exactly that now.

Samantha Smoot
self, consultant
Austin, TX

For the past twenty years, I have worked in former Soviet Union countries, the Middle East and Africa, on behalf of the United States to advance democracy overseas. I have seen how elections can be a misleading piece of theater if the underlying electoral system is not fair. I have witnessed first-hand the ways autocratic forces pre-determine the outcome of elections to stay in power. The map before you is straight out of the autocratic playbook.

The point of a democracy is that the power is invested in the people, in the voters, to choose their representatives. The proposed map runs roughshod over the foundational principles of democracy. It is purpose-made to pre-determine the outcome of elections and to disempower millions of Texas voters.

Please reject this profoundly un-democratic effort to rob Texas voters of their fair representation.

The point of a democracy is that the power is invested in the people, in the voters, to choose their representatives. Gerrymandering undermines this foundational principle.

Richard Crawford
self cashier
Mesquite, TX

Redistricting should be done by a bi-partisan commission or unbiased 3rd party, it should not be done to gain partisan advantage or to give certain representatives safe seats. I don't think our founders foresaw the level of self interest that is present in today's political landscape. Also, just because you see someone else doing something that you consider to be wrong, doesn't mean that you should do the same thing. My parent's told me growing up that just because someone else decides to jump off a bridge, doesn't mean that you should do the same, if only this committee took the saem advice and chose a better way forward for the state of Texas regardless of who is in control and don't be fooled, your present control will not last forever so realize that the bed you make today you will have to lay in tomorrow.

Casey Snyder
Self
Dallas, TX

I am opposed to redistricting which redraws boundaries to clear favor one party or another. The proposal clearly favors the Republican Party. I am a registered Republican but I am opposed to the current Administration's redistricting because it is occurring outside the 10 year time period which ensures a fair process. Stop all redistricting until the year designated.

Karen Bone, Ms.
self - research administrator
Magnolia, TX

I am AGAINST the proposed redistricting map that has been released and do not want it to be approved. The proposed map would increase gerrymandering in our state rather than decrease it.

Gerard Marten-Ellis, Dr.
Self
Harker Heights, TX

I support HB4 because it is in the interest of the people of my district and the state of Texas

Robin Harger, Mrs.
Self
Georgetown, TX

This is always a battle, even today Democrats have urged Republicans not to redraw the current district maps, even as the Democrats are suing the state to redraw the maps. The current districts were drawn in 2021, following the flawed and corrupted 2020 census that officials have acknowledged that they had SIGNIFICANTLY undercounted several states, including Texas, a red state, while overcounting blue states. This transgression needs to be corrected and until another census is done, this is how to restore integrity to our state's representation.

Katy Watson
Self
Watauga, TX

NO REDISTRICTING

Charles Wedemeyer, Voter
The True Texas Project
FORT WORTH, TX

My family and I support passage of HB4. Texas needs this. Representative McQueeney (our Rep) and the other GOP Reps must get it done.

Aileen Blachowski
Self
Prosper, TX

I support the redistricting maps proposed in HB 4.

Nikki Henrichsen
Self
Sugar Land, TX

I am in support of HB 4. Please vote YES.

Carol Roach
Self
Sugar Land, TX

I am disappointed that Texas is even considering caving to federal pressure to redistrict. What happens the next time there is a liberal President? This would set the precedent that we listen to Washington instead of Texans. I have lived all over Texas, I've had Republican, Democrat, and other representation, and I have been relatively satisfied. Don't give the federal government more power than our state! Protect Texas independence! Keep our districts until the regular 10 year redistricting based on census data!

Jennifer Fogg
Self
Rockwall, TX

I am in support of this effort.

Cindi Picou

True Texas Project, Beaumont Area Registrar. Orange County Republican Party, Outreach Committee Chairman

Orange, TX

It doesn't need to be a long diatribe. This Congressional District map is extremely good for all the People of Texas. It accurately reflects the commonalities within areas. It is geographically sound. It is not gerrymandered. It simply makes sense. Please pass HB4 favorably from Committee.

JANET HARRAL

Jandeliers

AUSTIN, TX

This is absurd

Franklin Strong, Dr.

Self

Austin, TX

I am writing to voice my strong opposition to the redistricting plan proposed under House Bill 4. Besides the fact that this redistricting is unnecessary, the proposed maps undermine the fundamental democratic principles that underpin our state and US Constitution. Our electoral system was not meant to be used as a winner-takes-all tool for consolidating the power of the party currently in charge. Texans want fair representation that reflects the real make-up of the state--not gerrymandered congressional maps that further disempower communities that already have less of a say in their own governance. Please vote against this bill.

Manuel Vazquez

Self

Pasadena, TX

This is not representation , it is total corruption and I firmly stand against any unjust gerrymandering!

David Coon

self, IT Operations Manager

Houston, TX

This is a waste of taxpayer funds and valuable legislative time. Why is there a special session to redraw congressional maps that were already declared fair and legal BY THE VERY SAME PEOPLE who now seek to change them?

There is no new census, no rulings, nothing seemingly has changed. So why are you going to such great lengths to create such absurd and transparently gerrymandered congressional districts? Some of them are over 400 miles long!

On what God-given Earth does it make sense to put College Station and downtown Austin in the same congressional district???

TX-23 is 490 miles wide between its most distant points in El Paso and Shavano Park. TX-11 has Notrees and Pflugerville in the same district nearly 300 miles apart. TX-13 has Texline and Denton as 400-mile separated district-mates. These selections make no sense if you truly want a government of and by the people. You are shattering the concept of local governance and control by breaking city communities apart and mixing them with menagerie of tiny county populations.

The given reasons are vague and thin, and do not give justification for this action. This isn't about ensuring """"fairness"""" - it's about establishing oligarchial control in my great state.

Shame on you for this. May your children forever be ashamed of your actions to take away democracy. May God Bless Texas, and have mercy on your souls.

Judy Field
self retired
Austin, TX

Consideration to Redistricting is an abomination when there are any number of real causes for concern in the state of Texas. Front and center, attention to the flood victims who continue to suffer loss. Where is your humanity?

Texas

Lenroy Malone
Self
Fort Worth, TX

My name is Lenroy Malone. I am a constituent of Texas Senate District 9, Texas House District 94, and U.S. Congressional District 24. Just a few months ago, several minority voters in Tarrant County were targeted by a blatant, racially motivated redistricting plan. Black, Hispanic and Asian voters were cracked from Tarrant County Commissioners Precinct 2 and packed into Precinct 1. As a result, their political power, acquired over time through population growth and coalition building in the Southern sector, was diminished by elected officials that chose to silence them instead of engaging them politically. That was a textbook example of racial gerrymandering which is illegal. Now at the request of President Trump, Governor Abbott and the Texas State Legislature are seeking to employ the same racially motivated redistricting plan to silence minority voters at the federal level to maintain power of the U. S. House of Representatives.

First, I call on members of the Texas House and Texas Senate to vote NO regarding this mid-decade redistricting plan that is nothing more than a racist power grab intended to dilute the political power of Black, Hispanic and Asian voters in large urban centers throughout the state of Texas.

After watching the public hearing held in Tarrant County, it is abundantly clear that I am not alone, and the majority of North Texans have no interest in seeing new maps being drawn. As a fellow Texan, I encourage you to tap into your independent, lone star spirit in this moment. This is not the time for our elected officials to abdicate our state's priorities to carry out the desires of those in Washington, D.C.

Virginia Raymond
self, lawyer
Austin, TX

My name is Virginia Raymond. I live in Austin and speak only for myself.

I want to believe that each of you care for this nation and its principles. That you believe in the separation of powers – the legislative, the executive, and judicial branches – and that each of these functions is equal. You don't believe in dictators or kings. You do believe in, and hope for, and work towards, the ideals of democracy.

I want to believe that each of you is proud of the tremendous variety of histories, cultures, languages, and ethnic identities in our state and nation. You are proud of the Kickapoo and the Apaches, all the First Nations, the African Americans and Mexicans, the Germans and Czechs and Spanish and French, the Chinese, the Irish and Italians and Scots and Norwegians, the German Jews and the Eastern European Jews who came later, the Vietnamese and Cambodians, as well as the Central and South Americans who have enriched our state over the last five decades.

I want believe that each of you values not just the idea, but the actual practice, of one person, one vote. And I want to believe that you respect the tradition of drawing districts only when demographic changes demand rearrangement, in order to ensure proper representation of each voter.

I do believe, that your parents, grandparents, teachers, coaches and neighbors, and every person who raised you, is proud that you have taken on the obligations of public service, and that each of them trust that you would not betray these sacred commitments. You would not let yourself down, and you would especially not let your your children and grandchildren down, by succumbing to a greedy, immoral, partisan power grab of bullies in the White House and Governor's mansion.

You would not shame yourself in that way. You will not.

You would vote your principles. You will not redistrict.

You will say, Texas is not for sale, Mr. Trump.
Democracy is not on the auction block.

We have some pride. We have backbone. We have integrity.

Thank you for voting against redistricting.

Virginia Marie Raymond, JD, PhD
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Michelle Howarth
Self
Sachse, TX

House districts should not be redrawn. If they are redrawn they should be drawn to be as geographically compact and non-gerrymandered as possible. Let representation actually be representative. No government should have to cheat to win by drawing ridiculous districts. Representatives should win election through good governance and doing the will of the people. Silly games like gerrymandering undermine the peoples trust in elected government.

Travis Ray
Self
Austin, TX

I oppose redistricting and think that the current composition is working for our state

Alexandra Cook
Self
San Antonio, TX

The redistricting of Texas does not fairly represent Texans and furthers to encourage voter suppression. The state needs to be fairly districted in order the allow Texans to have their voices heard. It is clear Texans are not happy about the GOP's power grab. You are hurting Texans and killing the livelihood of our state. Abbott should be ashamed of himself for trying to sell Texas out.

Sharon Edwards
Self
Austin, TX

The number of people moving to Texas over the past few years has increased greatly. Redistricting will improve the state's ability to serve the needs and address issues that havecome with that population growth. SUPPORT THIS BILL.

Darrell Herbert
Self city plan commission
Dallas, TX

To the Honorable Members of the Committee
My name is Darrell Herbert and I am here today as a concerned resident of Dallas, a former City Plan Commissioner, and a lifelong public servant. I speak with a deep personal knowledge of our city, its history, and its potential. I rise in strong opposition to HB4, the proposed congressional redistricting bill. This is not merely a political debate; it is an attack on the very integrity and progress we have worked so hard to achieve in our city.
Dallas is a city historically divided. For too long, the Trinity River has been more than a physical boundary—it has been a symbol of systemic segregation, a line in the sand that separated opportunity from neglect. On one side, we saw wealth and investment; on the other, communities of color were left to fend for themselves, grappling with a legacy of disenfranchisement and a lack of resources.
I have spent the last ten years of my life as a public servant, dedicating my time to changing this narrative. I have been a witness to the incredible, hard-won transformation of southern Dallas. We have seen what happens when communities have a true voice and representatives of integrity who listen. With dedicated leadership, we have secured critical investments in our infrastructure, revitalized our public parks, and attracted development to historically underserved schools. These are not abstract political victories; they are tangible improvements that have brought new life, safety, and opportunity to our neighborhoods. We have worked to bridge the divide, not to widen it.
This bill, HB4, threatens to undo all of that progress. It is a cynical, transparent effort to dilute minority voting power and strip our communities of the representation that made this progress possible. By carving up our neighborhoods and fracturing our communities of interest, this bill would replace representatives accountable to the people of southern Dallas with politicians who have no connection to our struggles and no incentive to serve our needs. It would make it nearly impossible for our community to elect a representative of our choice, effectively taking away our voice and our power to continue building a better future.
The hate that founded this city's divisions should be a matter of history, not a blueprint for our future. The fight for fair and equitable representation is what allowed us to begin healing those wounds. HB4 is a deliberate attempt to reopen them for partisan gain. It sends a message that the hard work of local leaders and the will of our community do not matter.
I implore you to reject this bill. Stand with the people of Dallas who are fighting for a city that is not defined by its past but by its future. Uphold the democratic principles that allow every community, especially those that have been historically marginalized, to have a strong, uncompromised voice. Do not take away the very power that has helped us build a more just and prosperous Dallas. Thank you.

Roxanne Claire
self business owner
Houston TX 77008, TX

The Texas Republican legislators should be ashamed of themselves. Redistricting for pure political advantage - to get people elected based not on policy but on naked political manipulation and chicanery is reprehensible. Our Constitution guarantees the right of representation. It is wrong - morally, ethically, and legally - to deprive citizens of their voice in government. If no one likes your policies, CHANGE THE POLICIES NOT THE VOTERS. Texas legislators need to vote NO on the proposal to redraw districts for the midterms.

saxon hajduk
self
austin, TX

I am against this redistricting proposal.

Sarah Burdick
Self
Dallas, TX

I can not believe that I’m even having to send a comment about Redistricting in the year of the lord, 2025. I just celebrated my 43rd birthday and I am lifelong Texan. As a young girl in the Texas public school system, I can vividly remember learning about gerrymandering in my history classes. It seemed so obviously wrong, but also something that had happened so long ago and something that we learned from. I never would have imagined we would be discussing this in present times and I wonder if my girls have learned about it in their history classes. What you are proposing is very clearly a tactic to silence all the blue voices in our traditionally red state. Our president even said the quiet part out loud. “We just need 5 more seats in Texas” and by god he’s going to do all he can to get them. I used to be one of those red voters, because that’s what how my parents voted, so that’s what I did. The current administration has made me more political than I would have ever imagined I could be and made me so aware of how corrupt the Republican Party has become. Every single person in this state has the right to have their voices heard and the proposed redistricting is a very obvious attempt to silence the perspectives that challenge trump, abbott, Patrick, Cruz and all the other white, male politicians representing our state that lead with themselves and their cronies at the forefront. Please do not pass this strategically racist bill. Please, for the little girl that I was sitting in her very white and very privileged classroom at Prairie Creek Elementary and for allllllll the children that will be looking back on this moment in 30 years. Please don’t pass this so we can all start getting back to a point where being from Texas is not an embarrassment.

Maria Froemming
self
Coppell, TX

It is unconscionable for the Texas Legislature to considering taking away the voices of OTHER TEXANS again, just to satisfy the President of the United States. The legislature should be working on flood relief, alternatives to the STAAR test, and other things that would actually BENEFIT the people of Texas.

Our Representatives need to either be addressing these important issues, or be home in their districts working with their communities. Calling them back to cater to someone who only cares about his best interests and power and NOT the people's best interests is precisely the opposite of what our legislature is supposed to do. The Texas House of Representatives is supposed to be THE PEOPLE'S HOUSE and should serve the people!

Kierra Francis
Self
Austin, TX

Save our state! No redistricting.

Pam Roche
Self, retired
Leander, TX

I’m very disappointed in the proposed new districts for Texas. The idea that a U.S. President can dictate such action to a state is beyond my comprehension. I have lost all faith in my state government to ensure that all people in the great state of Texas have real representation. This new map seeks to disenfranchise myself along with others and I can’t help but wonder what our current government hopes to gain by doing so. When you send a message to your citizens that you care nothing about the integrity of our government or about fair representation then you can hardly expect our support.

Brittany Walker
Self
Dallas, TX

As a life long Texan, I am strongly against this bill. Redistricting for pure political gain is extremely unsettling and I would hope our elected leaders would have more integrity. If our leaders must cheat the system in order to win, they don't serve to lead our state and/or nation.

Emily Doogue
Self- Public Health Professional
Dallas, TX

I am writing to register my opposition to Congressional Redistricting. This is a blatant attempt to negate the votes and voices of constituents in the current districts. it would be a shameful act of gerrymandering to allow this to move forward. I hope that the state of Texas proves allegiance to our residents and not blind obedience to President Trump. Thank you.

Laura Ts'ao
League of Women Voters Austin Area
Austin, TX

I'm writing as your constituent to express my strong opposition to HB 4 and the ongoing mid-decade redistricting process.

Texas completed its redistricting in 2021 following the U.S. Census, as required by law. There is no new population data to justify a second redraw at this time. Redistricting now, outside the normal 10-year cycle, sets a dangerous precedent and undermines public trust in the process.

This special session was called just one week after severe flooding affected communities across Texas. Our state's focus should be on recovery and meeting urgent needs, not on redrawing maps behind closed doors.

The current process raises serious concerns:

The proposed maps were released with little notice, leaving the public little time to review or respond.

Hearings have been scheduled with minimal advance warning.

Communities of color are being split or packed in ways that reduce fair representation.

Lawmakers are working with outside consultants in private, limiting public transparency.

Thousands of Texans have already spoken up. More than 3,000 people testified at redistricting hearings last week, and over 4,000 public comments were submitted. The message is clear: Texans want a process that is open, accessible, and accountable.

I urge you to oppose HB 4 and commit to a redistricting process that is fair, transparent, and reflective of all the people of Texas. Our state deserves maps that are drawn through a process centered on data, community input, and the principles of equal representation.

Thank you for your service. I will be watching closely as this issue moves forward.

Marissa Curtis Gough
Self, epidemiologist
Austin, TX

As a Texas voter living in Austin and a mother of two, I'm strongly opposed to the proposed redistricting plan. Under this plan, I would be moved out of District 35, losing a representative who understands and reflects the needs of our community.

It's wrong to redraw district lines to benefit one political party at the expense of fair representation. Voters deserve to choose their leaders based on shared values and local priorities, not be shuffled around for political gain.

I want my children to grow up in a Texas where every voice counts and every community matters. Please reject this plan and commit to a redistricting process that is fair, transparent, and representative of all Texans.

Meredith Margrave
Self/Editor
BURLESON, TX

I strongly oppose this irrational redistricting of our state's districts. It is unjust gerrymandering.

Tricia Kim
Self
Austin, TX

Vote NO on HB4. Don't prioritize party over Texans. Stick to the schedule & wait for the next census to alter the existing districts.

cindy montgomery
Self
Austin, TX

We need fair representation in Texas & this redistricting map is anything but. We know the strategy of this corrupt administration & Abbott. We can't let them take our vote away

Matt Valentine
Self, educator
Austin, TX

Do not further gerrymander the congressional districts of Texas. You will disenfranchise millions of Texans. Win elections on the strength of your ideas and your candidates, not by drawing absurd maps.

Jeremy Sutka
Collin County Democratic Party
Mckinney, TX

I stand before you to condemn an unconstitutional and racist assault on Texas democracy and NOT in favor of this bill

There is no legal basis for redistricting today. No new census. No court order. This is a raw political power grab: Donald Trump fears losing the House due to his toxic agenda, so he has asked Republicans to rig districts (again), stealing power from minority voters to prop up a failing regime.

We must follow the rules. This violates our Constitution: Article III, Section 28 of the Texas Constitution permits redistricting only after a census. No census has occurred.

Democracy should be representative but rather than win over voters, Republicans seek to gerrymander an even bigger artificial majority into Texas, where we already have extreme gerrymandering. Democrats only hold 32% of seats while having 45% of the voters. The new maps would further expand the divide between true representation and our maps.

Federal courts have ruled GOP maps intentionally discriminatory numerous times. While the 2021 maps are still tied up in court, the GOP is going back to redistrict again. Why? Because Trump demands it. Because he knows his policies can’t win fair elections, even with maps already rigged.

We demand you:
* HALT this illegal process NOW
* REJECT all new maps
* PUT TEXANS OVER TRUMP

Do not be complicit and bow down to this wanna be King. History sees this. Texans see this. Defend our democracy and stop this steal, or you will give voters yet another reason to vote you all out in 2026.

Let's stand up and be real Texans and reject the demands of DC. Do your job and represent all the people of Texas, not just the red dots on a rigged map.

Eloisa Flores
self, Nurse Practitioner and Educator
sinton, TX

Hello,

Why is the Texas AFT, a teachers union, whose lost its sole objective of educating our children as well as maintaining the competency of our teachers fighting against the redistricting of Texas?

The plan for Texas GOP redistricting is to upgrade the opportunity of the majority Hispanic and Black populated areas to vote in respect to the growth of its population.

The AFT should focus on supporting the growth and education of our Texas children as well as our teachers instead of creating division and mob attitudes among Texans.

I am in full support of your efforts with the Texas GOP redistricting.

Debbie Berry
Self
Allen 75013, TX

I am OPPOSED to HB 4. Every Texan deserves to have a voice in OUR elections. Our elected officials represent the people of Texas. The main reason I oppose this is because Mr. Trump stated publicly that he is asking Republicans in Texas "I want 5 new seats in the House". Just find me 11,780 votes in Georgia in 2020. This is interference at the federal level in our local elections. As a note, I voted Republican my entire adult life until Maga came along. Where are the Republicans that I voted for before 2020? Thank you.

Kim Farlow, Ms.
Self
New Braunfels, TX

Redistricting to establish 5 more republican congressional seats as demanded by POTUS is an attack on voters of Texas. The redrawn congressional district map submitted by Representative Hunter changes CD 21, my district, by increasing in favor of being a Republican district in 2026 by over 2%. CD 35 which included percents in Comal County is a democratic area of Comal County, is redrawn outside of Comal County and swings in favor of Republicans by over 45%. This map would disenfranchise the precincts with strong areas of democratic voters. Voters should decide who represents them, not politicians choosing their voters. The only item this special session should focus upon is flood relief and flood preparedness for all Texans. The lack of preparedness and advanced warning system was deadly and showed the lack of leadership (Governor Abbott, Director of Texas Emergency Management, Kerr County officials and the understaffed national weather service) caused over 100 children and adults to perish. Texans have had enough with Republicans not doing what is best for Texans health and safety. Redistricting should be shelved until after the 2030 census is completed. Every elected official is responsible for the health and safety of every Texan. Voters will cast their votes for candidates who will put their constituents above the demands of big donors and the President in 2026. Your actions in the Texas 89th Legislative Session and all special sessions will be judged by did this help the people or did benefit ultra rich donors and the POTUS. Stand up to POTUS and tell him your priority is flood relief and preparedness, not helping him retain control of the US House of Representatives. Enough is enough!

Jessica Paul, Ms
Self, TXDSHS Molecular Biologist
Austin, TX

I oppose HB 4 regarding the blatant gerrymandering being conducted at the request of president. Our state elected officials have a duty to respond to the needs of Texans not the desires of the president. Breaking up several of these court appointed districts is blatant voter discrimination. Texas deserves fair representation and elected officials that can serve their constituents appropriately. End the gerrymandering and win your offices fair and square.

TeAirra Reese
Self/ Educator
Grand Prairie, TX

I urge the committee to reject this mid-decade redistricting proposal that silences the voices of Texans of color. As a union member and public school educator in Arlington, Tx I am deeply concerned about any map that reduces fair representation for the very communities that have driven our state’s growth. These proposed maps do not reflect the diversity or the needs of Texas. Every Texan deserves equal representation, and that starts with fair, transparent, and equitable district lines. Our students, our families, and our democracy deserve better.

Thomas Linker
iACT
Austin, TX

As the great State of Texas represents one of the largest representations in Congress, it should be the responsibility of the Texas Legislature to ensure that our representation in Congress fairly represents the various communities within the state. The primary reason for this is that different groups within the state have different needs, be they from rural or urban areas, higher or lower income, or different ethnicities. To strongly favor one segment over the other is to choke off a very basic right, which is enshrined in our founding documents as a nation: the right to be heard by their government to address their needs or "grievances". To scrape together a partisan majority by denying representation to any major segment of Texas is toxic to the exchange of views in Congress. Without a robust exchange of views taking place in Congress, we tilt towards allowing a truly toxic division in our society between those who claim the most power regardless of whether they deserve it, and those who would be left out. In the body politic of a nation, those who are truly left out, those who feel they have nothing to lose, are most likely to turn against the system that is not serving them. History shows us time after time that this is like breeding a cancer that can destroy a nation. It is this writer's earnest belief that the very stability of our society is threatened when any group attempts to wield absolute power over the population. The end result is bad for all concerned, the temporary winners as well. Civil wars are horrible outcomes for nations not willing to overcome serious divisions within a nation. Please do not support the redistricting in this bill.

Robert Jacoby, COO
self
Addison, TX

I am supportive of HB 4. The US Census was not as accurate as I had hoped. Further with massive growth in Texas in certain districts, a redraw of congressional maps is warranted. Texas is growing. This growth needs to be represented accurately.

Thank you.

Michelle Spinell, Mrs
Self
Mckinney, TX

As your constituent and someone deeply invested in preserving the integrity of our democratic process, I respectfully urge you to oppose and speak out against Texas House Bill 4 (HB 4) and similar redistricting measures that undermine local autonomy and distort fair representation.

Core Concerns:

1. Erosion of Local Control HB 4 represents a significant state overreach that preempts the authority of municipalities to govern local matters — including district lines, voting access, and community representation. Local leaders are often more attuned to the demographics, needs, and values of their constituents. This top-down control not only disrespects local governance but creates a dangerous precedent that weakens community self-determination.

2. Partisan Gerrymandering Though redistricting is necessary after the census, HB 4 has resulted in maps that favor one political party disproportionately — despite growing demographic diversity and shifting political attitudes across Texas. Packing and cracking communities of color dilutes their voting power, marginalizes their voices, and violates the spirit, if not the letter, of the Voting Rights Act.

3. Voter Confidence and Democratic Legitimacy When districts are drawn to guarantee outcomes, voters lose trust that their participation matters. Gerrymandering drives polarization, reduces competitiveness, and leads to extreme candidates who are less accountable to a broad base. A healthy democracy requires that elections be meaningful contests — not foregone conclusions engineered through maps.

4. Legal and Constitutional Risks Similar redistricting laws have faced successful legal challenges in the past for violating constitutional protections and federal laws such as the Voting Rights Act. HB 4 exposes Texas to ongoing litigation that wastes taxpayer dollars and undermines the credibility of the legislative process.

5. Missed Opportunity for Reform Rather than doubling down on partisan redistricting, Texas could have followed the lead of other states that established independent redistricting commissions — giving citizens more control and creating maps based on fairness, transparency, and accountability. This approach encourages broader civic engagement and reflects the will of the people, not just political operatives.
In closing, redistricting should be a tool for representation, not manipulation. HB 4 sacrifices the democratic principle of fair and equal representation in favor of short-term political gain. I respectfully ask that you consider the long-termconsequences and advocate for reforms that serve all Texans, regardless of party or zip code.

Stephanie Swanson
Fair Maps Texas
Spicewood, TX

Dear Chair Vasut and Members of the House and Senate Congressional Redistricting Committees,

I have sent to you all via email an expert witness report prepared by Dr. Monica Munoz Martinez on behalf of the Fair Maps Texas plaintiffs for our litigation challenging Texas' 2021 state legislative and congressional district maps. This report examines the history of voting discrimination in Texas against African-American voters, Asian-American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) voters, and Latino voters. It also examines how other types of discrimination against racial and ethnic voters depress their political participation.

I could not attach this document to the House's submission portal, which is why I sent it via email.

Thank you so much for your time,
Stephanie Swanson
Fair Maps Texas

Mary Beth Butler
self
Denton, TX

This is BULLSHIT. I am against this bill.

Idona Griffith
self, retired teacher
Austin, TX

Four weeks ago Texans experienced a devastating flood, which took the lives of hundreds of Texans and left behind millions of dollars in property damage. But instead of addressing relief and recovery, this body has chosen to focus on redistricting -- WHY? Because a 12 year old in the White House is demanding "more votes from Texas". Is this how we do things in Texas now? Have we all become the lap dogs of the federal government? This map wasn't even DRAWN by our legislators or any other Texas, but by the President of the National Republican Redistricting Trust in VIRGINIA, and it clearly was NOT drawn with Texan cummunities in mind. District lines should preserve and protect the needs of the communities within them, and Texans should be electing candidates that reflect the diversity of our state. This map does the absolute OPPOSITE!
This is unacceptable, unconscionable and un-American, and clearly NOT in the best interest of Texans. I call up the elected officials of this great state to STAND UP and SAY 'NO' to the selfish and partisan demands of the White house! Texans deserve the right to decide what is best for us and for our citizens, NOT the federal government, and our Legislators should be leading the charge AGAINST this travesty!

Elva Mendoza
Self, Public Health Social Worker
Austin, TX

Why is the legislature doing the bidding of Donald Trump instead of working to improve the lives of Texans? Mass shootings, devastating floods, maternal mortality, electric grid insecurity, water shortages, lack of affordable housing, underfunded public schools, and stunning numbers of uninsured individuals...these are real problems facing Texans that you are ignoring to rig elections and make it harder for voters to hold lawmakers accountable. The fact that it is legal to gerrymander for political purposes does not make it ethical or right. I hope there is some shred of decency left in those of you supporting this plan to feel the shame of what you are doing. Please reconsider your actions, and their national repercussions, which could include the creation of partisan districts in other states that do not favor your party. And to those of you representatives standing strong against this crooked plan, I applaud and support you.

Anne Holt
self
Blanco, TX

This is blatant gerrymandering!! Just another illegal maneuver from the Republican Party which I used to be a member of and with this version of the Party I will NOT be a member again!

William Pollard
Self
Austin, TX

This redisticting plan has nothing to do with providing fair representation for Texans and everything to do with pleasing one man - Trump - and one faction- MAGA. It’s not one person one vote, it’s one man, all the power I want. Please reject this abomination.

Tina Dunk
Self, TX resident
San Antonio, TX

I do not support this bill and the attempts to redistrict on an off-Census year. The premise for the redrawn map doesn’t align to where the population growth is happening, and the public didn’t ask for this.

Diane Larsen, Mrs
Self
Houston, TX

am firmly opposed to this redistricting effort. The Texas Legislature should focus on establishing the necessary regulations and support to prevent the horrific flooding and deaths which just occurred in Central Texas. You should not be making a mockery of democracy with these shameful, gerrymandered voting maps. They are a disgrace to the notion of democracy. Stop these maps now. Diane Larsen

Vienna Esson
Self - high school student
Austin, TX

My name is Vienna and I am 16 years old. What HB 4 is trying to do is sickening. This bill in its essence is against our democracy. I refuse to stay silent as our government supports bills that suppress votes. Voting is what makes this country a democracy. Even though I am not old enough to vote yet, I will fight for true and honest elections, something this bill will take away. Please, if you have any respect or appreciation for the ideals upon which this country was built, do not vote in favor for HB 4.

Aarya Kanuru
Self, Full-time Student
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose this effort by the TX House to carry forward this effort that has the explicit goal of advantaging one political party for future state and federal elections.

Deeply harmful policies being enacted by this U.S. Congress are being enabled by these efforts to change district lines, which in turn are reducing and minimizing the voices of non-White citizens.
Citizens are losing their voices because of these changes.
In the Houston area we are proud of our rich diversity of culture, language, opinion, and background. Our house representatives should broadly mirror this rich diversity and the rich variety of backgrounds and opinions.
An instruction articulated from the President, to replace reliably Democratic-led districts with districts that will be reliably Republican, was then embedded in a statement from the Department of Justice that the current districts are racially discriminatory or biased.
This is DESPITE the fact that in 2021 there was explicit confirmation from the Texas leadership (governor, attorney general) that the maps were not racially biased.
Changes to the TX district lines should be based on DATA and EVIDENCE, not swayed by a politician's or party's personal and political pursuit of power.

Melani Howard
Self/Biologist
San Marcos, TX

I am writing to state that I am in strong opposition to the inclusion of legislation that provides a revised congressional redistricting plan on the Governor's call for a Special Session of the 89th Texas Legislature.
According to the 2020 Census, 95% of population growth in Texas over the prior decade came from communities of color in suburban and urban communities.
What was your thought process when you created these new redistricted maps? According to the 2020 Census, 95% of population growth in Texas over the prior decade came from communities of color in suburban and urban communities. The proposed map does NOT represent these citizens. You have collectively come together to revise districts that will elect the candidate that meets your agenda.
This redistricting proposal is not just a political maneuver—it's a threat to representation, resources, and rights for Black, Brown, Indigenous, immigrant, and working-class communities. When maps are manipulated, it distorts the very foundation of democracy. It silences the voices of those already struggling to be heard. It's about clinging to power at any cost. District lines should preserve and protect the needs of the communities within them, particularly the needs of historically underrepresented minority communities, not bow to the whim of out-of-state political operatives and extreme partisans. Government is at its best when it works to solve the real problems of ordinary people: disaster relief, inflated prices, affordable housing, a living wage, accessible quality health care – and when the voices of all citizens are heard, not just special interests and racially polarized extreme partisans. When the voices of special interests and extreme partisans dominate the political landscape, the needs of ordinary citizens are often overlooked. It's time for us to demand a better future, one where the voices of all citizens are heard and valued.

Marta Kvande
self
Lubbock, TX

I strongly urge the committee to reject this mid-decade redistricting proposal. It is quite literally designed to make political representation unfair by reducing the influene of voters who are not white. Everyone's vote should matter. ALL Texans deserve fair representation for our students, our schools, and our communities.

Sally Fiveash
Self
Carrollton, TX

I support the proposed redistricting currently under consideration, as I believe that the redrawn districts will provide more representation of the surrounding areas represented by these changes, and believe that it is inappropriate to maintain districts that were drawn up because they were reported to be coalition districts, as drawing districts under those conditions did not provide the best representation of the members of the district. Please support this redistricting map.

Susan Kania
Self
Pantego, TX

Vote No to changing the composition of the districts!! Listen to the people of Texas, not Trump!!!

Cecilia Zuniga, Dr.
Self
Houston, TX

As a resident of Texas I am compelled to strongly dissent to proposed redistricting of Texas (HB 4 by Representative Hunter) without legal challenges that show current districting maps are politically biased. Until the Representatives in our Texas government can show fact-based legal challenges to bias in existing maps, any redistricting efforts must be postponed. Texas must remain a beacon of upholding the balance of powers that keeps our Democratic Republic strong for American citizens.

Deborah Cavin, Ms.
Self - retired
Austin, TX

This is morally repugnant and counter to EVERY principle of democracy. If you—you!—pass it, you're breaking our country.

Dana Zeid
Self
Houston, TX

I am opposed to this Redistricting effort. The Texas Legislature should focus on establishing the necessary regulations and support to prevent the horrific flooding and deaths which just occurred in central Texas. You should not be making a mockery of democracy with these shameful gerrymandering voting maps. They are a disgrace to the notion of democracy. Stop these maps now.

Kirste Reimers
Self, realtor & graphic designer
Houston, TX

I am firmly opposed to this redistricting effort. The Texas Legislature should focus on establishing the necessary regulations and support to prevent the horrific flooding and deaths which just occurred in Central Texas. You should not be making a mockery of democracy with these shameful, gerrymandered voting maps. They are a disgrace to the notion of democracy. Stop these maps now.

Dorcas Hand
self
Houston, TX

I am appalled and angered that Texas Republicans are kowtowing to out of state forces to redistrict off cycle with a goal of stealing future elections and federal House of Representative votes. Texans are known as proud of their independence, but current Texas Republicans are groveling in fear. Your personal integrity is at stake. This effort to break minority areas up so that white votes have a stronger chance to win the day is taking our state backwards to an era I had hoped was history only. You are giving RACISM a voice when we need to do the opposite. Our neighbors of color are just as much citizens as whites are; state prosperity is built on their backs too. Every human who is a legal voter deserves the same voting power and too many of you in the Texas House are working to minimize or even suppress those with which you disagree, especially if their skin or culture differs from yours. You're fine with corn bread and TexMex except in your lawmaking. I want to respect my legislators, but you make it mighty hard.
DO NOT REDISTRICT. Just don't. Stand up for Texas' independence. It's embarrassing to watch you bow in this way.

Jennifer Whidby
Self
Richardson, TX

I'm strongly against gerrymandering in Texas. Fair representation is a cornerstone of a healthy democracy, and manipulating district lines for political advantage undermines the voices of voters. Every Texan deserves to have their vote count equally, regardless of their zip code or political affiliation.

Lu Paschal
Self, Librarian
Dallas, TX

Redistricting does not address any of my concerns as a voting citizen. Affordable housing, cost of living, climate resilience and disaster mitigation, healthcare, gender equality, public education. These are things that really matter, that uplift everyone in this state. Incredibly disappointing to see this going to vote when priorities should be on building a government that supports all of us.

Amanda Norris
Self
Austin, TX

AGAINST

Kim Nowak
Self
Denton, TX

I support HB4 and proposed redistricting map.

Andrew Share, DR.
self
Austin, TX

The current plan for redistricting is undemocratic. The only goal is to make elections less fair. I strongly oppose this style of redistricting. I would support a plan to redistrict if each district was drawn in a way to minimize the edge length of districts, rather than the dogs breakfast shapes of districts that are being proposed.

Josiah West
Panhandle People's Pantry
Amarillo, TX

In light of everything else politically going on in TX I hope this results in the deserved death of the GOP.

Jennifer Austin
Self
Austin, TX

Please represent the people of the state of Texas and do not proceed with this congressional redistricting.

Mary Jane Avery
Self
Burnet, TX

I support HB 4 by Hunter to redistrict and the current proposed redistricted map for fair and greater representation in the delegation from Texas in the United States of America from the State of Texas. Thank you. MJA

Kat Conklin-Collins
Self
Richardson, TX

Texas redrew its maps after the last census, those maps are still be challenged and the state is arguing in favor of the current maps in court. The maps were already drawn in favor of the Republican Party, packing and cracking diverse suburban areas for example, because SCOTUS has affirmed partisan gerrymandering is legal. We also know legal does not always mean moral or ethical. There are reps in N Texas who have constituents in East Texas when those area have different needs. I'm addition you're asking those reps to be able to meet with constituents who are nearly two hours away end to end. And were not talking west Texas that has a much less dense population. This is the increasingly growing areas like Collin County.
The republicans are struggling to actually run on a platform that voters are drawn to, so instead they play cowardly and decide to choose THEIR constituents. Fear should not be the arbiter of OUR reps, but they know an increasing number of Texans disagree with their parties policies. Instead of "manning up" and fighting to be competitive, they continue to show Texans how scared of us they are and try to remove our voices from the important process of choosing OUR reps. We may not have then money of PACs and Super PACs but the state & national republicans are SCARED of civically educated Texans. I won't ask you to do the "right" thing because there are plenty in the state legislature that will completely disagree with me on what is "right," but as a citizen I believe this rarely attempted mid-decade redistributing is wrong ad it benefits a few who ALREADY have power but are too scared of us. I do ask that you listen to the outrage & frustration of citizens who simply what districts that are actually competitive so we have reps who will fight & engage for US and not the big money & lobbies behind them.

Kathy Alloway
Self
San Antonio, TX

HB4 is blatant attempt to steal more votes in our state already seriously gerrymandered. I'll be watching and praying that Congresspeople with love of democracy, integrity, courage, and conscience win out in this dishonest battle for Texas votes.

Valarie Gold
Self
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose the proposed redistricting as it is not a fair representation of the State of Texas. Gov. Abbott's call for a mid-decade redraw of some of Texas' congressional maps is clearly an attempt at gerrymandering to help his political party. If approved, the congressional redisctricting will lead to a poor and inaccurate political representation of Texans including myself and our community.

Charlene Ledbetter
self; entreprenuer
Fort Worth, TX

It's a sad day when I realize how ashamed I am to be a Texan. Laughed at and ridiculed by the rest of the world as idiots. How can I blame them? DO NOT KOWTOW to the old-white-man's fear and racism and power-mongering. Don't you want to sleep at night, knowing you have integrity? That you've been responsible to ALL the people, and not just the one's that look like you? Redistricting Texas is ridiculous and you know it. Taking away from those who need it. You should be ashamed. Who are you fooling? No one. You will see a huge backlash from your idolatry at Trump and Abbott's feet. Elected officials are beholden and accountable to the public and you will reap what you are sowing. Can't wait to vote you all out.

Ian Strain-Seymour, Mr
self
Austin, TX

Honestly, you should be ashamed of yourselves. This whole off cycle redistricting is a danger to our democracy, which you have sworn to uphold. Setting the precedent for redistricting between cycles is yet another step towards removing the rule of law in our great state and country.

I don't understand how you can look yourselves in the mirror. I would love to hear you explain this to your grandparents and your grandchildren. How is this different the tyrannies like the USSR and the Nazis that we have struggled against in the past?

Do better!

Cheryl Lehman
self
Emory, TX

I support HB 4

Sonia Merubia
self
Austin, TX

I am against any kind of redistricting at this time because it is an effort to gain more Republican seats in the Congress.

David Park
self
Carrollton, TX

I would encourage members to reject the new redistricting in HB 4. This partisan gerrymandering of congressional districts is a transparent attempt to secure power for Republican Party at the expense of the effective representation of Texans. When political parties gerrymander districts for purely political reasons they are intentionally marginalizing the voices of Texans whose voices they do not want heard. In this case, and historically throughout the history of the United States of America, the voices that are marginalized and silenced are voices of color and the poor. As a Christian I follow a person who chose to set aside and lay down the power that was in his possession to be in solidarity with the marginalized and poor. Whether the Texas republicans can legally gerrymander the districts to advantage the Republican Party and President Trump is not the issue. For me it is a question of Christian ethics whether one should systematically disenfranchise a racial group and the poor. The answer to the Christian should be no. Therefore I encourage the committee and the House to vote against the redistricting.

Joe C Garza
Myself
San Marcos, TX

As a lifelong Texan I am against the proposed redistricting which will create 5 new districts which favor the dilution of democratic votes in favor of 5 districts that favor republican and promote the republican agenda.

Melissa Fender
Self
Grand Prairie, TX

I just said I want my voice to be heard & that I STRONGLY object to the this!!
DO NOT DO THIS!!

Mady Kaye
self, musician
Austin, TX

Redistricting is unAmerican. It directly benefits those in power who wish to remain in power and wish to benefit the rich, their cronies.
George Washington is whirling in his grave. Shame on all of you who kiss Trump's bottom, shame.

Vicki Bowman, MS
self/ Registered Nurse
Pflugerville, TX

Have any of you read the Constitution of the United States? Maybe you all should review this document! The redistricting is a big disgrace! The Constitution "assigns the CONGRESS responsibility for organizing the executive and judicial branches, raising revenue, declaring war, and making all laws necessary for executing these powers." I find no where in the Constitution that you are allowed to take the "wishes" of one individual into account to change laws This is a constitution " Of the People, By the People and For the People. Thus far I have witness the whims of one individual who has decided by himself that "He" needs additional congressional seats and has imposed his centralized autocratic government, much like a dictatorial leader to get what he wants. This is not Democracy, this is Fascism! The Office of the President has been disgraced! He is a convicted Felon who has not the right to be in that office. When you are convicted of a crime in the US, you are to loose your right to vote, possess firearms, serve on a jury, hold public office. What happen to that judicial process? Now you are working to Cheat the system to obtain what this individual wants due to his falling poll ratings. Please be clear, what you are doing is against the Constitution of the United States! I never thought I'd see the day when I would be ashamed of the people in office who are responsible for maintaining the rights and freedoms of the American people. What you are doing is disgraceful!! When did the Republican party become the Fascist Republican Party?

Kathryn Farries
Self
The Woodlands, TX

I support the redistricting to create 5 new districts in Texas

Kasye Palmer, Ms.
Self
Richardson, TX

Texas is already one of the most gerrymandered states in the country and you have somehow figured out a way to make it even worse. Redistricting should not be done in between census years unless a very large shift in the population has occurred. Redrawing these districts in such a hurried, unprepared manner, when the current map is already under a lawsuit is just irresponsible. I cannot believe how many republicans are kowtowing to Donald Trump. We are Texans. Stand up and fight for what is right, which isn't a haphazardly redrawn district map just to appease the current president. Earn your votes, don't gerrymander them even more than they already are.

Caroline Kofstad
Self
Denton, TX

"I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map."

Thomas Heathman
self
San Marcos, TX

I am adamantly opposed to redistricting Texas for the purpose to keep Republicans in power at the Federal Level. I believe the current administration and the Republican House and Senate have done more in the last 6 months to ruin this country than anyone has ever done before. I am a veteran and land owner in Texas and I will do everything I can to stop this redistricting and I urge you do the same. Remember that people will remember who votes for this bill and vote accordingly in the next elections.

John Close
Self/furniture sales
San Antonio, TX

How could anyone with morals, ethics or a heart vote yes for this?! If voting yes, that means that you're going backwards for what our country is all about. Everyone should be treated equal in our country. And we should have equal representation. If this bill is passed, I worry for my grandchildren to grow up watching this country become a dictatorship. I can't predict the future, but I can guarantee to you that in 20, 40, or 60 years from now that history books will write about an embarrassing time it was for our country. Voting yes means you will be apart of that history. If you even read this, thank you for your time. God bless all of us, Texas and the country. We need help.

Rosie Taylor, Mrs.
Self: Retired Nurse Educator (Christian faith)
Dallas, TX

I would urge the committee to think carefully about the implications of this proposed bill for ALL CITIZENS of Texas, as well your rationale for supporting it. It will definitely disadvantage the citizens of our state and it is absolutely immoral and unjust to the citizens of Texas.
Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Arian Augustus
Self - IT Support
Dallas, TX

I'm a constituent living in Dallas, TX. I am strongly opposed to redrawing thr congressional district maps. Republicans under the current political system have done enough damage. I want to see fairly drawn maps that represent all Texans, and all ideas but especially more progressive ones. I don't think the country is headed in the right direction under Republican leadership, and I d think redrawing the map to give Republicans 5 more seats will have terrible downline effects. If anything, if the maps are changing I agree with Representative James Talarico that's if we're redrawing the maps, it should be done by Texans in Texas and not someone in DC.

Mary Selby
Self
Austin, TX

I do not support HB4 and I think this is suppressing the voice of all Texans. This is a power grab and is not aligned with the democratic process. Do what Texans deserve and want.

Amy Hunt
Self: marketing consultant
Dallas, TX

Against

Danielle Buck, Mrs
Self
Benbrook, TX

I agree

Celina Oliveira, Dr.
Self / Laredo Constituent
Laredo, TX

I completely disagree with this redistricting in Texas.

Mark Vandine
Self
Lufkin, TX

This is illegal voter suppresion and in democratic.

Grace Fremuth
Teacher
Austin, TX

This is blatant corruption and crime. Look at the map. What are these shapes ?! Texas is a diverse state. Most of it votes republican. Is that not enough? A dominating bully has to pick on the someone half their size? For decades Texas has dealt fine with Austin area rightfully representing its own. It's unconstitutional to split up a community and essentially making people who live here have no one that actually represents them. If you vote yes, how do you sleep at night? What is your blood pressure? How do you look people in the eye? The fact that this is what our government is taking its time to discuss rather than matters actually facing our state is despicable.

Leslie Bullion
Self
Arlington, TX

The proposed redistricting plan is outrageous. I strongly oppose this effort. The people of Texas should be fairly represented. This plan does not allow for we the people to be represented. Texas is not just a state full of Republicans. We have a diverse electorate and the districts should reflect that. I oppose this plan.

Gary Hopkins
Chair Pct. 37 Smith County
Tyler, TX

As a Pct. Chair for Smith county. I am asking our legislature to fully support HB 4. As has been noted by officials, the current districts drawn in 2021 were based on the 2020 census, which was officially noted as flawed, undercounting many states, including Texas. It is time to get this corrected! We can do this by supporting HB 4. I call on our legislature to vote for HB 4 and truly represent the great state of Texas! Thank you.

Marquette Greene-Scott
Self
Iowa Colony, TX

I am a resident of CD22. You all are moving us to CD14 in an effort to silence us. I am Mayor Pro Tem for the city of Iowa Colony. We are a vibrant and fast growing city. To lump us the way you're doing is an effort to silence our voices. I was also the Democratic nominee for CD 22. You have drawn me out of my district. This is blatant and racist attempt to take our voices and right to representation away. But y'all portray yourselves as Christian. Your actions are not Christ like at all. I serve a mighty God who sees all. Please remember that.

Douglas Lies
Self
Fort Worth, TX

I stand in support of the HB4 redistricting bill.

Wynne Prager
Self
Austin, TX

It seems to me that this is only happening because of Dinald Trump’s wishes. He cares nothing fir the people of Texas who will be made voiceless because of this bill. He cares only about power, and it seems our Texas legislature joins him in only caring about power. This nakedly political power grab will have repercussions far beyond the borders of Texas. I fear for our democracy.

Sabrina Salazar
Self
Del Valle, TX

This is not a fair map. Please do not go through with this gerrymandering.

Flora Gill, Ms.
Self
houston, TX

I disagree with the redistricting plan. Already, before this redistricting, The Princeton Gerrymander Survey gave these Texas districts an F https://gerrymander.princeton.edu/redistricting-report-card/?planId=recL5EF85h0ILukMA. There were only 2 competitive districts in the whole state, while a lot of voters live in precincts that are close to 50/50 including my own. It also got an F for compactness, and I wonder if there is a grade lower than F, because these districts are way less compact than before. In a perfect world, I wish we had an independent redistricting group that had equal representation of dems/republicans/and non-partisan types. I worry that this new map will disadvantage spanish speaking minorities (who were in texas before we were, incidentally). In the new map it seems you added a big spanish speaking area that was represented by Al Green and now they'll be represented by Brian Babin. CD36 is currently about 50% rural and white. Of course this new spanish speaking area is in just low enough numbers and low incomes that they could not single-handedly win in that district even if they found a spanish speaking candidate to run. I know many republicans were proud that they won over latinos in the last election, but I feel you are already taking them for granted with this new map. It is like saying, "thanks for your vote! Now we'll deport your grandma and gerrymander you out of your district." Cynically, because of state wide gerrymandering, this will very likely pass - even though it will make the republican races a little tiny bit less safe. I did notice that while you gave CD 36 a little more democrats in harris county and in beaumont, you added Lufkin to Babin's district. I think he used to be mayor there, so I guess you really really really want to keep him blindly doing the bidding for the big oil companies and trump. Additionally Lufkin has some strong KKK history (https://lufkindailynews.com/news/local/exhibit-traces-origins-of-kkk-in-angelina-county/article_23605463-6e35-5d48-ae55-67fc9436a798.html), so It might be hard for any minority candidate to even travel to that area safely. It is so obvious that this power grab is removing power for the people and giving it to the businesses that pay the republicans. I think that even rural voters are getting the short end of the stick because they have totally different needs (and sometimes opposing needs) than suburban and city voters that they are getting lumped in with. Please do not take the unusual move of gerrymandering the state mid-census. Just wait 5 years! I can only hope that this spectacularly backfires on the TX GOP.

Laura Gallier
self-retired CPA
Houston, TX

Oppose this mid-census redistricting, which is not necessary and not wanted. I listened to the public comments; Texans are overwhelmingly opposed to this rushed, opaque, unnecessary racist action. Once the proposed maps were drawn, we only got 48 hours' notice before the hearing. But we made time to study them; they were clearly and obviously drawn to dismantle Black and Brown political power in Texas' biggest cities. This is an overt attempt to erase Black and Brown representation with surgical racist precision. I urge you to stop these racist maps that dilute Black and Brown political power. I am a white lifelong Texan and I'm appalled at this brazen attempt to turn back the clock to disenfranchise our Black and Brown neighbors to consolidate white power. It is an incorrect interpretation of Petteway to conclude that the congressional maps as currently drawn are inconsistent with the Voting Rights Act, which addressed barriers to electoral participation, including poll taxes, literacy tests, intimidation and harrassment of people attempting to vote. The DOJ is wrongly advising Texas to redraw districts which Trump considers racially gerrymandered, just weeks after the conclusion of a trial over Texas' current maps, in which representatives for the state argued repeatedly that a race-blind process was used to draw the boundaries of the existing districts. Now suddenly Abbott expresses concerns that some districts were drawn "along strict racial lines", and coincidentally, these are all majority-minority districts, historic districts led by people of color with distinction for generations. This is blatant racism and pandering to the Trump Administration. The people of Texas - white, Black and Brown - deserve better. We deserve for you to be able to hold a thought and position for more than a few weeks, especially about something as crucial as the congressional maps so soon before we vote to fill a vacant seat in CD 18, of which I am a constituent. Say NO to mid-census redistricting; wait until 2030.

Michael Fladmark
Self, consultant renewable energy
Tool, TX

Texas republicans on this committee and statewide, whether vocal or silent, should be ashamed and be publicly rebuked for agreeing to redistrict Texas congressional districts mid-decade from a president asking to you to remap to obtain at least five more seats to solidify republican majority control of the Texas congressional delegation and the US congress. Texans not republicans are fighting back from the grass roots and will defeat you at the ballot box even with the gerrymandering, and your initiative will not be successful in the long run. You have awaked the sleeping giant of Texas non-voters who have finally had enough of losing their rights and freedoms. To the republicans on this committee your actions have awakened and emboldened Democratically led states to move forward to redistrict their states. You will lose!! This mid-decade gerrymandering action in Texas is at its base level racist, unconstitutional, and immoral justified by the over 3500 testimonials submitted to your 3 public hearings strongly not supporting redistricting. The virtual Texas senate hearings testimonies submitted were just as strong in not supporting redistricting. So we now have your map drafted outside Texas giving the president what he wants and now we all know the truth of your backroom actions. You are on the wrong side of history and your legacy will not be a kind one. So if you republicans on this committee have not figured it out yet - I am strongly opposed to redistricting mid-term and so go eff yourselves!! To my Democratic members on this committee - thank you for your continued voices speaking truth to power - and do what needs to be done in unity by standing up and stepping out to fight this action. We have your backs!

Margaret Lalk
self, retired attorney
Austin, TX

As a proud Texan and a voter, I am appalled and scared, yes scared, by this blatant power grab. The current redistricting bill does not reflect the best interest of Texans. We need a non-partisan group drawing fair districts which will allow the wishes of ALL Texans to be addressed in Congress. The wishes of hundreds of thousands of citizens will be disregarded by the current attempt to redraw the voting map.

Annette Langford
Self
Round Rock, TX

I strongly oppose Texas' proposed congressional redistricting map, which undermines fair representation and disproportionately harms communities of color. This plan is a transparent partisan power grab, designed to silence voters by dismantling competitive districts and diluting minority voting strength—especially in Austin

The map intentionally fractures communities of color, packing Black and Latino voters into fewer districts while spreading Republican voters into Democratic-held areas. These changes violate the Voting Rights Act, prioritizing political gain over equitable representation. The fact that 30 of 38 districts would now favor Trump by double-digit margins—despite Texas' rapidly diversifying population—exposes this as an undemocratic scheme to rig future elections.

I ask that you reject this discriminatory map and commit to a transparent, nonpartisan redistricting process that respects all Texans—not just one party's agenda. Our democracy deserves better.

Robert Ray
Self--Retired
Waco, TX

I hope that the people involved in this redistricting have integrity, courage, and honesty. They need to show that they believe in true Democracy and act accordingly--rather than to feel that they have to lick the boots of the President or Governor. Stand on your own integrity, people! You are to represent the PEOPLE as a whole--not the power-hungry and greedy! Do not feel that you have to cheat to win.

Kim Sturman
GOP Precinct 1050
Red Oak, TX

Please approve

Jason Cody
Self Engineer
Garland, TX

As a resident of District 32 I am opposed to this redistricting effort. This redistricting is a blatant power grab and the unjustified. This is nothing more than an effort to silence the voices of the voters in these existing districts and to remove their elected representatives. Let the voters choose their representatives and not the other way around.

Scarlett Luedecke
Self
Austin, TX

The United States of America is a democracy. We vote for the representatives who embody our values, needs, and communities. The GOP's attempt to cut this representation by redistricting the State of Texas is an attack on democracy. The needs of our communities come before the wants of Billionaires. It is the responsibility of our House Representatives, both Republicans and Democrats, to protect the constitutional rights of Texans, not exploit them for political gain.

Darcy Goff, Ma
Precinct 211
Austin, TX

Please vote NO.

Shelley Dennis, Mrs.
Self - music instructor, non-profit executive director
Temple, TX

The redistricting is not in the best interest of all citizens of the state of Texas. We need to protect all people and their right to representation.

JANIS REINKEN, Ms.
SELF/ATTORNEY
Austin, TX

What Texans need now are elected officials of integrity who are determined to UPHOLD the Texas Constitution and the United States Constitution. The Texas House and Senate should NOT CAVE IN to the MANIPULATION and INTIMIDATION tactics being used by the current U.S. Department of Justice Attorney General and Civil Rights Division, as stated in the letter dated July 7 2025 addressed to Greg Abbott and Ken Paxton. This is a blatant attempt to THREATEN the State into taking actions contrary to the Constitution and Laws. It sounds all too similar to that infamous phone call placed on January 2, 2021 by the president to Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger, urging him to find 11,780 votes in order to overturn the state's election results from the 2020 presidential election. Thankfully, Raffensperger had the fortitude and integrity to refuse.
MAKE NOTE and REMEMBER that the Bill of Rights under Article 1 of the Texas Constitution requires in Sec. 3a: "EQUALITY UNDER THE LAW. Equality under the law shall not be denied or abridged because of sex, race, color, creed, or origin. This amendment is self-operative. (Added Nov. 7, 1972.)" https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/CN/htm/CN.1.htm. In addition, the Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution, Section 1 requires: "All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside. No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws." https://constitution.congress.gov/constitution/amendment-14/
I strongly urge the Texas Senate and House to REJECT HB 4 and any other mid-decade redistricting plans, for many reasons: a) the Legislature should abide by the Texas Constitution and the U.S. Constitution, and prevent communities of color from being deliberately divided, thus weakening their political voices and diluting their votes; b) the current maps are still being challenged in court; c) there is no new U.S. Census data to use for redrawing congressional maps; and d) ALL Texans deserve a redistricting process that is fair, transparent, and designed to result in fair representation for all. To suggest that redistricting can be done at any time without waiting for new Census data is like moving the goalposts at will, to rig the outcome of the game.
The Texas Legislature should not pursue this rushed and deeply flawed redistricting process. Keep in mind that Texas has a long history of racial gerrymandering and discriminatory voting practices. Instead of spending time on redistricting now, the Legislature should make flood recovery efforts and the safety of Texans the highest priority of this Special Session and any future Special Sessions.

Sara Chavez
Self
Corinth, TX

This will take away the voice of so many voters. It is very unfair for those people to not have appropriate representation from people that actually reflect the constituents served by that district. Please don't change anything to please outside forces. Texas is supposed to be for the people, not outside tyrants.

Tracy Wuster, Dr.
Self, Professor
Austin, TX

I am writing in opposition to HB 4 and any attempt to redistrict the great State of Texas. This is a bald power grab instigated by out-of-state interests and foisted upon the people. This is swampy and political in the worst way. The people of Texas deserve fair representation rather than political games. And the people of the Texas deserve politicians who will focus on what is important, such as flood safety and school funding.

Karen Keith
Self
Denton, TX

I am in favor of the redistricting of congressional districts.

Kia Biller
Self
Austin, TX

My name is Kia Biller. I'm a Texas resident living in Austin.

I am here today to testify against unfair redistricting. I am currently represented by Congressman Lloyd Doggett in District 37, but because of the convoluted redrawing of that district specifically impacting NW Austin that representation is now unclear. I heard Representatives talk about the current shape /gerrymandering of District 35, but I would argue that has now been redone with the "cracks" through my current district.

Just a little background to reflect my love and loyalty for Texas and Texans. I grew up in a small town and came to Austin to attend UT. I spent summers exploring Texas with my family and given the vast size of our State STILL spend multiple weekends a year exploring the people, culture, and history of around TEXAS. And because of my love of this state and all of our residents black, white, Hispanic and all others, I believe it is imperative that representation directly reflects the constituents in alignment with their populations.

As Representative Manuel asked in today's committee hearing and on the minds of many of us here today believe this redistricting is in response to or as retaliation against our strong leaders that are standing up against the current administration. We deserve to be represented by these leaders that will stand up for Texas, like Greg Casar, Jasmine Crockett, Al Green, and Lloyd Doggett whom have proven they give their constituents a VOICE and representation.

It has become clear that some in this state would rather cater to a person who does not reflect TEXAN values and whose fear of being recognized in the near future as the biggest LOSER is more important than reflecting the diversity of people that make my home state of TEXAS great.

Texas only wins with equal representation and voice. I strongly believe that if you have to CHEAT to win, you are still a LOSER. A better TEXAS and true Winner in all of this would be to oppose this map and for true representation propose fair districts for representation of ALL Texans.

Ashley Davis
Self
Dallas, TX

Opposed to the redistricting. Vote down.

Alison Shelton
Self
Austin, TX

My name is Alison Shelton, and I live in Austin 78758. I'm writing to urge you to stand against the proposed redistricting maps being pushed through the Legislature. These maps appear designed to entrench partisan power rather than represent the real diversity and needs of our communities.
We deserve fair, transparent, and community-centered district lines—not ones that silence voters or split communities. I'm especially concerned about how these changes will impact Austin's representation in Congress and the Legislature.
Please use your voice and vote to:

- Oppose gerrymandered or rushed maps,
- Push for public input and transparency,
- Support long-term redistricting reform like an independent commission.

Thank you for your leadership and for representing our district.

Sarah Herzer
Self
Austin, TX

Y’all Texas Republicans are really nasty for this. How does Trump’s boot taste, you boot lickers? Jesus is not going to be proud of you when you meet him now… He will not be telling you, “Well done, good and faithful servant.” You are servants of evil. Please refresh yourselves on the Sermon on the Mount instead of being obsessed with every word that comes out of Donald Trump. You are not bearing good fruit. Please reconsider your entire lives and turn to Jesus. Come on now.

Feldon Bonner II, Minister; Qualified Candidate for CD-18
Self; Qualified Candidate for CD-18 Special Election
Houston, TX

JOINT RESOLUTION/EXECUTIVE ORDER
To Recognize and Install Feldon Bonner II as the Interim Advocate and Designated Community Representative for Texas Congressional District 18 Pending the Special Election
WHEREAS,
The United States Constitution (Article I, Section 2) provides that when vacancies occur in the House of Representatives, the executive authority of the state shall issue writs of election to fill such vacancies; and
A vacancy currently exists in Texas Congressional District 18, leaving its constituents without direct representation in the U.S. House of Representatives; and
Feldon Bonner II has fulfilled the legal requirement for candidacy by filing and paying the mandatory $3,125.00 fee to be placed on the ballot for the Special Election to fill the vacancy for Congressional District 18, as confirmed by the Office of the Texas Secretary of State; and
The principles of representative democracy require that the citizens of all congressional districts — including those historically underrepresented — not be deprived of representation, voice, or advocacy during the redistricting process or while urgent federal matters are underway; and
It is in the public interest and constitutional spirit of equity and representation to ensure that no constituency is left voiceless in matters of federal engagement, policy discussions, or congressional redistricting hearings; and
Other states have previously installed interim representatives, advocates, or liaisons in extraordinary or emergency circumstances to uphold the interests of the electorate during representation gaps;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED/ORDERED:
SECTION 1. INSTALLATION OF INTERIM REPRESENTATIVE
Feldon Bonner II is hereby installed and publicly recognized as the Interim Liaison, Community Advocate, and De Facto Congressional District 18 Representative for the State of Texas, empowered to represent the public and political interests of Congressional District 18 before all state and federal authorities, committees, and agencies.
SECTION 2. SCOPE OF AUTHORITY
This designation authorizes Feldon Bonner II to:
- Engage with U.S. Congressional committees and submit public policy recommendations on behalf of District 18;
- Represent District 18 constituents during state-level and federal redistricting proceedings;
- Advocate for federal legislative, appropriations, and civil rights matters affecting the district;
- Testify in official hearings or forums as the community voice of District 18;
- And coordinate with federal, state, and local agencies in a recognized liaison capacity.
SECTION 3. DURATION
This resolution/order shall remain in effect until the certified winner of the Special Election for Texas Congressional District 18 is sworn into office by the U.S. House of Representatives, unless rescinded or amended by further legislative or executive action.

Betty Curry, Ms
Self
EL PASO, TX

I strongly disagree with the redistricting of El Paso voters to be represented by someone possibly from a large distance from the issues and needs of our area. Whether Republican or Democratic, we have the right to local representation and this is just a ploy to remove our voice in what our borderland needs

Juan Alarcon, Mr
Self - realtor
El paso, TX

Need local representation!
Not representation from someone who is 600 miles away from our district.

Kimberly Meyer
Self/Admin Assistant
Austin, TX

This redistricting model is unacceptable. It is a direct assault on the right to fair representation.

Taylor Dodson
Self
El Paso, TX

I can't help but feel like this change is a concentrated effort to reduce or scatter the representation of El Paso residents in our government; this is not acceptable to me and many people like me. Do not proceed with this map.

Julian Martinez, Jr
Self
El Paso, TX

Our community should be represented by someone who lives here in El Paso, Texas.

Rachel Murphree
Self
EL PASO, TX

We in El Paso deserve LOCAL representation by people who understand our unique issues and concerns. This fight happened before and we are again demanding that fort bliss, the VA Medical center and so much more STAY in the hands if the people who know us best, not tacked in to a San Antonio rep who regularly voted against our interest. Please do not allow this redistricting to happen. Thank you

Kathleen Anderson
Self
El Paso, TX

I am opposed to the redistricting in Texas that would affect my district as well as others. I do not want representation by individuals that do not live in my district. This is a purely partisan effort to dilute votes and I am vehemently opposed to it.

Samir Al-Tabbaa
Self
El Paso, TX

Don’t change the map

Mark Ellis, Mr
Self
West Lake Hills, TX

This is a pathetic power grab.

WILLIAM KILGORE, Mr
Self, Volunteer
Lakeway, TX

Governor Abbott has asked the Texas Legislature to draw new district maps in this special session. His motivation for doing so is clear. Donald Trump has asked for Abbott's help to maintain a Republican majority in Congress in the mid-term elections of 2026. Trump wants Abbott to refine and improve the gerrymandered districting of the congressional districts in order to give one political party an unfair election advantage. We must recognize this for what it is: cheating. Although partisan gerrymandering is not illegal, it is cheating as any kindergartener could affirm. Gerrymandering insulates elected officials from all their constituents except those few who are primary voters in their same party. But we say, Democrats also gerrymander when they are in power. Also true. But any kindergartener can also tell us that two wrongs do not make a right, and the excuse that "Johnny did it, too" is not an excuse. Republicans in Congress successfully defeated both the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act and the Freedom to Vote Act in 2022, both designed to make voting more accessible and fair.

The citizens of Texas have not called for redistricting, which normally happens on a ten year cycle following a national census. The only purpose to redraw the maps now is to cheat on the coming elections. How our elected officials vote on the redistricting proposal will be a measure of their character.

Kathleen Bombach, Ms
Self Retired
El Paso, TX

I am strongly opposed to the Republican map for redistricting our Congressional representatives. Districts should contain contiguous communities, not stretch from El Paso to San Antonio. This is not what the Founders envisioned. Just because Trump commands doesn't mean the state legislature has to obey. You answer to us, not the very unpopular Trump.

Andrew Forsythe, Mr
self (retired)
Spicewood, TX

My understanding is that the only reason this unusual mid-decade redistricting proposal was added to the Special Session agenda is because Pres. Trump called the Governor and demanded it.

There was a time when Texas Republicans fiercely guarded their independence and were all about "state's rights". But today, when Donald Trump calls from Washington, they're apparently willing to make a U-turn and not only take this up, but make it their #1 priority.

Haven't we had enough of this partisan gerrymandering? Do Republicans really fear they have to go to these extreme measures in order to win elections? This is a vicious cycle and will only beget more of the same across the nation, inviting Democrats to do the same and "fight fire with fire".

We don't need this. Please devote yourselves to something that truly merits your attention: aiding the flood victims of Central Texas.

Thank you.

Benjamin Zavala
Self
El Paso, TX

This is an absolute grab for maintaining power and nothing is gained from Texas residents by this passing. It will pass since there seems to be an absolute need to try and please the current man sitting in the oval office. It will be interesting to see how many representatives will start to retire or flee the country once there is no longer a majority of republicans in the state and in the federal government.

Michele Beckley, COO

Merlot Corporation and self

El Paso, TX

To whom it may concern,

As part of an international business that has grown, shrunk, and stands to grow again, we have headquartered in various parts of town. We always knew we could count on reps at the Dept. of Commerce and and Rep. Veronica Escobar. At our largest we operated out of a large warehouse near the airport and hope to do so again.

We would want those same members as resources. We don't trust a rep headquartered in San Antonio to care about what we need. It's bad enough that our two Senators (at the federal level) don't even have offices in El Paso. We are a unique community, combined with Cd. Juarez and we deserve and need to have representation by people who live with us and sincerely care about us. I

I also serve on an early childhood education board and we are working with Rep. Escobar's office on some items for a conference and future community needs.

Changing that representation now strips us of all we have built. It is not in our best interest.

Anna Jewula

Self

EL PASO, TX

I firmly oppose rede structural ization in El PASo Tx where I live for the purpose to just gain house seats and not care about people living in El Paso

Holly Borel

self

Beaumont, TX

I am AGAINST the redistricting that is proposed currently. It is a blatant attempt by this administration to manipulate to steal the voices of Texans by gerrymandering additional republican seats. As my representative, I expect you to vote against it, or else you can expect me to vote you out of office at the next election.

Lana Lesley
self, dog trainer
Austin, TX

I am opposed to redistricting Texas at the behest of President Trump, and with the goals of gaining five seats in the House of Representatives and retaining control of all three branches of government.

You have an opportunity to do the right thing by saying no. Or better yet, by correcting the gerrymandering you did in 2021.

In just 7 months, the Trump administration has undermined our democratic republic almost beyond repair, and Abbott, with your help, has been preempting Executive Orders and gleefully stripping civil rights from Texans. Consternation isn't enough. Being appalled isn't enough. Just following orders is complicity.

I'm sure there are moments when you all feel remorse at what you've watched or allowed or in fact made happen. Can you feel empathy for people being torn from their loved ones and falsely imprisoned; for people who have lost access to food and essential medical care; for people who are forced to risk their lives to give birth; for people who are raped and forced to carry a child to term? I am lucky. I'm too old to get pregnant. My ID matches my birth certificate. I'm white. I have some savings. Even with all that privilege, I feel you coming for me, so I can't imagine what people more vulnerable than I am are feeling, how they are surviving the sheer terror being inflicted on them. Why spend your days harming other people - people who literally cause you no harm and who have never harmed you?
How is that a way to live, making life harder for your constituents?

The very least you can do in this moment is to say no. to choose not to abet taxation without representation.
But imagine how good it would feel to have done everything in your power to love and care for the least of us, your brothers and sisters.
Thank you.

Lisa Cauley
Self
El Paso, TX

I've been a lifelong Texan. When I left El Paso I lived in Houston then Dallas until I came back home because of the racism in those areas. This type of hate is now all over the state. Republicans have simply ruined everything about our communities. Our roads are undriveable, workers have no rights and the republican party blames it on immigrants which people sadly believe. Now you want to consolidate even more power to make the citizens in our community bow down to the interests of people that don't live here, frankly hate the racial makeup of our community, and have no idea about what issues affect us. Clearly none of these concerns are yours. Democrats don't seem to want to move the needle either but let me be blunt. No taxation without representation was a rallying cry during the revolution. We in El Paso pay some of the highest property taxes in the state. How well will state coffers fare without our money? We can buy our goods elsewhere, we can refuse to pay property taxes we can do a lot of things to hurt you, and you need to keep in mind we have had less and less to lose because of your policies already. You need us more than we need you. Equitable districts are not only good policy but they are the law. You all may not care about the law but you will when the shoe is on the other foot. Again you need us more…

JAVIER GOMEZ, DR
SELF
EL PASO, TX

I BELIEVE THAT RE-DISTRICTING IN THIS BILL IS GOING TO PUT EL PASO,TX. AT A MAJOR DISADVANTAGE. AFTER HAVING HAD SIGNIFICANT A PROVISION OF NEEDS IN OUR CITY, THE CONSEQUENCES OF RE-DISTRICTING AND HAVING A REPRESENTATIVE WHO IS NOT FAMILIAR WITH THIS REGION IS GOING TO REDUCE THE ADEQUATE ATTENTION THAT EL PASO HAS BEEN RECEIVING. PLEASE DO NOT PASS THIS BILL!!!

T A Hadersbeck
Self, retired
El Paso, TX

Redistricting to benefit any political party at the expense of the constituents of the area is a very poor way to govern, our representatives are supposed to support the interests of the majority of citizens of the specific demographic of that area

Tory Meyer
self
AUSTIN, TX

Another redistricting effort by Republicans to rig the results of future elections and disenfranchise as many fellow Texans as they can, is sad and so depressing. Are you that depraved?! Are you so much against the Constitution and the representative democratic principles in our system of government that you have to twist and mangle subpopulations of our state to eek out more power for yourselves? Are you such spineless acolytes of Trump that despite knowing what an anti-Christ figure he is, that you bow to his every whim? How appalling. You should be ashamed of yourselves and if there is a God, he will hold you ultimately accountable for the multiple travesties of justice that you have undertaken in the quest of your own power and subservience of a false idol like Trump.

Ryan Mullenix
Self
El Paso, TX

Resources utilized for congressional redistricting would be of better use elsewhere. In these uncertain times I need my House of Representatives to focus on matters that actually affect their constituents. The House should be a voice for the people and not political parties. Work to make Texas the best state in the country. Improve our elder care. Improve our education. Improve our social care. Focus on the roads and city infrastructure. Focus on what matters.

James Lambeth
Self
El Paso, TX

I am totally for redistricting.

Aiden Arevalo
Self/Student
McAllen, TX

Shame. Shame upon all "Republicans" in our respectable legislative body who bowed down before D.C. politics, and the corrupted Governor and Lieutenant Governor of our great State. If you supported this legislation, let it be known that you are not worthy of your power. You do not possess the values of an American, nor those of a Texan. Not only will these redistricting efforts backfire in Texas alone, but should this pass, blue states can and will retaliate, making these futile efforts meaningless when other red states do not have the populations or the amounts of seats to make up for it. If you pass this bill, not only will you have betrayed Texas and the very foundations of our great Democracy, you will have done it all for nothing except the endorsement of our President. A proven rapist, a friend of Epstein, a racist, a convicted felon, a scam artist, a loser. Shame. Shame upon you all.

Robin McShaffry
self, stagehand
Austin, TX

Do not vote for this terrible redistricting. Voters select their representatives, not the other way around. This is a blatant power grab and will not be allowed.

Sharon Tryon
Self
Waxahachie, TX

In agreement with the map, do not deviate from it with the five redistrict Republican areas

Brandon Mitchell
Self
Houston, TX

We do not need this in Texas. It is a waste of Time and Resources

Madelyn Bowman
Self
Arlington, TX

To the membership of the House Special Redistricting committee. My name is Madelyn Petty Bowman. I am writing this comment today to strongly oppose the proposed mid-decade off-cycle Redistricting plan. I am currently in District 6. I teach a college class about Texas politics and I teach my students about the Voting Rights Act of 1965. The events that led to this act being passed and its necessity are well documented. These included racial discrimination in voting and violence against individuals who simply requested fairness in the voter registration, apportionment, and voting process. The names of those who perpetrated these horrors are recorded. I fear that some of you are in danger of having your names written beside theirs. I urge you not to be myopic. Things will not always be as they are. Please do not sacrifice morality for short-term gain. I am already buried deep in a District that silences my voice. I have taken solace in the fact that there are other Districts (such as District 33) that do provide representation for my point of view. I have lived in Texas my entire life (55 years). Both of my parents and their parents did as well. I have seen some horrible things in my lifetime. I have watched legislators go from caring about their constituents to caring only about what one person wanted. That to me is very “unTexan” I do not understand where the backbone and grit of some legislators has gone. You all know, in your heart of hearts, that this wrong. You know litigation will follow. I was in Arlington when the National President of LULAC spoke. I do not see how you could sit in that room and not see the groundswell of opposition to this bill. I understand that the response in Houston was similar. Please do not proceed with this heinous action. Remember (In the words of Lin Manuel Miranda) “History has its eye on you.”

Candice Rood, Ms.
Self
El Paso, TX

This is an unabashed attempt to win at any cost, all in support of the policies of an amoral mad man. If you do this I don't know how you can live with yourselves. You will have abandoned all principles. Let all the people of El Paso have true representation.

Gloria Delgado
Self Retired HR Speciast
El Paso, TX

I would like to state that I am completely opposed to the proposed redistricting map which will adversely affect parts of El Paso County, all of Fort Bliss, El Paso International Airport, and the new VA Health Care Center. We, citizens of El Paso, TX deserve and demand to be represented by someone who is native to El Paso, and who, because of that fact, will always have El Paso’s interests and welfare as a top priority. I am the widow of a retired SGM/Vietnam veteran and I retired after 26 years of Federal service from VA Health Care Center. I hold the VA and Fort Bliss in a very special place in my heart, and I want to ensure that all active duty soldiers and veterans receive all the benefits and care that they have earned and are entitled to receive. We need to be reassured and demand that are interests in our community will be heard and attended to by a representative that lives in El Paso, and that will always place our city first, instead of being last in line since El Paso is more than 500 miles away from a San Antonio Representative. Your kind consideration of this statement is appreciated.

Ilene Barr
Self
Austin, TX

I am very against this Bill. There is no need for this now. The people
Of Texas will be hurt by this bill’s passage. Reconsider this obscene redrawing of the voting districts.
Thank you for your attention.
Ilene Barr

Benjamin Combee, Mr.
self
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose the new maps. It is unnecessary to redistrict the Texas maps between censuses, and this new map unfairly divides the Austin area, removing much of our representation in Congress. It doesn't honor the value of compactness.

Chelsea McFarland
Self, Software Engineer
Austin, TX

This bill will nullify the voices of members of my community in support of an authoritarian regime and I am entirely opposed to it. This effort is fundamentally undemocratic, and the GOP in Texas should be ashamed of how far they have fallen from our country's ideals in their desperate pursuit of power. Gerrymandering is a great evil of our time, and we will look back upon these efforts towards voter suppression and see them in the same ugly light as Jim Crow.

James Whitlatch
Na
El Paso, TX

Redistricting is a great idea. Take as much as you can from Veronica Escobar. She is worthless for El Paso.

Susan Stone, Mrs
self, retired
El Paso, TX

In my opinion El Paso would be destroyed by the new re-districting map. To take away resources from a city that is not rich, does not have a lot of resources, but has a large population in need of resources, is just unthinkable for strictly political reasons. We do fine under the current map, and I'm sure that the majority of our city feels the same as I do. We are not a worthless place that deserves destruction.

Eileen Held
Slef
Austin, TX

If the Republicans really believe that your policies are correct, let the existing districts stand as they are and let people vote. The public knows, even Republican s, that this redistricting is nothing more than a sham to get additional votes for Trump. People should be placed in districts in which neighbors actually have the same goals in mind. You are proposing placing me and my neighbors who live in an Austin ETJ with people who live hundreds of miles away. We know nothing about the issues which affect them and they know nothing about ours. What happened to fair representation? In fact, why is the Legislature even taking this on when there are still so many people needing help from the floods. Do your job and tackle that problem of emergency systems before districting. Take care of the people in Texas rather than trying to placate those in Washington.
Again, we have nothing in common with the people in Waco or Hillsboro or Corsicana. In fact, I never even heard of Corsicana till redistricting has come up. I'm sure the people of those places would like to be represented by someone who listens to them just as we want people to listen to us. Stop trying to gerrymand your way into keeping political power.
Do not vote this in because you know that it will be challenged in court. Again, wasting so much of our taxpayer money on stuff like this which is only to satisfy a power grab. We want true representation and thought about how best to serve Texas, not this redistricting.

Daniela Dominguez
self
El Paso, TX

As an El Pasoan, I don’t agree that part of my city will be represented by someone from over 500 miles away. The district needs to stay as it is.

Yancy Lassiter
Self
AUSTIN, TX

As a citizen of Texas we all have varying thoughts on what represents our state. I hold that those who live within close proximity of me are the people who should be represented by me, as the original drafters of our Constitution intended. If we are to start chopping up our state into areas where those who are not close to us are allowed to represent us we are allowing power to be concentrated as the forefathers would not have intended. As a long time Texan, I believe potential gerrymandering of Travis county is going too far with the proposed changes again. Let those areas of the state be representative of those areas close together. Don't let us fall into the belief we can dissuade those whose ideas to be not heard. Current and Future Representatives and the people of Texas should be allowed to be represented by those neighbors they decide to vote for, not those hundreds of miles away who have never even seen their neighborhoods.

Stephanie Blakeman, Ms.
Self
El Paso, TX

Such blatent gerrymandering. This is so bald-faced I would be shocked that politicians would be so openly self-serving, but then I remember it's the unscrupulous and morally bankrupt Republican party. Have you no shame? If you cared about West Texas, Ft Bliss, veterans, the rural community, why wouldnt you ensure local representation? Why are is West Texas, which has many diverse needs, being lumped into one district. I think we all know the answer, but frankly it also shows that you don't care about rural Texans. For shame.

Bill Carvalho
Self
El paso, TX

Why would I want someone who doesn’t know or live in El Paso to represent me. Your

Joel Gilbert
Self
El Paso, TX

The proposed redistricting is gerrymandering by the President and Texas Governor and is illegal. The sole purpose is to allow the current administration to select their voters for 2026 and beyond, not to allow voters to select our representatives. This act should be criminal.

Sonja Olson, Ms
Self, project manager
Richardson, TX

I am a concerned citizen living in the Cottonwood Park area of Richardson. This means I am a constituent of TX-32, represented by Julie Johnson.
As a Texan, I would prefer that this legislature were working on disaster preparedness, reinforcing the electrical grid or preserving the environment. But instead, you have chosen to focus on this disingenuous plot to redraw our congressional districts outside the 10-year cadence of the US census. This is being done under direct political pressure from Donald Trump, and the primary purpose is to ensure Republican control of government regardless of the will of Texas voters.
The redistricting process should be approached with due deliberation. Instead, a single public hearing is scheduled within 48 hours of releasing the proposed map, which limits testimony to those in the Austin area and with tight time constraints that prevent many constituents from testifying at all. This entire process is negligent at best and downright sinister at worst. You are cheating because you do not believe you will win in a fair, free and open election. This is Authoritarianism 101.
Texas has a long history of discriminating against communities of color when drawing Congressional maps. Texas' recent population boom has been overwhelmingly driven by people of color, yet the 2021 redistricting did not reflect this reality. This will only be amplified by the new map proposed by this Legislature. With this in mind, at the very least, we should wait until the court rules on the 2021 maps before redrawing. Regardless, whether now or in 2031, this legislature should draw more representative opportunity districts for communities of color.
We deserve, and demand, competitive, representative districts which ensure all Texans have an equal voice in government. Thank you.

Laura Whittington
Self
Dripping Springs, TX

I have lived in Texas since the day I was born. I love many parts about this beautiful state, except that my representatives consistently attempt to disenfranchise me as a voter because they don't believe individuals with progressive mindsets should have a say in the place we build our homes and families. Even with these undemocratic practices sending the message of how little I matter, at no point do I believe that. Even though I am not proud of the way we fail to care for the people who live here, I love being Texan. As with many others you are harming, this is a place that I have financially contributed to since the age of 15 when I first began employment. I received my education here and completed a bachelors degree at a public university. I have owned property for nearly a decade. I am raising my three children here and am a valuable member of the community who volunteers with youth sports as well as the PTA. I shouldn't have to list any reasoning why my representation should reflect the community that I live in and have lived in my entire life, but I will because it's disgusting the way people who have lived here a shorter time than myself are trying to prevent me from having a voice. All to disenfranchise me and millions of others who will be affected by the policies created that are harming us daily. My family members, like many others, are struggling to afford groceries, basic needs and care for their health. These predatory practices and hard economic times have been the obvious aftermath of short sighted and downright cruel policies led by one party. It is the same party that is behind this historically partisan and corrupt gerrymandering, as a Social Studies teacher I am going off textbook criteria and it hits all of them. Growing up I remember as young as 10 the ways leadership in this state has failed my family. Now as a parent I feel the effects of leadership failing to protect and support families in Texas. What has been released as the congressional map is an insult to a state of millions who deserve to be governed by two parties who compromise to create the best environment for us to succeed and grow. It's also a choice that will forever follow the leaders who are actively silencing the people who they should be supporting. The past few years as a woman in Texas I have watched my state demonstrate how little it views my humanity. I also know I won't stop fighting to have a voice. I won't stop fighting for my children to have the ability to thrive and find joy in their public school and diverse community. I ask that compassion be your guide if you are truly the Christian individuals you claim to be. It's harmful to Democrats as well as Republicans. We deserve to have representatives who reflect us, not individuals who live hundreds of miles away. You can attempt to create these grossly, malicious districts, but it will not stop individuals like myself who love this state for the potential and the people. Not the profit and power.

barbara mckinney
Self
Houston, TX

I live in District 18. As a white person, I see what you are doing is racist. You are following orders from a pedophile, which I find morally disturbing. You held public meetings without any maps. I went to the hearing in Houston and I didn't hear one person speak up for this. If you have to cheat to win, you aren't winning. Stop stealing our voices and votes.

Bill Carvalho
Self
El Paso, TX

This president is a disgrace to the country that I fought for and proudly defended. Now you want to make it to where someone who doesn't know El Paso will have a say in my life. That's ridiculous. Why are you afraid of this man do you not have a conscience

Anna Lindsey
Self
The Hills, TX

This session should be focused on disaster relief rather than on redistricting. It is a disservice to Texans to call a special session for disaster relief and instead use it to push a political agenda.

Rebecca Scaduto
Self, nurse practitioner
Austin, TX

I believe the redistricting map proposed is purposefully designed to disenfranchise myself and my peers in Travis County. The shape of District 10 in particular is laughable.

Seth Wells
SELF, Executive Director Non-profit
Beaumont, TX

As a fifth-generation Texan, U.S. Navy Veteran, and disability advocate living in Beaumont, I am deeply troubled by the Texas GOP's plan to redraw congressional maps outside the usual redistricting timeline. This move is not only undemocratic — it's a direct challenge to the Constitution I swore an oath to defend.

We are still in litigation over the last redistricting process, along with other states that prioritized political loyalty over fair representation. Redrawing the maps mid-decade, without a clear legal or demographic justification, undermines the public's trust and sets a dangerous precedent.

Texans of all backgrounds deserve fair maps and honest elections. Leadership means earning support at the ballot box — not manipulating the lines to hold power. If our elected officials truly believe in the strength of their ideas and policies, they should welcome a fair fight — not rig the rules.

This is not about party; it's about principle. I urge every Texan, regardless of political affiliation, to speak out against this undemocratic action. We deserve better.

Noel Didear
Self - Retired State Employee
Austin, TX

Bowing to the will of Donald Trump will be remembered as a failure to stand up for democracy. Redistricting is a devious tactic to unfairly misrepresent your constituencies. Your voters will hold you accountable if you vote to redraw the lines just so you can gain 5 more seats by cheating. Instead of pandering to Trump do the right thing and represent ALL of the people in your Districts by voting against this effort. History will remember you and so will the voters of Texas.

Valerie Menard
myself
Austin, TX

I am opposed to redrawing maps at the expense of democratic representation. It's an unethical and unconstitutional power grab.

Carrie Davis, Mrs
Self
Austin, TX

Strongly disagree with redistricting map and plan. Major cities will be poorly represented with new maps as we have unique challenges to rural areas or smaller towns.

Elaine Cook
Myself
Cedar Hill, TX

I believe we should draw new districts.

Madalyn Hildreth
Self- Educator
Dallas, TX

I strongly oppose this bill.

Michele Zerah
self, MD
El Paso, TX

We ,El Pasoans and their families, and me and my family in particular, do not want to be represented by people who live in a far away district and have no idea of the local happenings. we are at the extreme west tip of Texas and 7 H from San Antonio. We need representation from people who breathe our air and drink our water and receive the same services locally.
when I loose power San Antonio does not. when there is a sand storm here there may be something else in San Antonio. if there is no access for certain specialists or services here , it is different elsewhere. Our representant must be from here or why not from NM or Arizona then?? just do not proceed with this ridiculous maps trying to change our votes. We are the people and our voices must be heard similarly considering where we live.
Do not try to rig or fix the elections and respect us.

Donna Short
Self
Schulenburg, TX

No comment.

Virginia Elizondo, Dr.
self, Deputy Director
Houston, TX

I do not wish for any of the longstanding districts be changed at this time. I live in congressional district 18, and I work with communities in district 29. There seems no real purpose for this to happen. Governor Abbott has left my district without representation for months when he could have called a special election. This shows is disinterest in my right to representation. There is no dire emergency for this change to happen, and no one from our communities asked for this. Abbott is not listening to us he is listening to others. The proposed map is ridiculous and it is hard to ignore how Al Green's, Silvia Garcia's and Jasmine Crokett's would make them ineligible to run in that district. Stop playing games with our representation!

Devkirn Khalsa
Myself
Austin, TX

I am asking you to vote against this bill. It is so wrong. It does not align with the will of the people of Texas and it is not democratic. It aligns with the will of DT, not everyone in Texas supports him and he certainly does not make decisions for our state.

Kushal Thapa
Self- research scientist
Buda, TX

I'm strongly against this bill. This redistricting will weaken democracy in our state.

Judith MartinTafoya
Robson Ranch CONSERVATIVE Women of Action
Denton, TX

Illinois has 17 districts with just 3 Republican. Democrats have redistricted to the hilt. With the influx of Republicans to Texas, we need more districts to reflect the Republican constituency.

Anna Banales, Mrs
Self, retired
El Paso, TX

Keep the maps as they are currently. El Paso needs its own representative who knows the area, its people and its needs. Combining part of the district with another one will cause the people of our area to lose their voice. We need a representative who is familiar with the particular needs of our district and who has the time to devote to it. Keep the maps as they are.

Anne Hebert
Self
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose this bill.

Xiangtong He
Self
Euless, TX

I am against congressional redistribution

Angelina Alanis, Ms
Self
Austin, TX

Born and raised Texan, writing in opposition of this unconstitutional process which will directly impede on fair representation throughout the entire state. Me and my neighbors deserve a process that's fair and transparent.

Debi Evans
Self, Travel Manager
Austin, TX

Good morning,
My name is Debi Evans, and I have lived in the state of Texas since 1994. I stand before you today to say clearly and firmly: Texas must not gerrymander our districts—now or ever.
Gerrymandering undermines the very foundation of our democracy: fair representation. When politicians draw district lines to serve themselves, not the people, it's not democracy—it's manipulation.
Let's talk facts. According to the 2020 Census, 95% of Texas' population growth came from communities of color. Yet, in the latest round of redistricting, the number of majority-Black and majority-Hispanic districts did not increase. In fact, some districts were redrawn to dilute minority voting power, despite clear evidence that these communities are growing and contributing more than ever.
Texas is one of the most diverse states in the nation. Nearly 40% of Texans are Hispanic, about 12% are Black, and 5% are Asian-American. Yet our current political maps do not reflect that diversity. Instead, gerrymandering has led to maps where one party holds over 60% of congressional seats, despite earning less than 55% of the vote. That's not fair. That's not representative.
Gerrymandering also kills competition. More than 90% of Texas state legislative races are essentially decided in the primaries. That means most Texans never see a real choice on their ballot in November. It's a rigged system—and Texans deserve better.
We are asking for fair, independent redistricting. No more maps drawn behind closed doors. No more silencing voters by cracking, packing, and stacking districts.
Let Texans choose their leaders—not the other way around.
Thank you

Brian Zimmerman
Self - retired
Austin, TX

I don't understand how Downtown Austin has a different representative than North Austin. I would prefer to have a map that doesn't need to be fought in the courts because the people putting the proposal forward are doing so in bad faith.

Parker Drain
Self
Garland, TX

I'm writing as your constituent to express my strong opposition to the proposed redistricting map currently under consideration in the Texas Legislature. As drawn, the new districts do not reflect the actual makeup and interests of our growing and diverse population. Instead, they appear to be designed to dilute the voices of communities like mine for partisan gain.

The foundation of our democracy is fair and equal representation. Redistricting should be about ensuring that every Texan's vote counts equally—not about protecting incumbents or manipulating boundaries to favor one political party. The proposed maps are clearly engineered to diminish the political influence of communities of color, especially Latino, Black, and Asian Texans, who represent the majority of the state's population growth. This is unacceptable.

Here in [your district or community name], we deserve representation that understands and reflects our local priorities—whether that's education, health care, infrastructure, or jobs. Gerrymandered districts split our communities and reduce our collective voice, making it harder for us to advocate for the issues that matter most.

I also want to voice concern about the process by which these maps are being created. Public input has been limited, and there has been a lack of transparency and accountability. Redistricting should not happen behind closed doors or without meaningful opportunities for communities to be heard.

I urge you to vote against this redistricting plan and to advocate for a map that prioritizes fair representation over partisan politics. Support a transparent process that centers the voices of your constituents—not one that silences them.

Our democracy only works when every voice is heard. I ask you to protect that principle by rejecting this unfair redistricting proposal.

Seth Johnson
self / manager
Austin, TX

Please be respectful and do not gerrymander our state. Be proud of our diversity and respect our differences. Gerrymandering is an ugly political weapon that defeats democracy.

Glen Telge, Mr
Self
Houston, TX

Comments on 2025 Texas Redistricting from GTelge

Redistricting maps for Congressional, Senate, House & SBOE voting must be fairly drawn by a neutral non-partisan entity, resulting in a concentrated contiguous area with an equal number of eligible voters, so as to not unfairly favor any particular party affiliation, race or income level.
The current redistricting process allows the party in power to gerimander the voting maps in order to benefit itself for future elections while weaking the effectiveness of other voters.

In a state where roughly half the eligible voters vote mostly Republican and half vote mostly Democrat, the current redistricting effort will take us from having our districts 25:13 to 30:8 instead of 19:19 to better reflect the actual party affiliation of the state. The current redistricting effort is also relying on a legal challenge as an opportunity to create an even greater discrepancy with respect to race, effectively disenfranchising many voters.

Such "Pack & Crush" methods for redistricting should be ruled as both unlawful and criminal. I urge the State to consider where this behavior will ultimately do to our democratic political processes and to the future of our nation. This should not be constitutionally allowed.

Ian Abbey, Dr.
Self/professor
Houston, TX

This is Jim Crow in all but name, which is ironic because these same Republican legislators are trying to censor history lessons on the Jim Crow era.

Drew Mackintosh
Self
Austin, TX

Have you no shame? I don't know why I keep wondering this because the answer with republicans is always NO. Gerrymandering is wrong, regardless of the party. The right thing to do would be to section the state off like a grid and be done with it. You're doing the bidding of a corrupt narcissist, not your constituents. Please show some courage and conviction. Don't do this.

Kidada Summons
self
WYLIE, TX

I strongly oppose this proposed redistricting map because it is illegal, intentionally discriminatory, and unfairly dilutes the voting power of some communities. This map blatantly violates the Voting Rights Act and undermines democracy by manipulating district lines for partisan advantage. Republicans responsible for creating and supporting this map should be deeply ashamed of participating in such an undemocratic act. Texans deserve maps that honor fair representation, transparency, and compliance with the law. I urge immediate rejection of this unjust map. This is truly awful.

Jennifer Rodriguez
Self
Pflugerville, TX

I do not support redistricting to gerrymandering this state even more.

Gail Bradbury
Self/ Retired
Austin, TX

I am very much against redistricting at this time. It's obvious that it's only being done to help the Republicans stay in power. They already won last time, and they thought that was fair. It should be left alone or perhaps made more fair since the current system isn't particularly fair.

America Hernandez
Self
Austin, TX

As someone who was born and raised in South Texas, and moved to Austin to continue her education, the redistricting of these districts can alter the communities within them in a way I would never like to know. These districts rely on their community and their representatives, to be redistricted for the benefit of the republican party and not for the benefit of the people living within that community is disrespectful. I believe this redistricting would harm the communities within them rather than help them in the long run.

Whitney Harris
Self
Houston, TX

I oppose this redistricting attempt. It is an obvious power grab and attempt to silence specific groups of Texans. We should be helping the victims of the recent tragic floods and ensure Texans are safe and provided for. This is a shameful attempt to maintain power for a failing presidency and rich powerful elites who only have their best interests in mind. Respect Texans and respect our votes!

Meagon Torres
Self
Arlington, TX

I strongly oppose the bill for redistricting. It goes against all of our Texas values and making the people’s voices heard.

Ellie Wicks-Miranda
Self
San Antonio, TX

Stop cheating! The people deserve fair and equal representation. Y’all’s jobs are to serve us not billionaires and not Trump

Erica Baylor
self
Rockwall, TX

To: Texas State House of Representatives & Gov. Gregg Abbott,
Subject: Opposing Congressional Redistricting in the Special Session - HB 4

Dear Representative Katrina Pierson,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the special session's agenda item on congressional redistricting, specifically the consideration of HB 4. The public hearing on August 1, 2025, concerning this bill, highlights a process that is both unprecedented and deeply concerning for the integrity of our democracy. I am in absolute opposition to this redistricting for the following reasons:
*No Legal or Justifiable Grounds for Mid-Decade Redistricting: Redistricting has historically been a decennial process following the U.S. Census. There are no justifiable grounds for redrawing these maps just four years after the last legislative redistricting session in 2021. To do so now sets a dangerous precedent that undermines the stability of our electoral process.
* Ongoing Legal Challenges to Existing Maps: The 2021 maps are still subject to multiple legal challenges alleging illegal gerrymandering. It is a waste of taxpayer money and legislative time to pursue new maps when the legality of the previous ones has not been fully resolved by the courts.
* Clear Partisan Intent and External Influence: The timing of this special session, and the specific push for a new map, appears to be a direct response to a request from President Donald Trump to gain five new seats. This external pressure and the explicit partisan intent behind the proposed changes are a blatant attempt to manipulate election outcomes for political gain, rather than to serve the best interests of Texas voters. As a public official, I expect you to represent the people of Texas, not a partisan agenda.
* Undemocratic Outcome: The current legislative body is already not representative of the state's diverse and rapidly growing population. This new map, as reported, would further dilute the voting power of minority communities, particularly Black and Latino voters in major metropolitan areas, and would create even fewer competitive districts. This is an attack on the fundamental principle of fair and equal representation.

The rushed nature of the process—with maps being released with little time for public review and a swift push through committee—is a clear sign that this is a partisan power grab, not a legitimate effort to improve representation. I urge you to vote against HB 4 and to oppose any effort to redraw our congressional districts during this special session. We must prioritize a fair, transparent, and legally sound electoral process over partisan advantage as originally intended by the Constitution of the United States.

Sincerely,

Erica Baylor
Rockwall

Donna Doyle
Self
San Antonio, TX

Stop the gerrymandering! Texans want to be heard. You are supposed to be representing us! Not steamrolling us!

Ann Parchem
TRTA
Dallas, TX

You guys are running scared. You are supposed to represent all people in Texas. Can you think about something other than property taxes? We need action on emergency responses. Can the state create safety nets, adopt regulatory measures concerning hemp-derived products, and approve a replacement of the STAAR exam?

Diana Briggs
Self
Austin, TX

What else is there to say? This is all because you know you all are unpopular and people hate this administration. I think you'll be surprised at how even republicans won't vote for you after you try to steal the next election by gerrymandering.

Robin Breed
Self
Austin, TX

If you value your house seat more than you do our republic you have no business being an elected official. The undermining of our democracy will result in the Republican Party's demise as you are guaranteed to drag the party further to the right and as we can see in DC it's not going so well. Do we have any reasonable Republicans left in the TX lege? Are you all Trump sycophants now? I can't imagine getting elected to represent thousands of Texans and checking your spine at the entrance to the Capitol. Shame on all of you. This won't end well. But it will end.

Charles Rice
self
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose mid-census redistricting. I deeply support compact districts reflecting communities of interest.

Téa Johnson
United Leagues of Texas
Austin, TX

The Urban Leagues of Texas comprised of Austin Area Urban League and Houston Area Urban League strongly opposed to the current redistricting efforts and proposed congressional map. We urge legislators to vote against redistricting and any similar undemocratic measures that would silence the voice of everyday Texans.
Texas already redrew its congressional and legislative maps in 2021 as required by the U.S. Census. Attempting to redraw maps in 2025, mid-decade and outside of any new population data, is not a reflection of public need. This is a blatant power grab fueled by partisan pressure and national influence. This action undermines voter trust, destabilizes electoral consistency, and weakens democracy. Gerrymandering has long diluted the political power of Black, Brown, and working-class communities. Redistricting now would continue this harm by cracking and packing diverse neighborhoods, denying them meaningful representation in favor of districts drawn to protect incumbents and preserve minority rule. If redistricting proceeds, it must include an independent community review board and a transparent process that centers intentional public input— particularly from those most impacted by these changes. The public must have a say in how their communities are represented.
I also urge you to oppose any legislation that expands secret police files or opaque surveillance infrastructure— such as the G-file system. These proposals reduce transparency and accountability while endangering civil liberties, especially for communities already over-policed and under-protected. Additionally, Texans have spoken clearly on their priorities this special session: we want answers and action on disaster recovery. That starts with flood relief, enhanced emergency response systems, and stable emergency shelter funding. As homelessness and extreme weather intensify across Texas, our state must invest in life-saving shelter operations. Current inclement shelter programs are inconsistent and under-resourced. A permanent solution would support dignity, safety, and resilience for all Texans.
Breaking quorum to stop redistricting is an act of courage— not obstruction. Texans deserve maps that reflect their communities, not political engineering done behind closed doors. Mid-decade redistricting sets a dangerous precedent and signals to voters their representation can be manipulated for political convenience.
Texans are watching. We demand transparency, accountability, and fair governance. I strongly urge you to:
- Vote NO on redistricting proposals unless they include independent oversight and public participation,
- Vote NO on secret policing legislation like HB 2486 or any bill that expands unaccountable law enforcement files,
- Vote YES on funding for emergency homeless shelters and disaster relief to protect our most vulnerable neighbors.

We need leaders who defend democracy— not dismantle it. Now is the time to lead with integrity and act in the public's interest.

Sameeha Rizvi

Council on American-Islamic Relations Action

Richmond, TX

Dear Members of the Committee,
My name is Sameeha Rizvi, and I serve as the Texas Policy and Advocacy Coordinator for CAIR Action. I am writing to express strong opposition to HB 4.
Regardless of political affiliation, Texans deserve a fair redistricting process that respects their fundamental right to representation. HB 4, which proposes mid-decade redistricting, undermines this right. It is undemocratic, unnecessary, and lacks transparency.
As I shared in my testimony at the redistricting hearing at the University of Houston last week, the data being used to justify this redistricting effort is flawed. The 2020 Census failed to include a Middle Eastern and North African (MENA) category, following a decision by the Trump administration to block its inclusion. This exclusion led to a significant undercount of MENA communities across Texas and the country.
While the Biden administration has approved the addition of the MENA category, it will not be implemented until the 2030 Census. In the meantime, maps drawn using outdated and incomplete demographic data cannot accurately reflect Texas's population. Proceeding with redistricting under these conditions risks further disenfranchising communities already underrepresented in the political process.
Moreover, the process itself raises serious concerns. We have learned that the proposed maps were drawn by Adam Kincaid, a partisan operative based in Virginia with no meaningful connection to Texas. This decision disrespects the hundreds of Texans who took time to testify at public redistricting hearings and offer input grounded in lived experience and community needs.
Redistricting should be guided by principles of fairness, equity, and local representation – not by political expediency or partisan interests.
I urge you to reject HB 4 and instead commit to a process that honors the voices of Texans and ensures every vote counts equally.
Thank you for your time and consideration.
Sincerely,
Sameeha Rizvi
Texas Policy and Advocacy Coordinator
CAIR Action

Jodie Holmes

Self

Forney, TX

The redistricting of Texas in such a manner will completely deplete the already fading voice of the brown and black population.it is being potentially altered due to the minority having a voice? Due to minorities finding themselves in our delegates and choosing those that LOOK LIKE US to REPRESENT US?Is absolute madness. Taking away seats from those more than capable and knowledgeable to represent us as a people? Idiocracy is the most polite way I can put it. Texas is already stripping the voices and rights of women like myself. Do not strip the voices of all of the minorities

Martha Hernandez

None

Manor, TX

You all have done the work in 2021 to redrawing line again could only be iwholly intended to vitiate votes. Please do what's right for people.

Felicia Miyakawa
Self, none
Round Rock, TX

I have lived in round rock for 11 years. I am very much against these new maps and the call to redistrict mid decade in the first place. As voters and citizens, we should have access to the people who represent us. I am currently in district 17, but my congressman never comes anywhere near round rock. The elementary school where my son went to school, which is just over a mile away, is in congressional district 31. That much would remain the same in the new map. But if these maps are passed, his elementary school would be in congressional district 31, the middle school he attended would be in congressional district 17, and the high school he attended would be in district 11. This is all within just a few miles of our house. If we need to speak to our Congress person about what's happening in our schools, we have to call three different offices and have three different records going. Round Rock itself is split into four congressional districts, greatly reducing our ability to work together as a community on needs that would be addressed by Congress. But that's by design. I urge you all to keep Texas independent and deal with the citizens of Texas need, not what the president is asking you to do. Going through redistricting will set off an arms race. Other states will follow suit and we will end up with zero representation in the House of Representatives. Nobody wants these maps. Texas doesn't want these maps. Please set this aside and work on flood relief. That's all we want right now.

Kep Barlow
Self, self-employer
AUSTIN, TX

I do NOT support redistributing in Texas. It would upset upcoming elections and strip away the voices of Texas voters. It doesn't give enough time before the next election to go through the lawsuit and appeals that will come if this bill is passed. In conclusion I do NOT support this bill's passage. It harms Texans, and Americans as a whole. This attempt to throw the election is an insult to democracy.

Stephanie Howell
Self - Public School Educator
Coppell, TX

As a teacher, I am acutely aware of dishonesty and cheating sometimes being perpetrated by teenagers who are testing their, and my, limits. With that background, then, I know it when I see it. The proposed redistricting maps, then, are such an obvious attempt to cheat Texas voters in the most dishonest way imaginable - I'm stunned that anyone with greater than a middle school education would support them! Clearly, I do not support them and want my opposing voice to be heard, even if I cannot be in Austin in person for the discussion.
Remember: cheaters never win, and winners never cheat. I will *certainly* remember when I vote.

Nicholas Kern
self Engineer
Irving, TX

Redistricting in between census results are unprecedented, and cannot properly reflect the population Texas as the census results are outdated.

Trina Martin
Self
Round Rock, TX

Texas has never been and shouldn't now be ruled by Washington and specifically the president. This is a horrible precedent to set that will only incentivize future legislators to continue to randomly redraw districts for political purposes coming from Washington. You all voted and approved these districts in 2021 and to change them now is wrong. It's a bad look for this great state that has always been proud of our independent thinking.

Emily Erwin, Mrs.
Self, RN
Leander, TX

I am strongly opposed to congressional redistricting. This is a sorry attempt to silence our growing liberal population out of fear for your own power and money. Gerrymandering in the hope of protecting your own status is shameful.

Barbara Frandsen, Mrs.
League of Women Voters
Austin, TX

We all know that some behaviors are simply not right. People may get by with wrong and unfair actions, but we all know when wrong deeds are being done. To re-establish voting areas based on racial profiling is one of those wrong actions. I tell my children, grandchildren, and now great-grandchildren that feeling good about oneself at the end of the day is what matters. When a person knows that s/he caved in on doing the right, fair, and descent thing because of a bid for power or money, that person suffers at the end of the day. I urge you to do what will allow you to take an honest look at yourself in the mirror. If your grandmother is ashamed of you, you have done the wrong thing.

Erin Eriksen
Self
Houston, TX

I am against HB 4 and any redistricting effort during this Special Legislative Session. We all know this is on the behest of President Trump. There is no data to drive this mid-decade redistricting.

Robert Garay
Self
Houston, TX

Dear Members of the Select Redistricting Committee,

My name is Robert Garay. I live in TX Congressional District 29, Harris County, and I am providing testimony FOR HB4.

My area of CD29 would be changed to where I would now live in CD9. This new district configuration is a net positive for the area. This area would still be a majority-Hispanic district. In fact, both new CD9 and CD29 would still be majority-Hispanic districts. New CD29 allows Northern Harris County to unite communities of interest together while New CD9 does the same for Eastern Harris County.

The new CD9 would incorporate most of Eastern Harris County into a single district uniting multiple communities including Galena Park, Jacinto City, Deer Park, Channelview, Sheldon, Barrett, Cloverleaf, Highlands, Crosby and South Houston allowing all these municipalities and their voters to unite together to choose our congressional representative, all within the bounds of Harris County. In fact, the new CD9 also incorporates more of Pasadena into one district as well instead of being broken up into two districts as is currently constituted.

For those communities not entirely united with the new CD9 district, including Baytown, and La Porte, the map ensures that the dividing line does not go beyond the boundaries of Harris County thus maintaining VRA compliance and most importantly. significant influence with their local representative.

I urge the state Legislature to pass this Congressional redistricting map to ensure East Harris County is properly represented at the US Congress with the new CD9.

Thank you for your attention, consideration, and opportunity to provide public comment.

Sincerely,
Robert Garay

Detria BALLARD
SELF/RETIRED
Dallas, TX

I oppose this mid-decade redistricting scheme.

Lauren Holland
Self / Public School Teacher
Friendswood, TX

I vehemently oppose this. It’s not right. It’s not a decision being made to serve the people, but to serve a political party.

Megan Maxwell, Mrs.
Self
Fort Worth, TX

Hello, I would like to express my opposition to HB 4 for redrawing districts in the state of Texas. This effort to redraw maps in favor of one party over the other is an attempt to silence the voices and votes of my fellow Texans. This effort, while it may benefit one party now, it won’t forever. We are a representative democracy, for the people, by the people and it should remain that way. Not to silo power in to one party unfairly. If you want to win the election then do your jobs and win our votes, don’t steal them by drawing lines the siphoning off votes from your opponents. Show true bravery and patriotism and vote no against this bill.

Josue I. Zamitiz-Ayala
Self
Garland, TX

I’m writing as your constituent to express my strong opposition to the proposed redistricting map currently under consideration in the Texas Legislature. As drawn, the new districts do not reflect the actual makeup and interests of our growing and diverse population. Instead, they appear to be designed to dilute the voices of communities like mine for partisan gain.

The foundation of our democracy is fair and equal representation. Redistricting should be about ensuring that every Texan’s vote counts equally—not about protecting incumbents or manipulating boundaries to favor one political party. The proposed maps are clearly engineered to diminish the political influence of communities of color, especially Latino, Black, and Asian Texans, who represent the majority of the state’s population growth. This is unacceptable.

Here in Garland, we deserve representation that understands and reflects our local priorities—whether that’s education, health care, infrastructure, or jobs. Gerrymandered districts split our communities and reduce our collective voice, making it harder for us to advocate for the issues that matter most.

I also want to voice concern about the process by which these maps are being created. Public input has been limited, and there has been a lack of transparency and accountability. Redistricting should not happen behind closed doors or without meaningful opportunities for communities to be heard.

I urge you to vote against this redistricting plan and to advocate for a map that prioritizes fair representation over partisan politics. Support a transparent process that centers the voices of your constituents—not one that silences them.

Our democracy only works when every voice is heard. I ask you to protect that principle by rejecting this unfair redistricting proposal.

Ricky Woodling, Home Owner
Self / Retired
Bellville, TX

Please approve redistricting, to benefit Texas conservative values

Brian Long
Self
Richardson, TX

I am in favor of the redistricting plan.

Zachary Cocos
self
Austin, TX

Republicans claim this map is legal—but legality isn't a moral defense when the system itself is rigged. In Rucho v. Common Cause, the Supreme Court decided that partisan gerrymandering was a "political question" outside the reach of federal courts. That opened the door for states like Texas to use party data as cover—when in reality, party affiliation here is often just a thin proxy for race. The result? Maps that surgically carve up communities of color, all while insisting it's just politics. And with a DOJ more interested in protecting power than protecting voters, there's no meaningful check on this manipulation. This isn't representation. It's erasure wrapped in legalese—a direct betrayal of the promise of one person, one vote. Vote no on this map and serve the Constitution you claim to care about.

Ashlea Johnston
Self - Texas Citizen
Greenville, TX

Are you truly representing all Texans by redistricting in order to gain Trumps approval? The last time that I checked, only 58% of Texans voted for him. Why are you scared of Democrats representing Texans and challenging Republicans? That is the point of our democratic republic - multiple voices challenging each other to make us a better country for all of us.

Gresha Saenz
Self/homemaker
Houston, TX

I do not support the bill.

Charles Dwinal
Self
Dallas, TX

I am writing to express my strong opposition to House Bill 4 (HB 4) regarding the congressional redistricting in Texas. This bill represents a blatant attempt by the Republican Party to manipulate the electoral landscape in their favor, undermining the principles of fair and just democracy.

The proposed changes to the congressional map are not only politically motivated but also threaten to dilute the voices of communities of color across our state. By targeting Democratic-held districts and creating an unfair advantage for one party, HB 4 disregards the fundamental tenets of representation that our democracy is built upon.

I demand that the legislature prioritize the restoration of fair and equitable representation for all Texans, rather than engaging in partisan gerrymandering. It is imperative that we uphold the integrity of our electoral process and ensure that every vote counts equally.

I urge you to oppose HB 4 and stand for a democratic system that truly reflects the will of the people.

Davis Brooks
Self, docent
Houston, TX

Speaking as a concerned citizen and believer in the democratic process, the proposed Congressional Redistricting outlined in House Bill 4 is deeply disturbing to me. The lack of new state census data since the last redistricting reveals a clear, troublingly partisan motive for the proposed district map. Redistricting as a process should be carried out solely based on observed changes in population to ensure the fair, accurate representation of all Texans across the state. The utilization of what should be a nonpartisan, non-aligned process by the Texas GOP sets a troubling precedent for the management of our democratic infrastructure. I strongly urge the Texas Legislature to hold off on the proposed redistricting until the next wave of census data allows for an informed redistricting process.

Kevin Martin
Self
Round Rock, TX

The redrawing of US congressional districts is unnecessary and unwarranted. This effort attempts to modify districts that are already drawn to weaken the representation of the citizens that live in them and make them even less so, simply in an attempt to increase a political advantage at the national level. This effort will disenfranchise hundreds of thousands of Texas voters.

Carlos Torres-Verdin, PhD
Self, Professor, UT Austin
Austin, TX

I OPPOSE HB 4 on Congressional Redistricting.
It's the wrong time to do legislative redistricting, in the middle of a decade, instead of the right time, after the 2030 census. Criteria were not stated or violated. Maps should have contiguous lines (Texas County Line Rule); districts should be but are NOT compact; population will grow and demographics will change in the next 5 y; maps are racially biased; maps are partisan; maps should not protect/favor incumbency; maps should but are not respecting community landmarks. Method should use modern map-making software that includes all 6 criteria (stated in #3) in addition to unique criteria including communities of interest.

Bills HJR 26, HJR 28, HB 221 propose a constitutional amendment to establish an independent citizen redistricting commission to redistrict the Texas Legislature, Congressional District, State Board of Education, and revising procedures for redistricting. Redistricting is a serious, laborious, long process, which cannot be rushed into a short period as it was in 2021 and now in 2025.

Gloria Elizondo
Community
Houston, TX

I am against this

Maryann Wylie
Self
Plano, TX

I am FOR the redistricting of the US House of Representatives of Texas and would like for my state rep's vote in Favor of this bill!

Lindsay Hearne
Self
Dripping Springs, TX

I fully support HB 4 by Hunter. Fair and updated congressional district maps are essential to ensure every Texan’s voice is represented accurately and equally. Our state has seen significant population growth and demographic shifts, and it’s vital that our congressional districts reflect these changes to protect the principle of one person, one vote. This bill helps create balanced representation and ensures that all communities in Texas have a fair opportunity to be heard in the U.S. House of Representatives. I urge the committee to advance this bill.

John Chilstrom, Colonel
Self (US Air Force, Retired)
Austin, TX

As a long time resident of Texas, Travis County, and the City of Austin I am adamantly opposed to the proposed redistricting. In fact, the motive behind it smacks of political corruption and a violation of voters' civil rights. Redistricting as drawn is unethical and should be found illegal. Our citizens do not want or need this sham legislation forced by the administration in Washington, DC.

Leslie Martinez
Self
Fate, TX

Gerrymandering should be abolished nationwide. It is undemocratic, outdated and frankly irresponsible to keep practicing this "legal" form of fraud. The citizens of Texas will not forget nor forgive those who will not listen to us. We need politicians with backbone who will not bend the knee to a wannabe dictator. Enough is enough, grow a spine for the love of God, have some pride and decency in self and the office you hold. Good day.

Edwin Bautista
Self
Austin, TX

My name is Edwin, and I am writing today to speak out against the proposed congressional maps. Texas has experienced some of the fastest population growth in the country — in fact, we saw the second-highest total increase nationwide. This growth has been driven by our diverse communities, families, and young people who are shaping the future of our state.

Yet now, in the middle of the decade, without a new Census and without any public demand, state leaders are attempting to redraw these maps. These proposals do not reflect our reality. Instead, they silence the voices of millions of Texans, target sitting Democratic members of Congress, and carve apart neighborhoods that should remain whole. These maps are not about fair representation; they are about protecting political power at the expense of the people.

Redistricting should be about accountability, transparency, and ensuring that every Texan — regardless of their zip code or political affiliation — has an equal voice. We cannot allow gerrymandering to disenfranchise voters or undermine the communities that are the backbone of our state.

I urge this committee to reject these maps, hold real public hearings across Texas, and commit to a process that reflects the will of the people rather than the interests of those already in power. We deserve maps that keep our communities intact and our democracy strong.

Thank you.

Madison Wisdom
Self
Pflugerville, TX

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed Texas congressional redistricting plan. This proposal undermines voter empowerment and instead perpetuates voter suppression by manipulating district boundaries for political gain.

It is deeply concerning that many of the same voices decrying “rigged elections” are advancing a plan that effectively rigs elections by diluting the voices of communities and predetermining outcomes. Redistricting should serve the people, not entrench political power for one party.

Rather than continuing a cycle of partisan gerrymandering, Texas should embrace reforms that promote fair representation and strengthen democracy. Common-sense, nonpartisan solutions include:
1. Ranked Choice Voting (RCV): Empowering voters to rank candidates in order of preference, ensuring winners have broad support and reducing the influence of extreme partisanship.
2. Independent, Nonpartisan Redistricting Commissions: Removing map-drawing power from politicians and entrusting it to impartial bodies that prioritize community representation over party advantage.
3. Grid-Based or Compact District Mapping: Utilizing clear, transparent, and geographically logical boundaries to keep communities intact and prevent partisan manipulation.
4. Open Primaries: Allowing all voters to participate in the primary process regardless of party affiliation, giving every Texan a voice in determining viable candidates.

These reforms are supported across the political spectrum and reflect the principle that government derives its power from the consent of the governed and not from manipulated maps. Texas voters deserve competitive districts, meaningful choices, and a system that truly reflects their will.

I urge you to reject the current redistricting proposal and instead pursue these proven, nonpartisan solutions that empower voters and uphold the integrity of our democracy.

Janet Lockhart
Self
Corsicana, TX

I am opposed to the redistricting map.

Norma Hackler, Mrs.
self
Austin, TX

To Whom It May Concern:
I oppose the Texas Legislature redistricting between Census counts.
My name is Norma Hackler. I have lived in Texas, specifically Austin, since 1986. I originally lived in Louisiana until 1976 when I left to work for a US Congressman in Washington, DC in his congressional office and later as a staff person on a legislative congressional subcommittee he chaired. I am, therefore, very familiar with US Congress and its house seats.
During my years working in Washington, DC both in a personal congressional office and on a subcommittee, I witnessed members of congress working across the aisle. We, both the Democrats and Republicans, played on the same softball teams, worked long hours together, socialized together and respected each other. Since departing that wonderful experience working in Washington, DC where I learned so much, I have witnessed a trend among Republicans to NOT work together across the aisle when the tea party entered Congress. This trend has continued until today only it is exponentially more toxic. Even the word "negotiate" seems to set off anger among certain members of congress.
A true and great democracy only works when there are two strong political parties working together. That is not what the current Republican party seems to want. The new Trump GOP party wants a one-party rule. Today, the Texas legislative body is poised to deliver that one-party rule to the Trump GOP party.; not by fair elections, but by rigging elections.
I understand that the Texas Republicans want to curry favor with President Trump. But please remember that President Trump has stated that democrats are his enemies. That is one-half of the entire United States and one-half of all Americans that he is calling his enemy. Is this what you want? To declare those Texans, who do not agree with you, your enemy. We, Texans, are better than that. We each deserve to choose who represents us in the US Congress. If this Texas legislative body adopts newly re-districted maps, I, as a proud American, recognize that not only are you rigging elections to keep Texans from being fairly represented, but you have lost all respect for yourselves, your dignity and your souls.
If these proposed redistricting maps are approved, you no longer have the right to run political ads saying you, as a Republican, if elected, will serve ALL Texans.

Kendell Wallace, Mrs
Self
Austin, TX

Simply stop the steal. It's a racist move.

Cindy Griswold
self
Johnson City, TX

I am fully against this disfranchisement of peoples voting rights for the sole purpose of retaining Republican party control of the government. They claim to be the party for democracy but this is very anti democracy. Also redistricting between two different census is abnormal and can only be attributed to wanting to disenfranchise people that vote for democratic politicians.

Megan Eunson
Self
Houston, TX

Please consider this my formal protest to this bill. You are simply trying to remove the true representation of the people of this state and are doing so with no really need or reason. You only want to please the president. He is not Texas- he is not us. Do not allow this to move forward.

Thank you.

Lauren Mangold
Self - MSW Student
Austin, TX

There is absolutely no way that this redistricting will result in justice for all in this system. Please reject this bill. This affects all Texans and this redistricting would result in unequal representation statewide. It would not be an accurate representation of the Texas population ethnically, economically, or politically.

Kimberly Brisco
Self
San Antonio, TX

What side of history do you want to be on? Stop this nonsense. Say no to this gerrymandering!

Amanda Bernay, Ms.
self, nonprofit administration
Austin, TX

I write to oppose this mid-decade redistricting efforts by Texas Republicans to kowtow to the wishes of Trump. This is a clear attempt to disenfranchise minority voters in urban areas, to split populations that lean Democrat, and to retain power under undemocratic pretenses. I am an 8th generation Texan, a granddaughter of lifelong Republicans who would be horrified at the hypocritical gymnastics today's GOP performs on a daily basis. Redistricting should happen after the next census, to balance the population representation of districts, and should not encompass more than 2-3 counties, full stop.

Angie Moore Angie Moore
Self, Senior Buyer
Hutto, TX

This redistricting does not make sense geographically or demographically. Texans are meant to have integrity. I vehemently oppose.

Liza Ossenfort, Ms.
Self
Austin, TX

I am strongly opposed to this effort at mid-cycle redistricting to favor one party over the other. It seems wholly improper to undertake such an effort. The effort strikes me as obscene.

Eric Vormelker
Self
Austin, TX

Just 11 days ago, I sat watching while you, Cody Vasut (a descendant of Romanian immigrants), calmly listened while you allowed less than half of the people that signed up to testify to this committee speak against doing any redistricting. Since then, more than a thousand more signed up, all but a handful of them telling you in no uncertain terms that you MUST NOT do this.

Now, here we are, with a viciously undemocratic map before you, a clear statement of your felon, pedophile President's effort to steal next year's election from us.

You make me sick.

There is no point in me reiterating all the ways that this is morally, Constitutionally, ethically wrong. You have heard it hundreds of times, and there's no telling how many more times it has been written to you.

I'm writing this to add my words to the mountain of outrage, the mass of fury against this ugly spit in the face of every one of our Founding Fathers.

Why did your family leave Romania? According to Google, it was likely in the 1910's, a time of chaos and collapse, with WWI leading to the end of the Ottoman Empire (just to Romania's east) and the Austro-Hungarian Empire (which Romania was a part of).

What would they think of you, their descendant, leading a charge to fascism? Helping a would-be king cement his hold on our republic? Maybe they would be proud of you, proud that you are doing your bit to destroy government by, of, and for the people. Maybe they would shed a tear, remembering King Carol I and the House of Hohenzollern.

But you are a deluded little pawn.

Maybe you think that, by doing Trump's bidding, you'll get a plumb position, some grift from the millions Trump is stealing from us and throwing at lawyers to try and crush any dissent.

But Trump doesn't care about anyone. He is the Prince of Lies, and you are being corrupted by him. Everyone is disposable to him. Everyone.

Including me, who was born in Dallas, a Texan just like you.

And including you.

The list of the traitorous people that will be remembered for working to end our republic will be long. But if you do pass this steaming pile of racist garbage out of committee, you will hold a special place on that shameful list of sycophants, propping up a wicked, evil tyrant.

Patricia Bendurski
Self- Hospice worker
Fort Worth, TX

As a lifelong Texan, who has lived here all 43 years of my life- I am appalled by this attempt to redistrict our state, in such a ridiculous way. The new districts being proposed are bullshit. They are not representative of our beautifully diverse state. And they do not take into account current census data. This is America. We deserve fair representation. I strongly oppose this bill.

Fonda Watson, Ms.
Self
Richardson, TX

As a citizen, taxpayer, and voter, I know that this effort at redistricting is an effort to silence minority voters. Every representative who supports this should be voted out at the earliest opportunity.

Elyse Zimmerman
Self
Pflugerville, TX

I do not support a redistricting in order to benefit one party versus the other. You are taking the vote away from the people, and you are all employed by the people. If this bill passes, it shows that you do not care about your constituents or their wants and needs and will be remembered. I do not want redistricting to gerrymander for Republican votes.

Brooke Primomo
Self
Houston, TX

I am writing to express my opposition to this unconstitutional method of redrawing congressional districts. The electorate chooses their representatives. Representatives do not get to choose their electorate. Only non partisan third parties should be used in any redrawing of congressional districts.

Amber Mulcahy
Self - Management
Longview, TX

Redistricting is not only not necessary at this time, it’s appalling that our leaders are considering it. There has not been an official census and there are a significant number of more pressing matters for the Texas government to concern themselves with. Please focus on disaster relief, job creation, and energy infrastructure at a minimum. Gain votes by delivering and following through on a message that is acceptable to more residents rather than rigging the system like common criminals.

Marla Sumner
Self-software engineering leader
Leander, TX

To our elected leaders,

As you start redrawing our voting maps, I'm reminding you to think about the power you have in your hands. This isn't just some paperwork exercise. You're deciding which people in our state get a real say and which ones get ignored for the next ten years. I know it's tempting to use this to help your own party, but for the good of all of us, you have to do what's right, not what's easy.

We all know the tricks of gerrymandering. We know about "cracking" our communities to water down our votes, and "packing" the other side into just a few districts. It's all done to rig the game so that you can pick your voters, instead of us getting a fair chance to pick our leaders. When you draw maps to guarantee a win, you're telling a lot of people that our votes don't really count.

Your job is to represent everyone you serve, not just your political party. You promised to follow a Constitution that says we're all equal. That promise is broken when you draw maps that are designed to make some votes matter more than others. That's just plain wrong, and it breaks the trust we put in you.

What you decide now will affect our state for years to come, long after you've left office. How do you want to be remembered? As people who did the right thing for our democracy? Or as politicians who just played the system for a win, making everyone more divided?

The choice is simple. Please, put the people first. Draw fair maps that give our communities a real voice and make elections feel like they matter again. The future of our democracy is in your hands.

Jacquelyn Dingley
Self - Retired Nurse
Austin, TX

I am opposed to the consideration of the new proposed district map for the US House of Representatives that was designed by the Trump Administration and revealed in Texas earlier this week (PLANC2308). There are no new census data to support the creation of these new districts in the first place. Furthermore, the proposed district lines appear to be carved up into a crazy quilt in order to weaken the voice Texans who live in large municipal areas. Therefore, there could be no legitimate reason to argue that representatives elected from these newly proposed districts would better serve the people of this state.

Sonia Dawson
Citizens of the state of Texas
Greenville, TX

Stop this insanity. This crazy redistricting is not serving the citizens of Texas fairly and appropriately. It is also making us a joke to other states and countries. Those that proposed this mess should be replaced, and hopefully will be at the next election.

No redistricting is needed at this time. You are just doing trump’s bidding. That wasn’t what you were elected to do.

Now please do your jobs and address more pressing and necessary issues or go home.

Carly Padgett
Self
Pearland, TX

My name is Carly Padgett. I am a resident of Pearland, Texas and I oppose HB 4.

Paul Spring
Self
Austin, TX

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Ann Connolly
Self, retired
Fort Worth, TX

I am strongly AGAINST these unfair redistricting plans which are designed to dilute the voting power of communities of color.

Lauren Wright
Self
Austin, TX

ChatGPT:

I write to express my strong opposition to the proposed Congressional redistricting plan currently under consideration. This plan undermines the principles of fair representation, weakens the voting power of minority communities, and prioritizes partisan advantage over democratic integrity.

Texas is one of the most diverse states in the nation, with communities of color accounting for over 95% of the state's population growth in the last decade. Yet the proposed map fails to reflect this demographic reality. Instead of increasing representation for growing Black, Latino, and Asian communities, the map dilutes their influence by cracking and packing districts—breaking up cohesive communities and redistributing them across districts to minimize their electoral impact.

This is not just unfair—it is undemocratic. The Voting Rights Act was enacted to prevent exactly this kind of racial gerrymandering. By ignoring the needs and voices of minority voters, the proposed plan violates both the spirit and likely the letter of federal law. It sends a troubling message that some voices in our state matter more than others.

Moreover, partisan gerrymandering corrodes public trust. Voters should choose their representatives—not the other way around. When maps are drawn to secure one party's dominance rather than to reflect the will of the people, it leads to extreme partisanship, uncompetitive elections, and elected officials who are less accountable to their constituents. That's bad for democracy, regardless of your political affiliation.

Fair maps benefit everyone. They promote competition, improve responsiveness, and strengthen our institutions. I urge this committee to reject this current proposal and instead support a map that reflects Texas as it truly is: diverse, dynamic, and democratic.

Please do the right thing. Protect our right to equal representation. Draw fair maps.

Allison Duckworth
Self
Wylie, TX

Absolutely oppose. This kind of gerrymandering is disgusting.

Kayla Rondina
Self, RB
San Antonio, TX

Redistricting is a deliberate attempt to disenfranchise voters and deny them equal representation under the law. This creates a constitutionally illegal gerrymander that discriminates against poor, non-white, or underrepresented communities. This push for a Christian nationalist country flies in the face of everything the Founding Fathers intended, and redistricting to favor a religiously-based minority is a poorly disguised racist and discriminatory attempt to keep the educated populace controlled. DO BETTER and listen to the majority of your constituents. Vote NO.

Eve Springer
Self
Austin, TX

As a Texas resident and US citizen I am strongly opposed to this redistricting!! It is not lawful.

Joey Reyes
self/self
Richardson, TX

This is a disgustingly un-American ploy to silence the voices of voters/taxpayers through underhanded and undemocratic means. Republican efforts to push this through simply because you have no real policy to run on, or to appease someone else, will only cement your legacies as power-hungry zealots who have no interest in actually governing.

James Ishmael
Self, teacher
Fate, TX

I oppose the redistricting.

Sheri Palmer
Self
Austin, TX

Texas representatives should be focusing on Texas Flood related concerns.Gov Abbott accepting this scam from Trumps DOJ is illegal and does not support the people of Texas. I am against this.

Lucas Myers, Mr.
Self, Business Leader and Community Organizer
Pflugerville, TX

To the Members of the Texas House of Representatives:

I write as a concerned Texan to condemn the current mid-decade redistricting effort. This maneuver is not about fair representation—it's a power grab designed to entrench extremist MAGA-aligned control and silence moderate voices.

1. This Redistricting Push Is a Power Grab

Texas does not need mid-session redistricting. What we're witnessing is a partisan scheme orchestrated by former President Trump and Governor Abbott to redraw maps mid-cycle and secure up to five additional GOP seats in the U.S. House—despite Democrats winning nearly 45% of the statewide vote in recent elections ? ?. The special session called to address flood relief has been hijacked for political advantage instead.

2. No Maps, No Transparency

Lawmakers are being asked to comment on redistricting without seeing even draft maps. How can the public weigh in on proposals that remain hidden? This secrecy suggests these maps would fail under public scrutiny if drawn in the open ?.

3. Communities of Color Are Being Targeted—Racial Gerrymandering

The plan packs and cracks Black, Latino, and Asian communities—diluting their voting power in major regions like DFW, Austin, Houston, and South Texas ?. Critics argue this move violates Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act and undermines fair representation in the state driving nearly all its population growth with non-white communities ?.

4. Texans Deserve Leaders Focused on Real Issues

While hundreds of Texans are still recovering from July's devastating floods—a disaster that claimed over 100 lives—legislative energy is being redirected from urgent relief toward partisan mapping ?. Every hour spent drawing lines is time stolen from real solutions.

5. Legislators Have a Duty to Fight Back

Texas lawmakers have effective tools—filibusters, quorum breaks, and legal challenges—to defend democratic representation. Democrats used such strategies in 2003 and 2021 to block voter suppression. That same courage is needed again. Texas Democrats have already threatened to walk out until flood relief is prioritized ? ?.

6. Gerrymandering Undermines Democracy

It shouldn't be politicians choosing voters—but that's exactly what's happening here. These maps do not reflect the will of Texans—they preordain outcomes, marginalize dissent, and erode trust in our democratic institutions.

Texans demand maps drawn openly, with true respect for communities, transparency, and fair process—not engineered advantages. Reject this redistricting scheme. Protect democracy, not politics.

Thank you for your service and attention. Your record on this topic will not soon be forgotten.

Susan Johnson
Self Retired
Austin, TX

I can imagine a circumstance (for example, an event that caused mass, long term evacuations of the population) that would warrant a mid-decade redistricting effort. The current redistricting has no such reasonable basis. In plain sight, the Trump administration has demanded that Texas redraw its maps so as to increase the likelihood that Republicans win more elections and the Governor has agreed to do so. This is not government serving its citizens. This is government serving a master manipulator and his minions. The government of Texas is weak and feckless. We do not deserve this.

Jon Spiers, MD JD
self/attorney
Houston, TX

As Conservative Texans, we live in Harris County. Our homestead is in Congressional District 7, Senate District 15, & House District 134, each held by a member of the Democratic Party.
The 2022 United States Census Bureau Post Enumeration Summary indicated a significant undercount of the Texas population. However, Texas can consider this data when determining the boundaries for its congressional districts.
The 2024 election showed a dramatic change in Texans' voting tendencies. The nearly 14% margin supporting President Trump & the conservative agenda is dramatic and well-documented. Many of these conservative voters were minorities who previously had supported Democratic candidates. Democrats seek to silence these voters.
Not all minorities have changed their voting patterns, but a voter's race is not at issue in this redistricting process — the partisan voting pattern is the sole consideration.
Because of this important partisan voting shift, Texas is justified in redrawing its congressional districts to ensure these voters are not disenfranchised.
Attempts to hinder redistricting are merely an attempt to diminish and even silence the voices of Texas' conservative groups that Democrats have previously considered "their" voters. The Democrats' fight to silence these voters is unacceptable & discriminatory.
In the 2019 case Rucho v. Common Cause, No. 18-422, 588 U.S. 684 (2019), the United States Supreme Court held that" partisan gerrymandering claims present political questions beyond the reach of the federal courts," deferring to the state's constitutional power to draw districts.
Beyond this black letter legal ruling, the Texas Legislature's plan to redraw congressional districts satisfies established principles.

- Compactness: The districts proposed by the Texas Legislature are more compact than before.
- Contiguity: All parts of the proposed new district structures are connected.
- Preservation of counties and other political subdivisions: The proposed districts are purposely drawn to minimize crossing political subdivisions, even though some smaller political subdivisions violate this principle.
- Preservation of communities of interest: The new congressional districts seek to preserve the connections of the communities served by the proposed districts. Arguments against this are race-based arguments that undermine the rights of the majority conservative voters to choose the candidates they prefer and to have their voices heard.
- Core preservation: The proposed districts will preserve the core of their predecessor districts.
- Avoiding incumbent pairing: The proposed districts do not place incumbent representatives in conflict.

Texas voters should not be silenced to preserve the status quo & protect the ineffective Democratic Party that does not represent the values of Texans.
Please ratify the new districts as proposed.
Jon Spiers, MD, JD
Dana Myers MD

Mary Wilson
Self / Program Manager
Grand Prairie, TX

I'm strongly opposed to this bill

Lewis Goldstein
Self
Austin, TX

To the Members of the Texas House Committee on Redistricting:

I submit this testimony as a concerned Texan who cannot attend in person, but who feels a profound responsibility to speak up against what is clearly a cynical and partisan attempt to entrench power through gerrymandering.

This new congressional map being proposed is not simply unfair — it is a direct attack on representative democracy. At a time when our state and our country are already dangerously divided, the decision to push through a map that ignores demographic realities, dismisses community representation, and intentionally undermines electoral competitiveness is both irresponsible and indefensible.

Redistricting is supposed to reflect the will of the people, not manipulate it. But this map does the opposite. It was engineered to dilute the political power of diverse and growing communities — especially Black, Latino, and Asian American Texans — and to protect incumbent politicians who fear accountability more than they fear undermining democracy itself. By rigging the lines, Republican leaders are choosing their voters, instead of allowing voters to choose their leaders.

What's happening here is not just politics as usual — it's a power grab. It is a blatant continuation of the Trump playbook: distort the process, ignore the facts, and suppress opposing voices. It is especially troubling that, once again, Texas is the testing ground for strategies designed to weaken democratic norms and disenfranchise entire communities.

I am grateful to Congressman Doggett and others who are calling out this effort for what it is — a crooked map designed to serve party interests rather than the public interest. I urge this committee to reject this map and return to the drawing board with the goal of creating districts that truly reflect the people of Texas: urban and rural, diverse in every way, and deserving of fair representation.

Texans of all backgrounds deserve competitive districts where every vote matters. We deserve a process that is transparent, inclusive, and rooted in the core American value of one person, one vote. If this map becomes law, that principle will be further eroded, and our trust in the democratic process — already fragile — will take another blow.

Do the right thing. Stop this partisan map. Defend democracy.

Respectfully,
Lewis E. Goldstein
Austin, TX 78750
512-426-0010

Carol Weston
self/social justice volunteer
El Paso, TX

Is is esential that the current boundries of the El Paso District NOT be changed. Our congressional representative. Veronica Escobar, lives here knows the people, the businesses the educational system that she represents. She has had excellent results assuring funding for Veterans, many of whom live at or are cared for by personnel at Fort Bliss. She secured $700 million in funding for the new Veterans Affairs Health Care Center. She is available in person, on the phone, and through her staff for all citizens here who have questions or need her assistance. She is one of us. she stands up for us ...for all who live here. We will stnad up for her. When she is followed, at some point in the future, by another congressperson whom we will elect --- we will provided a seamless transition. We are local. Our congressionl representative must always be local. That is the point! El Paso is not an "afterthought" to be occasionally remembered by a representative who lives a 9 hour drive away. El Paso is "the thought, the here and now" of the congressional representative who is thoroughly comfortable in this diverse city and county--a secure home for so many of its population. We thrive on interaction and connectedness to each other, to Fort Bliss, to the Health Center, to the International Airport, to UTEP. Don't divide us -- you will Not conquer us. Leave this district as it is. It will be a boost to TEXAS.

Alexis Lockhart
Self
Tomball, TX

This is wrong. Mid-decade redrawing of maps to cheat and get more R seats.

Kathy Ruiz
Self
Harker Heights, TX

I am strongly in favor of redistricting. This creates a more cohesive district allowing for better representation for all voters.

Katharine Elliott
self/ Artist
Garland, TX

I am opposed to the proposal to realign the districts-for the election of members of the United Stated Representatives. Represent all the people. This is a travesty of what you are trying to do to change the makeup of our voting constituents.

Kristy Wagner
Self
Robinson, TX

I believe Texas has bigger priorities than partisan redistricting at the request of the president.

Macy Pickett
Self
Conroe, TX

STOP GERRYMANDERING! This is such a blatant attempt at a power grab. You don’t care about the people you’re supposedly representing.

Micah Sharp
Self
Austin, TX

While families are still recovering from the devastating Central Texas floods, Texas Republicans are rushing through new congressional maps not because of new Census data, but to protect their grip on power as MAGA extremism loses ground. Texans deserve fair representation, not redistricting schemes to dilute their voting power and silence the voices of black and brown voters. Lawmakers should put Texans first and stop playing political games and bowing down to the orange felon. You represent us Texans not Donald Trump!

David Cruz
Self
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose the redistricting maps proposed by HB4. If adopted, these maps would decrease the representation of ~45% of Texans from 33% representation to 20% representation. In a democratic society, this type of disenfranchisement represents an existential threat by lowering trust in society and deemphasizing civic institutions. We are well down this path, and yet this redistricting represent a new level of anti-democratic practices. I urge the committee to reject HB 4.

Laura Lee Boice

Self - Psychotherapist

Austin, TX

My name is Laura Lee Boice and I live in Precinct 260, Congressional District 37. I have a private practice as a psychotherapist. I have seen firsthand the damage being done by minimizing people's voices. According to TX Public Opinion Research, voters are exhausted by political stunts and culture war noise. I see the exhaustion every day in my work, from all political affiliations. They want leaders who will focus on solving real problems. The proposed congressional redistricting seeks to further divide and squash our voice. Texas just redrew maps in 2021, and doing it again in this manner seems malicious and cruel. I ask you to give everyone a seat at the table. Represent all of us fairly. Partisan gerrymandering may be legal, but it is not just. I urge you to use an independent redistricting commission that offers a transparent way to draw maps that reflect the true diversity and needs of our communities. Thank you for your time. Sincerely,
Laura Lee Boice

Dr. Pamela Sardo

Self /pharmacist

Josephine, TX

Dear Members of the Committee,

Please consider the following key reasons in *support* of redistricting:

1. Rapid Population Growth: Texas has experienced one of the fastest population increases in the country, particularly in suburban and exurban areas. Redistricting ensures representation reflects this growth and adheres to the principle of “one person, one vote.”
2. Presidential Encouragement: President Donald Trump has publicly encouraged Republican-led states to undertake redistricting. Texas has the opportunity to follow that guidance in a lawful and strategic manner.
3. National Political Trends: States like New York, Illinois, and California are redrawing maps to favor Democrats, maximizing partisan advantage. Texas is permitted by law to redraw the map to maintain balance and protect representation at the federal level.
4. Modernization and Fairness: Many of the current districts are outdated and no longer reflect today’s demographic or community realities. Updating district lines enhances electoral fairness, aligns with legal requirements, and ensures all Texans are properly represented.

Sincerely,
Pam Sardo

Thank you for your consideration and commitment to a fair and forward-looking redistricting process.

Amanda Grantham

Self

Austin, TX

Please do what is best for Texans and stop all plans for redistricting. If you want to change district lines again, have the people of Texas vote on whether or not to allow it.

Diane Christopherson
self
Austin, TX

Greg Abbott caving to President Donald Trump's "request" to redraw Texas' congressional districts is just another example of the egregious lack of care for the sanctity of the vote and reveals GOP's current cowardly leadership. A two-party system has not existed in Texas in decades. Even though Republicans in the house and senate outnumber the Democrats in Texas, GOP legislators continually disregard the rights of citizens to exercise actual vote of opposition in an already unequal system that is no longer a democracy day by day. Disrespect of and refusal to even listen to ALL Texas citizens who do not appreciate what is being dismantled at the national and state level is not leadership. It is shameful and frankly un-American. Just because there is no law against redrawing maps before the mid-term doesn't make it ethically correct. Abbott was right to initially resist the idea. Now there is a rush to accomplish what should be done thoughtfully and with updated demographic information every 10 yrs; not whenever unethical politicians feel like it. And of course another round of lawsuits will follow. It has become tiresome. What a horrid lack of morality has taken over our state and our country. Of course SCOTUS neglected their legal duty long ago by allowing Citizens United to allow corporate mega funded PACs because apparently corporations are now people, and people are just trash. Then Texas removes body autonomy from women disregarding the medical and psychological consequences of this decision in the name of religion. The culture issues that predominate Texas legislative agenda is sad enough while climate change is denied and flooding kills children the GOP claims to care so much about, immigrant children are separated from their parents and racist law enforcers round up perfectly good people (and sometimes citizens of color) and put them in swamps and freezing cages. What have we become? Is any of this in the Bible?
I don't have to agree or disagree with everyone on the planet but I sure do believe in giving people agency, dignity and in human kindness. I simply do not understand why our "leaders" cannot work collaboratively to solve critical issues that really matter and that impact the environment, our health, the education of all future generations of children, and freedom of religious expression and even books we can read. According the Christian doctrine we all will be judged and not money nor power will matter but our souls will - and it's not looking like a good outcome from here for "leaders". I'm not woke or LGBT or any of the things that seem to bother GOP folks so much; but I do see a decline of tolerance and kindness and I pray it ends before I die. PLEASE don't do this selfish unethical redrawing and have some decency. Thank you

Stephanie Macon
Self- sales
Watauga, TX

I oppose the redistricting that is a blatant attempt at gerrymandering at the request of the president. This mid-cycle map times before midterm elections is an attempt to gain seats along partisan lines and disenfranchise minority voters. The state legislature should stay with the previously determined redistricting cycle and abandon this plan.

Mariel Amador
Self - Teacher
San Antonio, TX

I strongly oppose this bill.

Patricia Zesut, Mrs
Self
Tomball, TX

I am extremely disturbed that the Legislature is reconvening specifically for the purpose of redistricting in a non-census year. The lines have already been drawn. There is absolutely no reason for this other than the President requesting it and the GOP’s inability to win those districts unless the lines are redrawn. Shame on anyone considering this anti-democratic, anti-American maneuver. How dare you try to thwart the will of your fellow Texans through this nonsense. The GOP will lose my vote forever if you go through with this.

Reed Bilz, Ms
Self
Fort Worth, TX

Residents of Tarrant County have already suffered from a power grab by our Country Judge. I am no longer represented by a commissioner who lives in my area. My interests are not the same as my gerrymandered fellow constituents. The court did not consider the hardship caused by their shameless efforts to rig the 2026 election.

I urge you to vote against HB 4 and get on with the business of leading Texas in fair and legal endeavors as you were elected to do.

Linda Bennett, Retired grandmother
Self
Houston, TX

I am a concerned Congressional District 18 constituent who votes in EVERY election. I strongly oppose any attempt to redraw Texas congressional maps in a way that consolidates political power at the expense of fair representation—especially for communities of color.
Redistricting should be a tool for democracy, not a partisan power grab. Unfortunately, what is being proposed by Republican leadership, including Donald Trump, appears to do just that: undermine the voting strength of Latino, Black, and other minority communities in Texas. These communities have fueled the state's population growth and deserve equitable representation—not to be diluted or divided for political gain.
This is not just bad policy—it's an affront to our democratic values. Voting maps should reflect the people, not entrench those already in power. Fair maps mean fair elections. Efforts to silence voters, especially those from historically marginalized communities, are unjust and will be challenged.
I urge you to reject any redistricting plan that undermines the Voting Rights Act, weakens minority representation, or prioritizes partisanship over people. Texans deserve better. Moreover, this is being done because of pressure from the White House- is that ethical? TELL GREG ABBOTT AND DONALD TRUMP NO!!

mary black, Dr.
self retired
Austin, TX

Over 5 million registered voters in Texas voted for Democrats in 2024, the second highest total in the country. It is patently unjust to gerrymander districts in order to silence those voters. If the people of Texas wanted redistricting, we would ask for it. We do NOT want redistricting because Trump asks for it, in fact we do not want it at all. Redistricting at this time is uncalled for, unnecessary, and merely pandering to Trump. It will destroy any hope of democracy that may remain for the United States. Do NOT do this.

Felecia Davis
Born Again Christians
Desoto, TX

While I am a strong advocate of the separation of Church & State, I'm compelled to speak to the sinful & blatant violations against the 10 Commandments of Gods Law. It would seem that TX Republicans have such a strong affinity to the 10 Commandments that they are placing them on the walls of our schools. So please allow me to apply God's Commandments to the actions of Legislators:
The very 1st commandment warns of exalting anyone or anything above the true and living God...(Thou shall have no other God before Me).
It's obvious that Donald Trump has become the god of TX Republican Legislators. Trump commanded them to STEAL 5 additional congressional seats representing communities of non-whites, and they are obeying. Although their obedience requires "Bearing False Witness" against under-represented communities of non-whites, they choose to satisfy Trump's "COVETousness Heart" to continue the control of the US House of Reps. The choice to obey Trump over God's commandments is a form of worship which is "Idolatry".
God's Word says that you can't serve two masters, and it is abundantly clear that Texas Republican Legislators have chosen Trump over God's Commandments.
So I'm calling on TX Republican Legislators to turn away from the idolatry of Trump and return to God's Commandments. Leave the current maps the same and do not STEAL away any more representative seats of non-white communities in Texas.
Be not deceived, whatsoever you sow....you will also reap.

Stacey Ferguson
SELF
HOCKLEY, TX

I vehemently oppose this unjust redistricting effort of cheating by the Republican party. We are living sad, dark days when WE THE PEOPLE have no trust in our elected officials. Where is the honor and basic human decency in politics today? Our democracy is falling apart every single day and with efforts like this shows we are truly lost. I pray this effort is not successful and God bless each soul involved in pushing this through.

Adam Rue
Self - engineer
San Antonio, TX

I’m writing to express my strong opposition to any redistricting plan that reduces the power of Texas voters through gerrymandering. Every community, regardless of race, background, or political belief, deserves fair and equal representation. Redistricting should reflect the will of the people, not be used to secure political advantage.

I urge you to support a transparent and nonpartisan process that ensures every vote counts. Democracy only works when it is fair.

Jon Stancik
Self
Tomball, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Sarah Kinard
Self
Helotes, TX

I absolutely oppose the redistricting. This bill does not equally represent the people of Texas.

Jose Sosa
Self
Cedar Park, TX

Texas trying to gain Republican seats by Redistricting mid-decade is a plain and simple cheating grab. One day when Republicans don’t control the Texas legislature, this bill will come back to haunt all Republicans! Dont pass it!

Jorge Casillas
Self
El Paso, TX

To the Esteemed Members of the Congressional Committee,

I am writing to you today as a deeply concerned constituent from El Paso, Texas, regarding the proposed redistricting plan outlined in recent reports. I strongly oppose the proposal to carve out parts of El Paso and merge them into the San Antonio district.

El Paso is a vibrant and significant city, fully capable of sustaining its own distinct congressional representation. Our city's unique identity, challenges, and needs are fundamentally different from those of San Antonio, a city located over 500 miles away. Representing a geographically fragmented district spanning such a large distance would inevitably lead to inadequate representation for El Pasoans, as our representative would struggle to maintain a meaningful presence in both areas.

Furthermore, this proposed redistricting feels unconstitutional and premature, occurring five years ahead of the scheduled process. If any changes are to be considered, El Paso should be expanding its district to encompass neighboring areas such as El Paso County and Hudspeth County, which share closer community ties and regional interests with our city.

I urge the committee to reconsider this proposal and uphold the principle of fair and effective representation for all Texans. El Paso deserves to maintain its integrity as a distinct and cohesive congressional district.

Sincerely,

A Concerned Constituent of El Paso

Marie Miglin
self, retired
Austin, TX

HB4 comments, 7.30.2025

Chair and committee members,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments regarding HB4.

By shielding themselves from electoral consequences, elected Republicans aren't just redrawing maps; they're redrawing the very rules of democratic engagement. The result? A political landscape where dissent is punished, opposition is sidelined, and party loyalty is paramount. If that sounds familiar, it's because it echoes the centralized control strategies of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP).

Texas Republicans seem to admire the efficiency of the CCP in consolidating power and silencing critics. This isn't traditional conservatism. It's an authoritarian impulse to dominate indefinitely.

Texans deserve better than leaders who govern for themselves. This isn't just about redistricting, it's about resisting the slow transformation of Texas into a place where democracy becomes lip service instead of practiced principle.

I oppose this out of cycle redistricting and the resulting HB4, which is being dictated from outside of Texas and blindly implemented by elected Republicans here. Instead, I urge this redistricting committee to take this opportunity to implement a more fair and rational redistricting policy, by putting forward a joint resolution for a ballot referendum to establish an independent, non-partisan commission to be responsible for future redistricting.

We need more competitive districts, NOT more NON-competitive districts. This out of cycle redistricting push will take us further in the WRONG direction.

District boundaries should be drawn compact and contiguous. Many of our districts are not. The configuration of those that are not undermine the principles of fair representation. They defy logical and geographic coherence and they compromise the integrity of democratic processes. Enough already.

Sherry Lewis
Self, retired professor
El Paso, TX

The idea that an area of voters living in Far West Texas be represented by the same leader as San Antonio need to get a good map and observe the distance of the cities apart from one another. Ridiculous. Leave West Texas alone, and let San Antonio represent itself. El rPaso tends to vote Democrat, in keeping with our philosophy, so let it be.

Marsha Kamish
Myself
Katy, TX

I deserve my right to representation in Congress. You can try to steal it but that action will never be forgotten.

James talbot
self, artist
austin, TX

As a longtime Texas resident, I am angry at this blatant, anti-democratic power grab. It's unfair and against what our founding fathers intended.

Cindy Thomas, Mrs
Self
Houston, TX

This is BS. It’s not time to redraw the lines. This is an obvious power grab, but what it boils down to is racial gerrymandering- which is illegal!

Chris Powe
Self-retired
Grand Prairie, TX

I find it deeply disturbing that whenever there appears to be a chance that the GOP might have to relinquish a bit of power, it doubles down to tighten the stranglehold on good governance this state lost some time ago. Leave the already-unfair districts the way they are - play by the rules.

Tiara Derrick, Dr
Self
Rosharon, TX

I strongly oppose the newly proposed Texas redistricting map, which appears to violate both the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and the U.S. Constitution’s Equal Protection Clause. The map intentionally dilutes the voting strength of communities of color, particularly Black and Latino voters, even though these groups account for the majority of the state’s recent population growth. This constitutes racial gerrymandering and undermines the principle of one person, one vote.

By failing to create additional majority minority districts where legally required, the map disregards Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act, which prohibits voting practices that result in discrimination based on race or ethnicity. The process also lacks transparency and public accountability, raising serious concerns about the integrity of our democratic institutions.

I urge the legislature and the courts to reject this map and support a fair, nonpartisan redistricting process that protects the legal and constitutional rights of all Texans.

Stephanie Legarreta
My family
EL Paso, TX

Please, Do not redistrict our city!

Kathy Schneider
self. Precinct chair/Dallas County precinct 2057
Dallas, TX

My name is Kathy Schneider and I live in CD24, TX12, HD108. I grew up in Austin without grandparents because a tyrant decided that they were illegitimate humans. My grandparents' rights were taken away. They lost their rights to make a living, to worship, to vote, to live in their home and eventually, they lost their right to live. Yes, this sounds extreme..... it is. I am disgusted that after almost 100 years, this extremism is coming to the US I have been born and raised in. Voting rights are being denied and humans are being illegitimized. Humans have a right to asylum as spelled out in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Recently, I became a German citizen. Ironic, isn't it? What would my German Jewish grandparents say about that? You may not care because you are doing the bidding for a hateful dictator just like the one who took away my grandparents' right to live.

Curtis and Jane Hoffman
Self
Dallas, TX

There are many Texans who are independents and Democrats who deserve to have their voices matter, their votes matter, and to know that our leadership cares as much about us as they do about their own followers. Everyone thinks that their ideas, values, needs should be addressed and win the day, but in a democracy we work together across party and other lines to find the best solutions for the most people. Stifling a large segment of voices in Texas to please and secure GOP leadership and dominance is not what makes our country unique and great. What made us great was when there was a true two party system with give and take, compromise, cooperation. Please let us have our voices, too. We have lost so much this year. Please give us an opportunity to be heard. Do not wiggle the lines so only one party can win most of this state where so many of us who will not be represented at all. Thank you.

Pamela E. Ice
Self, freelance writer, retired college professor
Dallas, TX

My name is Pamela E. Ice. I am a retired educator and I live in the North Oak Cliff neighborhood of Dallas in the already gerrymandered 33rd US Congressional District. I have come here to object to the mid-decade plan to redraw and further Gerrymander our congressional districts.
This redistricting is being entertained at the behest of Donald J. Trump who is searching for Five additional congressional seats to shore up the Republicans' narrow margin in the House. Governor Greg Abbott bowed to Trump's request to add redistricting to the special session agenda which should be focused on the Hill Country flooding, restoration, and future warning systems.
I implore this Congressional Redistricting Committee to decline to undertake this proposed Redistricting.
Sincerely,
Pamela E. Ice
2442 Alco Avenue
Dallas TX 75211-2613

Antonio Holguin
Self
El paso, TX

Leave the VA alone!

Katerina Cisneros
Self
Brookshire, TX

I strongly oppose the proposed redistricting plan. Redistricting should reflect the true demographics and interests of Texas communities, not serve partisan or discriminatory goals. The current proposal appears to dilute the voting power of minority communities and undermines fair representation. This is not only unjust, but it also erodes public trust in our democratic institutions. I urge the Senate to reject any maps that do not uphold the principles of equity, transparency, and accountability. Texans deserve fair maps that truly represent all of us-not just a select few.

Jessica Bundage
Self, Project Manager
Houston, TX

I strongly oppose the redrawing of Texas' congressional maps. There is no justification for this to be done now, more than 5 years after the 2020 census. Congressional maps in Texas are already gerrymandered enough to favor Republicans. If Republicans are truly confident in their ability to win elections and believe that their policies are the best policies for Texans, then they shouldn't feel the need to resort to such an obvious power grab. They should be able to win elctions with fairly drawn congressional maps on the strength of their positions and not through cheating.

Carolyn Brown
Self
Austin, TX

The proposed redistricting makes absolutely no sense. It is clear what is happening and I'm so disgusted. My one neighborhood in Austin would be broken into three groups. One group would be with people from Odessa, one group with people near the Louisiana border and I would be with people 2.5 hours away from me in Hillsboro TX. It is so transparent what is trying to be accomplished and it is NOT listening to the voters in TX- it is manipulating them. Get it together, y'all!

Jennifer Kryska, Ms.
Self
Austin, TX

I oppose the redistricting of Texas. This will simply not be representative of the citizens of Texas. Not to mention the government overreach. This is not the path to making Texas a better state. All Texans votes should carry equal weight.

John Ficenec
Self / Photographer
Austin, TX

This is wholly undemocratic and thwarts the will of the people in districts like mine. Shame on a GOP that puts Party over Country. Your great-grandchildren will remember you protected a President who hung around individuals that engaged in pedophilia and sex trafficking.

Andrew Atlas
Self
Austin, TX

I am vehemently opposed to HB 4, which violates the democratic rights of the people of Texas. Currently, our congressional delegation is 66% (25/38) Republican despite the fact that Texas is approximately 55% Republican statewide. Based on statewide voting patterns, we should have only 21 Republican congressmen, yet this plan would create 30 (79%) Republican districts, which is a grotesque manipulation intended to serve the desires of one man: Donald Trump. Please respect the will of the people by doing the right thing, which means saying no to this arbitrary redrawing of our Congressional map.

Barbara Martin
Self
Austin, TX

The proposed redistricting map is totally out of line with the people of Texas. The maps are drawn to explicitly make Democratic districts Republican. This is unfair, unethical and unnecessary. The districts are only being gerrymandered for political gain and to get Republicans elected. There is no constitutional concern. Our elected officials should be elected by consensus, not by gerrymandered maps which disenfranchises voters. Why is it not possible to draw fair maps for both parties? Are you so afraid Republicans cannot win on their own merit? Texas is still in recovery from the flood and trying to find their dead. This mid-decade redistricting should not be on the agenda right now. It is obvious to all the people that conducting redistricting right now is The Republican's effort at Trump's behest to cheat in elections and to disenfranchising voters.

Doug Farrell
Self
Austin, TX

I am writing against HB4 to redistrict the state of Texas. Partisan districting is wrong. It's wrong when New York does it, it's wrong when California does it, and it's wrong when Texas does it. Congressional representatives should be chosen to reflect the values and ideals of the people they represent even if you don't agree with those values. I certainly don't always agree with republican policies but I respect their ability to elect a proportionate number of politicians to voice them. Politicians changing district lines to engineer an outcome is absolutely abhorent - it disenfranchises voters and silences ideas.

Some of the greatest progress made by America has been through compromise, through listening to alternate ideas and working together to find solutions to our common problems. A mid-cycle redistricting to gerrymander 5 new Republican seats because the president told you to flies in the face of everything this House has been elected to do.

I was born and raised a Texan and I frankly have never been this embarrassed to bear that name. I hope this committee finds the courage to stop this redistricting, and maintain a (more) fair representation of the different people of the great state of Texas.

Thank you.

Raven Bonet
Self
El paso, TX

Gerrymandering should be illegal! Fort Bliss occupants many of them live and use El Paso’s resources, they are part of our district! This is a tactic to help the republican agenda!

Cecily Sailer, Ms.
Self, self-employed
Austin, TX

It is outrageous that the Republican leaders of this state, just weeks after the devastating floods in Central Texas, are prioritizing redistricting, which was already done five years ago, and which Republicans have been doing aggressively and unfairly for decades to disadvantage more progressive and minority voters. Our president is currently demolishing our democracy and Republican leaders are happy to do his bidding, shouting HOW HIGH when this man says JUMP. Republican leadership in this state has led to greater maternal mortality rates, destruction of Texas lands so corporations can make money off Texans and the beautiful spaces they love. Energy prices are rising, home prices are rising, we are facing increasing natural disasters right and left, and Republicans just want to gather more power. That's all this party is about -- stripping rights away from the people they serve, hoarding power, bullying trans people, making sure women die of miscarriage, and now bending over backwards, selling out the people of this state for a president who is hellbent on enriching himself while the rest of us scramble around for pennies. I love this state and have lived here my whole life. I love the culture, the land, the friendliness of the people. But the politics of this state are a source of tremendous shame. I wish Republicans had an ounce of shame themselves. Otherwise, we might have a viable future for our grandchildren.
Please find whatever scrap of morality you have left and drop this insane crusade. Let us keep our districts and turn your attention to more urgent matters for the good of Texas. That is your actual responsibility as elected officials.

Catherine Ballard
self
Cedar Park, TX

I am strongly opposed to the redistricting effort. It is unfair, uncalled for, and simply undemocratic. This effort is not about ensuring all registered voters in Texas have equal representation when casting their vote but to increase a certain group's representation. I am proud and grateful to live in the United States which has a system of checks and balances to ensure laws and rights are applied equally and enables us to have the democracy that so many have fought and died for. The more these checks and balances are degraded the closer we are to the losing the democratic principles this country is founded on.

Stephanie Williams
Black Voters Matter
Forney, TX

Good afternoon. My name is Stephanie Williams. I am a mother and grandmother, an activist, an organizer, and a former local elected official. I know firsthand how policy and representation determine the quality of life and resources available to families — especially those living in underserved urban and rural communities. Losing representatives of color doesn't just harm us now; it robs my children and their children of the ability to see fairness, equity, and equality reflected in leadership.

I stand here because when our rights are under attack — we fight back.

Right now, Texans are still recovering from devastating floods and other crises, yet instead of responding to these urgent needs, state leadership has called a special session to redraw congressional maps — maps already challenged for racial discrimination. This is not about fairness. It is about silencing Black and Brown voters, stripping our communities of power, and protecting political interests at all costs.

Texas already has one of the worst racially discriminatory gerrymanders in the nation. We should be repairing that injustice — not doubling down on it. Redistricting must be about people, not politics. Every Texan deserves fair representation, no matter their race, zip code, or income.

But we won't be silent. Black voters are the backbone of democracy. We've carried this country through every era of progress — and we're not backing down now.

We won't accept maps that carve us out and lock us out of the decisions and resources we've earned and deserve. We are organizing, educating, and mobilizing because the stakes are too high for our children and future generations.

It's time to take a stand and defend Texas from political overreach and attacks on our communities. We don't need maps drawn in fear. We need leaders rooted in justice.

We got power. We won't Black down. We fight back.

Thank you.

Leah Kaminsky
Self
Austin, TX

This gerrymandering is blatantly undemocratic. Imagine what would happen if the shoe was on the other foot for the opposite party. I know it never will be in TX -- but in your heart of hearts, do you actually consider this just? Fair? In keeping with the spirit of the founding fathers?

Grace Kuperman
self
Sugar Land, TX

Once again, Texas Republicans choose power and greed over their own people. Instead of working with POTUS to ensure your constituents don't lose their health care, food and housing assistance, disaster aid, and quality public education, you place your efforts in turning away from what is right—what government is meant to be for its citizens.

You defile what it means to be a modern conservative, abandoning any sense of integrity or service. People will lose their lives over your complete absence of common-sense priority setting. You grovel at the hands of our president, obeying his orders like a dog on a leash. You play games with policy, with people's livelihoods, and now—you know you cannot win.

This state is turning blue, and there is nothing you can do to stop the swell you know is coming. You may delay it, suppress it, redraw lines, and spin lies—but it is coming.

I'll go to sleep tonight knowing your heel to POTUS' call for redistricting out five Democrats—rather than doing what is best for Texas—will forever be a stain on your career and legacy. As a citizen. As an elected official. As a Texan. And as an American.

If you want a dictatorship so badly, go live in North Korea.

And while you're at it, be a gem and keep your white nationalist, corporate oligarchy out of our state. You are an unforgivable waste of American tax dollars—a parasite feeding off the very people you claim to represent.

Fernando Tafoya
self
El Paso, TX

A disruption of the ten year rule regarding redistricting will usher in consequences that will haunt our democracy for decades. The change proposed is not in the interest of Texans who agreed on districts already. An unreasonable change in the ten year rule, raises suspicion and presents to the public a question of whether we live in a democracy with rules one can rely on or are we now in an era where established rules can be ignored at the whim of any politician who has power at the time. The end result of this change is generating an era of turbulence where any party can ram through changes that the party believes are in their interest even though the accepted rule does not permit such an act. What follows this kind of policy? Battling interests every legislative session who do not need to concern themselves with any rules so the trend will be to advocate only for those issues that are in the interest of the party in power. Another party, like the Democrats can return the favor in a year or two and do what is being proposed by the Republican majority. The end result is electoral chaos, social unrest and a belief that our democracy is only a myth and the story can be changed on a whim. How would this bill's intent be explained to young persons interested in public service? Will the lesson be think only of yourself and use the system to empower yourself at the expense of the public good? On behalf of stability, precedent and the public good, this bill should be voted down.

Lori Wolter
Self
Austin, TX

I am absolutely opposed to the redistricting efforts by the Texas legislature. It is highly inappropriate for the president to dictate what the state of Texas should do. This effort is a clear attempt at voter manipulation. Please don't allow this to go forward.

Al Ludwick, Mr
Retired Pharmacist
Granbury, TX

Re drawing maps at this time is so absolutely obvious of a MAGA power grab. Say 'NO' to this or be forever known that TEXAS is as corrupt as the Trump administration. We are better than this. We, as Texan, are leaders, not followers of a corrupt Washington, DC. As a proud Texan, I'm begging you to please not soil Texas and not sell out to this Administration.

Sarah Gerson
Self
Austin, TX

This mid-decade redistricting is not normal. It’s a calculated, anti-democratic power grab. Why do you even run and hold office if you have no interest in presenting the will of your constituents? This is dishonest and the actions of fearful losers.

David Olivares
self/unemployed
San Antonio, TX

I am voicing my opposition to HB 4, a bill that is a second redrawing of the congressional maps the State of Texas uses to elect and send members of United States House of Representatives. Timing is everything and HB 4 came at a time that was rushed through, after the catastrophic flooding in Kerrville, Texas. That the redrawing of congressional maps is being brought up as a priority instead of relief for our own fellow Texans is quite frankly, tacky and gross. HB 4 is a slap in the face of this state and there is no reason to act like this is a priority, whatsoever.

Fred Herrera
Self
El Paso, TX

No to redistricting, to losing the airport, Fort Bliss, and the planned VA facility
No to losing our rights, voting freedoms and state and local constitutional rights. No to losing local representation for representation that is hundreds of miles away.

Joanie Steinhaus
self
Galveston, TX

Redistricting map. As you work your way through the process of creating a district map for the state of Texas, please ensure the map represents the people of the state and not a political party. Not only white people, but Hispanics, Asians, Afro-Americans, Native Original Americans and people of mixed race. The people of the state do not wish you to push your will upon them, but ask you to ensure their voices are heard and they have the ability to elect a candidate that represents them, their beliefs and backgrounds. Thank you.

Lucy Caire
Self
Houston, TX

We should be focusing on helping victims of the Hill country, floods, disaster, preparedness, flood, warning, equipment, and counties, where there is potential flooding. We do not need to waste time on redistricting when it was already already done in 2021. This is unfair and perhaps unlawful.

Farra Roessner
Self-employed business owner
Austin, TX

STOP with the redistricting plan. This is a big state, with a large population and yes DIVERSE lifestyles, occupations, needs and interests. By orchestrating this POWER GRAB you will be creating a complete bias so that only one agenda can be in place. That of Donald Trump. His concepts for this country are not necessarily legal, protective, healthy, morale or in the best interest of the PEOPLE. All the people. What is the matter with the Republican Party? Can you not represent your constituents according to constitutional principles? Can you not convince the people that what the party proposes is beneficial? Why do you have to do everything through force and chicanery? If a party cannot be forthright, it is because they are scheming to implement untoward and undemocratic demands upon the people. And clearly take away rights and freedoms that this country was founded on. Who are you people and what is it that you want?

Marty Harston
Self
Amarillo, TX

As a long-time registered voter who votes in local, state and federal elections I see no justifiable reason for the proposed redistricting. Texas is better than this, Texas should stand for all its citizens without the need to skew elections.

Earl Crane, PhD
self
The Hills, TX

I am writing to express my strong and unequivocal opposition to House Bill 4 (HB4), authored by Rep. Todd Hunter. This bill represents yet another blatant attempt to manipulate our electoral maps for partisan gain, undermining the principles of fair representation, democratic accountability, and the voting rights of Texans—particularly communities of color.

HB4 is not about ensuring fair or legal redistricting. It's a transparent power grab designed to entrench political control and silence growing, diverse populations across the state. Instead of respecting demographic realities and public input, this bill accelerates gerrymandering that fractures communities, dilutes minority voting strength, and reduces electoral competition.

Texans deserve districts drawn transparently, inclusively, and in compliance with the Voting Rights Act—not rushed, backroom efforts that rig the game for incumbents. This bill continues a shameful legacy of discriminatory redistricting in Texas, already challenged in court and criticized by federal judges in the past.

I urge lawmakers to reject HB4 in the strongest possible terms. Pass meaningful reforms to create an independent redistricting commission, restore public trust in the process, and ensure that voters choose their leaders—not the other way around.

Democracy in Texas deserves better than HB4. I stand with the many Texans demanding fair maps, equal representation, and a redistricting process we can all believe in.

Will Clark
Self
austin, TX

I do not support this obvious attempt to disenfranchise Rep Doggett's current district. I 100% support Rep. Doggett and his views and opinions.

Melitta Berger
Self, funding director
Austin, TX

Redistricting mid-decade is not necessary at this time. Please use your limited capacity to focus on more important life or death matters, such as flooding response, and the dire needs for affordable housing.

Savannah Larimore
Self
Austin, TX

I am an Austin resident writing to oppose HB 4 which plans to redraw the districts and significantly impact federal representation among my community. This bill intends to suppress voters in the Austin metro area and sets a dangerous precedent ahead of midterm elections. Already, Governors across the country including large Democratic strongholds like Illinois and California, have proposed similar bills should this one in Texas pass. Is this what our democracy has come to? A dash to redraw districts ahead of every election to favor the current presidential power? What is the long game here? This bill is dangerous and near sighted. I urge each and every one of you to consider the immediate and long term consequences of your actions on this bill. You have a chance here to do what is right for our state and our country, I hope you will meet the moment and vote "no" on this bill.

Tom Thornton
Self
United States of America, TX

The Texas Republican Party has completely subverted itself to Donald Trump. We have zero local control. Representatives and Senators are under threat of being primaried or lose their spot. They are willing lapdogs with zero original thought. There's next to no actual discourse within the Texan political caucus. Just obedience. I don't know why you guys got into politics in the first place, but it was apparently so you could fulfill your lifelong dream to be a bunch of cucks. I'm embarrassed for you.

Delwin Goss
Montopolis Community Alliance
Austin, TX

You can do this. I have no faith in a MAGA owned Texas Governor and Legislature, but don't whine when Blue States do the same thing. It's no longer about the Common good but strictly about your parties corruption, lies, treason, rape, sexplotation of minors and all. Basically a Fake Christian version of the Taliban.

Rowena Dasch
self, executive director
Austin, TX

I am disgusted by this mid-decade redistricting of Texas. There isn't even the slightest effort to make this look legitimate. If the shoe were on the other foot, the Republican Party would be crying bloody hell about this. The number of norms that have now been overturned over the past six months, and indeed over the past number of years, is appalling. I fear we are very close to voiding the civic contract and descending to chaos. There will be backlash over this as over so many of the issues that are in front of us right now. But for a society to function, you need stability, and the political whiplash needs to end. If the Republican majority passes this redistricting map, on what grounds would you stand to object if the Democratic Party were to find themselves in the position to return the favor? This must not happen.

Bruce Harris
Self - Consultant
Dallas, TX

Redistricting based solely on the demand by Trump shows me you are NOT doing your job in the best interests of Texas. This flies in the face of GOP's so-called 'less federal interference, more state independence'. Your wholesale willingness to violate our district makeup solely for your own power grab is despicable. Your efforts will be met by being voted out of office.
Is your moral conscience that misguided? I hope you can live with yourself if you vote for this most undemocratic action.
Obviously, this is more important than flood control
and other critical needs of the state.

Plus, your complicity with taking instructions from a pedophile and convicted rapist tells
me your moral fiber is tenuous at best.

Show some cajones and personal integrity by voting against this redistricting fiasco.

Sandra Colston
Self
Plano, TX

For years, Texas has fought to remain as independent of national politics as possible, sometime to the detriment of Texan citizens (flood warning systems along the Guadeloupe eg). Now, all of a sudden, the white house calls and Texas Republicans jump. Redistricting, or gerrymandering as it is rightfully called, mid census, not to insure the voting rights of Texas citizens, but to gain more republican congressional seats for the facist, felon, pedophile in DC, is out and out cheating. I am asking you to be the strong, independent and honorable people God made you, and vote for fairness, independence and the good of your constituents, by voting NO for HB4.

Jenna Napier
Myself and family
Denton, TX

Texans do not want new maps drawn until they are due in 2031. At that point if they are to be redrawn, they should be done by Texans and the public should be able to give input, rather than coming from an out of state source. If Republicans want to stay “in power” they should try implementing and voting for policies that are good for us and that we want, rather than cheating after pushing through unpopular and harmful policies.

Anne Russey
Self
Katy, TX

I strongly oppose redistricting proposals laid out in HB 4. I urge our representatives to do the same. Politicians should not have to cheat to win. Let your policies speak for themselves and persuade voters. Please stop playing political games, bowing to Donald Trump, and focus on serving the constituents - ALL constituents- of this state. Thank you.

Kristi Michener, Mrs.
Self--Retired Educator
Austin, TX

I am deeply saddened that our state is considering this Congressional re-districting scheme. It seems especially grim as we are currently living in the wake of the loss of so many lives in the horrible flooding tragedies that have just occurred. When a special session of the Texas Legislature is called at a time when we should be considering how best to protect innocent lives, prevent and properly manage terrible disasters, it is tragic that we are instead focusing full attention on a deliberate move to disempower citizens of Texas—especially those of color—from having a representative voice in our government!
A close look at the proposed Texas House map shows intentional targeting and dismantling of currently strong performing districts of color with historical significance. It ignores that several of the targeted districts were put in place by the courts to reckon for past discrimination by the state.
Consequently, the Texas House map proposal represents an extreme power grab at the expense of communities of color, layered on top of an already heavily gerrymandered map from 2021; and it tries to disguise racial gerrymandering under the guise of partisan gerrymandering.
In addition, since there is already pending litigation regarding the legality of the current maps, this makes a new level of redistricting both improper and illegal.

Charlene Shafer
self
Cypress, TX

My name is Charlene Shafer. I live in Cypress, Congressional District 38. One of the two new majority white districts created during the 2021 redistricting despite the census data showing the population growth was primarily people of color. The census reports whites are 45% of the population but control 60% of the congressional districts. It should be no surprise that the current maps are still being reviewed by a federal court. The new maps would gerrymander the representation to be 79% white with only 21% representation for people of color. Districts where people can elect their candidate of choice would decrease from 13 to 8. Texas has intentionally discriminated against voters of color for the past 50 years. This bogus redistricting attempt piles discrimination on top of discrimination.
Instead of focusing on the problems of Texas, Greg Abbott & Donald Trump have decided it's time to redistrict Texas in an attempt to maintain & increase power for an incompetent administration. If the Trump administration were not passing highly unpopular policies that

- take away health care & SNAP benefits from thousands of Americans
- give billionaires tax breaks
- cause food housing & health care costs to balloon
- spend more money on ICE than many countries spend on their army
- kidnap citizens, legal immigrants & hard working, law abiding undocumented immigrants from our streets without legal recourse

To mention only a few unpopular policies, there would be no need to redistrict to steal & cheat to win the next election.
What has happened to the Texas spirit of Independence? Where are the people who demand 'state's rights'. Greg Abbott & the Texas legislature should not bow down & kiss the ring of this unpopular, felonious president. This is another blatant attempt to silence more voters especially people of color.
Texas must solve our state's problems rather than silencing the voters of Texas to satisfy Washington DC. The current litigation should be settled before any redistricting takes place. The legislature needs to refuse to conduct redistricting mid-decade & concentrate on issues that matter to Texans.

Edith Sorenson
Self, professional
Houston, TX

I urge the committee to reject this mid-decade redistricting proposal, wait until the proper time, and then make any needed changes with districts drawn to provide all Texans with fair representation. This is a dismal exercise: the map will inevitably be challenged in court. Wait until the proper time and perhaps for the first time since the Voting Rights Act Texans will have a map that isn't found to violate the Voting Rights Act. Moreover, if is true that this unprecedented mid-decade redistricting is to serve demands of the Trump administrations demands rather than the need of Texans, that is shameful! Reject this proposal!

Courtney Milligan
Self
Rosenberg, TX

Stop the gerrymandering. Stop cheating to win. Stop ignoring the voices of the people you are supposed to represent.
Start paying attention. Start calling sessions to vote on things that help the people here, like disaster relief.

Dwayne Cummings
Community Self and Family
Fort Worth, TX

We are intentionally observing the Public servants on this legislation.

alan friedman, Prof. Emeritus
self
AUSTIN, TX

This gerrymandering is a naked power-grab that serves only the narrowest political motive. Redistricting should occur only after a new census every 10 years and be administered by a bi-partisan commission that serves the interests of the state's constituents, not those who happen to have power at any given moment.

N Miles
Self, IT
Elgin, TX

Shame on you. This is not the way to get what you want. You all know that this is wrong - you are doing evil. Do the tight thing and draw reasonable districts. Grow up, this isnt a board game, this is real life.

Jill Elliott
Self : entrepreneur
Austin, TX

This attempt to redraw district lines is an unlawful, unethical and short-sighted power grab by Republicans more interested in retaining power for the FEW than representing the voices of the MANY people that live in Texas. It is appalling to see our state bend to the whims of our current President, to try to pad future elections, because Republicans are concerned with the backlash of their current policies and actions and how that will affect them in the polls. Instead of cheating and rigging the system, Republicans should face the voters they represent and truly understand our needs to represent us fairly.

This gerrymandering will unfairly target people of color and low income populations of Texas, further marginalizing voices Republicans wish could be silenced, who deserve a voice and vote in how our state and nation is run.

Do better.
Fight fair.
Do your jobs and represent the needs of ALL Texans in government.
Instead of lying, cheating, rigging elections, and working to keep yourselves in power for the betterment of you and the 1% you wish you represented.

Thomas Sanders, Mr.
Self
Sumner, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Dawn Scheffer
self
Krum, TX

As a lifelong Texas voter, I believe redistricting driven by Washington undermines democracy by favoring partisan interests over fair representation. Mid-decade map changes set a troubling precedent, risks silencing communities—especially in South Texas—and erodes voter trust. Redistricting should reflect the will of Texans, not serve the agenda of any one party. Please vote against any map changes.

christopher coleman
Self
Plano, TX

This is all part and parcel of the Republican effort to grab further power at the expense of the public's interests. The effort is not about fairness in what it's trying to achieve nor in how it's being achieved. It's solely for the self interest of the Republican Party. It is not to fairly represent the public, a principle upon which our government was founded. It is naked aggression upon our representative democracy. It is un-American. It is un-Texan. It is wrong, very wrong.

I strongly urge this committee to reject any maps as part of this redistricting effort. They do not reflect Texas's preferences for Congressional representation.

Sylvia Vega
Self
Converse, TX

Redistricting is solely for the purpose of suppressing and/or unfairly setting barriers for citizens to vote. Every American 18 years or older should have a right to vote without any barrier tangible or intangible!!!

Sarah Bruni
self-self-employed and mother
Dallas, TX

This is not how a Democracy works. We are tired of the Texas Republicans stealing seats and gerrymandering.

Haar Miller, Mr.
Self
Austin, TX

This is a shameful, corrupt attempt based entirely on the whims of federal officials to engineer preferred outcomes. This will increase division in our state, further erode electoral norms, and is wildly irresponsible. Gerrymandering has a long history in the United States, and it started in New England. It is a mechanism of political nepotism and elitism that responsible, reasonanle citizens abhor and detest. This committee should focus on fair redistricting based on relflecting and uplifting the communities that exist and are desperate for authentic representation. Anyone who votes on these vortex districts, built entirely around voter patterns and not political, geographical, cultural, or human development is willfully complicit in the destruction of our institutions and unfit for office. Are these maps created by A.I. agents? Is this the future you want for your neighbors and families? Please stand up and fight for texans civic rights, and separate us decisively from the national efforts to divide us further. A republic only works if representatives are prudent, and wise in their decisions of public trust. Please deliver us from this madness and continue our tradition of independence and exceptionalism among the states.

Gloria Hunt
Self
Austin, TX

Totally unnecessary. Totally ignores logical community based districts. Exacerbates the current big political divide. Shameful.

Jamie Gardner
Self
Austin, TX

Good morning,

My name is Jamie Gardner and I’m a constituent from Austin, 78751.

I'm calling to urge the committee to oppose HB 4 and the mid-decade redistricting called by the Governor. It makes no sense to spend any time on further partisan gerrymandering when we should be 100% focused on disaster prevention and relief. It's the least we owe to the 135 souls lost to the floods and the lack of a warning system. It is unconscionable to put political positioning over this work and their loss.

Further, what would an abuse of your power look like, if not changing the rules to benefit only your side? We are Americans and we are better than this. We should stand for every American having a voice in their government. Please do everything in your power to stop this shameful dilution of representation from our few minority-majority districts -- clearly targeted on this basis.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Michael Hebert
Myself
Austin, TX

I am writing to you today with a deep sense of frustration and disappointment regarding H.B. 4 and the broader issue of gerrymandering. This is not a technical disagreement; this is a fundamental betrayal of the democratic principles our state and nation were founded upon.

Gerrymandering is a deliberate act of rigging the system. It manipulates district lines not to serve the people, but to serve a political agenda, effectively devaluing the votes of countless Texans. This process robs citizens of their voice and their power, turning our elections into a predetermined exercise rather than a genuine expression of the will of the people.

I urge you, in the strongest possible terms, to reconsider this approach. We deserve a transparent and fair redistricting process that empowers all Texans, not one that disenfranchises us. Do not approve a system that puts politics over the people.

Erica Matlock, Esq
Self
Austin, TX

Texas Republicans are rushing this bill through because they know it's unpopular and it's likely illegal. Ken Paxton has sworn in Court that these maps are legally drawn and race-neutral; so what basis does Greg Abbott have for redrawing them when no new data has been presented and when the maps have been upheld in court? Who is lying? Republicans also told Texans and the world on Monday that no map had been drawn. So how did the map appear on Wednesday? Who drew it? What data was it based on? And who directed its creation? Who all saw it before it was released to the public? When was it given to members of the House and senate? Why are you only allowing public comment for one day after the public release of the map? Texans deserve answers; instead we're given secrecy. Flood relief was supposed to be the focus of the special session, under auspices of Greg Abbott. But Republicans have had seven (7) hearings about redistricting. Where is flood relief? The reality is that Article 3 of the Texas Constitution, under Sec. 49-d-3 has provided for a special fund for water projects which specifically mentions flood control. That section of the Constitution was added in 1985, before I was even born. In the Kerr County Commissioners Meeting on August 28, 2017, Commissioner Moser said Kerr County did not need additional funding for flood damage, because they had six million dollars in reserve/surplus funding and any money paid out would be reimbursed by FEMA (check the transcripts). According to CBS, Texas has at least $23 BILLION in surplus funding and more than $28 BILLION in its rainy-day fund. I urge Democrats to break quorum if your Republican colleagues refuse to do their jobs. They have let someone else draw a map they haven't seen or researched for more than 72 hours. And they want us to trust it, but they can't or won't tell us who has drawn it, why, and what data they used. There are more than 30 million Texans and they're only allowing public testimony for several hours on one week day, during business hours in the work week, in one city. If the Republicans truly cared about flood funding, they could have put up for a vote at any time during the regular session or this special session to use the rainy day or surplus funds without crafting new legislation. They're disingenuous about why this special session was called, and Greg Abbott is playing politics with the deaths of little girls in order to sell Texans down the river in service of Donald Trump. He and republicans are also trying to outlaw THC but paying no attention to the addictive and deadly kratom drinks that are being sold to kids at gas stations because the truth is they can't be bothered to learn what kratom is. They have no idea what the real problems are that Texans are facing because all they do is take lobby money and parrot their talking points. A sweetgig, if you can get it. But the rest of us have to work for a living. Which is why there aren't more people at the Capitol today.

Destiny Villarreal
Self
San Antonio, TX

Public Comment on HB?4: Mid-Decade Redistricting in Texas

My name is Destiny and I am submitting this comment to strongly oppose HB?4, the bill introduced in the Texas Legislature's Special Session to redraw U.S. House of Representatives maps mid-decade, effective for the 2026 election cycle.
HB?4 represents an unprecedented and deeply concerning departure from the standard democratic process. Redistricting is intended to occur once per decade based on census data, a process Texas already completed in 2021 following the 2020 census. This mid-cycle redistricting, initiated just four years later, raises serious questions about the integrity and intent of this effort. The timing and scope make it clear that HB?4 is not about fair representation but about political gain.
The draft map unveiled on July?30,?2025 is designed to potentially flip up to five Democratic-held seats, which would shift Texas's congressional delegation from 25 Republican seats to 30 out of 38. This would fundamentally alter the balance of representation in our state without any new census data to justify such sweeping changes.

Critics, including civil rights organizations, voting rights experts, and community leaders across Texas, have correctly identified HB?4 as a textbook case of partisan gerrymandering. The proposed maps target minority-heavy and Democratic-leaning communities, particularly in Houston, Austin, Dallas, and South Texas—areas that are home to large Black and Latino populations. If enacted, HB?4 threatens to significantly dilute these communities' voting power and undermine decades of progress under the Voting Rights Act.

Supporters of HB?4 argue it is a legal response to Department of Justice concerns over race-based districting, but this justification rings hollow. The proposed changes do not protect minority representation; they fracture and diminish it. Gerrymandering communities of color under the guise of compliance is still a violation of the Voting Rights Act and of the fundamental principle that every Texan's vote should carry equal weight.
The process surrounding HB?4 has only deepened public distrust. The special session, which began July?21 and runs through August?19, has been marked by rushed hearings and limited public input despite massive protests and overwhelming opposition. Hearings, including those held at the University of Houston, have seen ordinary Texans—Republican, Democrat, and Independent—stand up to reject this blatant power grab. Yet the Legislature appears poised to move forward without regard to the voices of the very people these maps are meant to represent.Democratic leaders at the state and national level, including Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries, are already exploring legal and procedural avenues such as quorum breaks and litigation to block HB?4. Federal lawsuits challenging the 2021 maps remain unresolved, and if HB?4 passes, it will almost certainly trigger years of costly legal battles that Texas taxpayerswill fund.

Deedra Van Ness
Self
Santa Fe, TX

Please stop Gerrymandering our state and allow everyone's voices to matter. Vote against redistricting.

Conrad Davis, Mr.
self
San Antonio, TX

I find it unconscionable to perform a special mid-decade redistricting in such a brazen and cynical attempt to further gerrymander this state. Let the people have their voice and a fair vote!

Michi Lafary
Self
Austin, TX

Please do not adopt these new boundaries for voters. There is no need to do this.

Kara Banff
Self - Sr. Enterprise Partner Manager
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose the current redistricting zones proposed in Texas. These maps are blatant examples of gerrymandering — drawn not to reflect the will of the people, but to entrench political power and silence the voices of communities of color, urban voters, and working-class Texans.

Redistricting should be a fair and transparent process that ensures every vote counts equally. Instead, these manipulated district lines undermine our democracy by distorting representation and diminishing public trust in our electoral system. Voters should choose their representatives — not the other way around.

I urge lawmakers to reject this undemocratic redistricting plan and demand a map that truly reflects the diversity, geography, and interests of Texas voters.

Kurt Wise
The American people
Austin, TX

I'm against HB4, the people are not served by riggings elections in order to cover up poor policy.

Susan Anderson
Self/ Teacher
Austin, TX

As a public school educator and union member in Austin, Texas, I urge the committee to reject this attempt to gerrymander our districts, for political gain.

Diarmid Campbell
Self, Assistant Business Agent
San Angelo, TX

Good afternoon, Members of the Legislature.

My name is Diarmid Campbell, I'm with the IBEW Local 520, and a resident of San Angelo. I appreciate the opportunity to speak before you today, and I thank you for your attention to a matter that impacts every corner of our state: redistricting.

I'm here to express serious concerns about the bill currently under review during this special session. Redistricting isn't just a technical exercise—it's the foundation of fair representation in Texas. When the process lacks transparency or tilts toward partisan interests, it threatens to silence communities that have historically fought for a seat at the table.

This proposed bill risks doing just that. It prioritizes political advantage over public trust, and in doing so, it could dilute the voices of underrepresented populations—especially in working-class neighborhoods like mine.

I urge you to oppose this bill and instead stand for a redistricting process built on fairness, accountability, and respect for all Texans. Every one of us deserves a voice that counts equally, regardless of zip code or background. That's not a partisan principle—it's a democratic one.

Thank you again for your time, your service, and your commitment to protecting the integrity of our electoral process.

Cecily Dennis, Dr
Self
Austin, TX

Absolutely not!
If you want me to believe that the Republican Party should be renamed the fascist party of America then keep doing what you're doing. So far I've seen nothing but a limiting of the voice of the people. Act like you represent The People of Texas and stop this nonsense. He wanted to dilute the voice of the opposition. I guess that means you're afraid that really you are a minority. If you've got so much power and so much of the voice why do you need to redistrict? Only losers afraid of losing power would try this BS.

Bryan Keeley
myself
Longview, TX

I'm testifying in FAVOR of HB4.

Jonathan Ledwig
self
Victoria, TX

Greetings- As a Texas AFT member and former public school educator in Victoria County, I oppose any mid-decade redistricting that reduces minority voting influence. Our communities deserve fair maps, not political manipulation.

Marvin Brown, Mr
self
Frisco, TX

If you can't win except by fine-tuning your house districts to specific mathematically perfect subsets of voters, then you're not really participating in representative democracy. This is a transparent attempt to achieve a political outcome that has nothing to do with governance, and it needs to stop.

Patricia Hessel
Self retired CPA
Onalaska, TX

Unlawful, shameless, power grab by power hunger people.

Ashli Acevedo
Self
Lumberton, TX

To the Members of the Texas Committee on Redistricting,

I write today to express my unequivocal opposition to the proposed redistricting plans currently under review. I request that this testimony be entered into the official public record as a formal objection rooted in concern for racial equity and democratic integrity.

The proposed maps reflect deliberate dilution of voting power among historically marginalized communities—particularly communities of color—by fracturing neighborhoods, disrupting communal bonds, and diminishing opportunities for genuine representation. This is not only a disservice to the constituents affected but a direct violation of the protections guaranteed under the federal Voting Rights Act.

Texas's strength lies in its diversity. Any plan that weaponizes redistricting to silence voices and perpetuate systemic disenfranchisement runs counter to the very ideals our democracy was built upon. These racial undertones and consequences must be confronted, not codified.

I urge the committee to reject any map that contributes to voter suppression under the guise of administrative necessity. You are entrusted with the power to draw lines that lift voices—not silence them—and history will judge these decisions accordingly.

Let this letter serve as a documented stand against injustice and as a call for maps that reflect fairness, equity, and legal compliance.

Respectfully,
Ashli Acevedo
Lumberton, TX 77657

Annalee Ring
self
Houston, TX

This redistricting ensures that elected officials do not represent the politics, desires, and goals of their constituency. This is an undemocratic move to gain power and is against the wishes of the people you supposedly represent.

Ashly Waltman
self, Quality
Rosharon, TX

The ongoing redistricting process in Texas raises serious concerns about fairness, representation, and the integrity of our democracy. Rather than reflecting the true demographics and political makeup of the state—particularly in diverse and rapidly growing areas like Fort Bend County—the proposed maps appear to be blatant attempts at gerrymandering, designed to dilute the voting power of communities of color and suppress the voices of liberal and Democratic constituents. This undermines the principle of "one person, one vote," and disenfranchises voters who deserve to have their interests fairly represented. Redistricting should not be used as a political weapon to entrench power; instead, it must be guided by transparency, equity, and a commitment to reflecting the will of the people.

Alistair Welchman, Dr.
Self, University Professor
San Antonio, TX

As a Texas AFT member and university educator in San Antonio, I oppose any mid-decade redistricting that reduces minority voting influence. Our communities deserve fair maps, not political manipulation.

Lauren Jalufka
Self
Bee Cave, TX

I am FOR HB4 and redistricting the Congressional Districts.

Rustin Wright
Self
Frisco, TX

I support HB 4 for creating fair, lawful districts that reflect Texas’s population and protect voter representation. Please pass this bill.

Sylvia Orellana
Self
Pasadena, TX

Do NOT redistrict. Gerrymandering should not be allowed

Lindsay Rojas
Self
Austin, TX

AGAINST - this purposed re-districting does not accurately represent Texas residents and should not be passed.

Mobi Warren
self, retired public school teacher
San Antonio, TX

This is a blatant and undemocratic power grab. As a Texan, I am appalled by this proposal on redistricting.

Jenna Fishner
Self
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose mid-census redistricting. I support compact districts reflecting communities of interest.

Stacie Miller
Self
Austin, TX

Adamantly opposed to this redistricting plan. It is a power grab and means less representation for all. This flies in the face of what our founders meant when they established representation for the people. You are not solving our real problems and should be focusing on what we need and not just your political power grabs.

Raymond Yin
N/A
Austin, TX

"I oppose mid-census redistricting. I support compact districts reflecting communities of interest."

Linda Adair
Self
Snook, TX

I live in District 10. It is already gerrymandered as there is the thin strip connecting most of the district to a portion around and in Austin that contains the home of Rep. McCaul. I believe that the legislature picked him to be our representative. I now see that the proposed district now contains another thin strip that connects us to another further away location. I don't believe that when you have to use thin strips of land to form a district that it is going by the rules of creating districts. It is also insane for a state government to bow to a presidents desire to make elections illegal. District 10 needs to be un-gerrymandered.

Dixie Houston
Self
Austin, TX

I am very opposed to this bill. It isn't fair and it's manipulative on the part of the Republican Party. Please vote no.

Lesa Walker, Dr.
Self; Physician
Austin, TX

I 100% oppose the proposed redistricting map. It does not accurately reflect and represent the people of this state and where they live. It is created to force upon the people a specific alignment that favors the Republican party. This is NOT democracy. The districts should be created to reflect adjacent neighborhoods where people share common life experiences and which allow them to elect Congressional representatives to address issues that pertain to where they live. Gerrymandering is dirty politics. Please act ethically and uphold the principles of democracy by voting against this bill. Please strengthen the fairness of our election process and do not succumb to the temptation to tip the scales in favor of any political party. If Texas allows redistricting to aid and abet one political party, that is against everything that we hold dear in our democracy. You are accountable for ensuring a fair election process. I expect that you will!! Thank you!

John Gardner
Self
Austin, TX

I would like to address HB 4, the redistricting bill.

The already flawed district maps drawn in 2021 have been accepted by the voters and the courts. In the proposed maps, my district is ludicrously broken up and lumped with wildly different communities with different needs.

It seems obvious with this clearly illegitimate redistricting will spark other (Democratic) states will retaliate, reducing the voice of voters that you should be considering.

Both this special session and the inevitable legislation, which will surely cost taxpayers millions of dollars, represent a huge waste of money which is not what I expect from financially conservative representatives.

Karen Sager
Self, retired
Somerville, TX

This is an off year, illegal gerrymander of voting districts that are already heavily weighted toward Republicans. I strongly object.

Deb Mooneyham, Ms
Self
Houston, TX

You know you're not fooling anybody with this redistricting we are paying our taxes and we should be able to have the representation that represents us. Not just Republicans and not just Democrats. You are opening a can of worms and the retaliation by the blue states are going to put you in a situation where you will be run by only blue Trump will not succeed in his terrible presidency. It's going to get worse and all of you Republicans will be voted out just watch. I don't even vote most times locally but boy will I now!

Brigid Shea, Commissioner
Self
Austin, TX

Thank you members. I'm Travis County Commissioner Brigid Shea, & long time environmental advocate, speaking for myself. I have no illusions that my testimony will change the outcome, but I believe it's important to call out the fundamental unfairness of this proposal.
We regularly hear from the president that the system is rigged; that the actions of the powerful are unfair; that people are being cheated. It's a big part of the national conversation and I believe, when untrue, it contributes to corrosive cynicism about politics and our democracy.
So I have a few questions: do you all believe that this mid-decade redistricting, with no new census data, passes the fairness test? By comparison, this would be like a football team, believing they might lose, changing the rules in the middle of the game. Would anyone think that was fair?
Another question is, if the Democrats were in the majority and they did this, would you think it was fair?
Finally, which do you really think is more important and deserving of your time-unfair redistricting or serving the devastated flood victims and funding the infrastructure to prevent this kind of disaster in the future.
I'll leave you with this: I presume you became a State Rep because you believe in government and you believe in our democracy..so please don't undermine it and don't give people more evidence to believe the system is rigged.

Claire Duncan
Myself
Austin, TX

Shameful power grab that undermines the will of the people

Betty Gallegos
self
El Paso, TX

I think that re-drawing district lines out of the regular residtricting sequence is wasteful of the legislature's time. It also sends a message that the current Federal Administration has a strangle hold on it's designated party. I would much rather that each legislator, both State and Federal, follow their own decisions as relating to theis constituents, and that they primarily focus on theis constituents needs.

Cyd Goldfarb
self
El Paso, TX

I am against redistricting major parts of El Paso to be represented by someone who has no interest in the well being of our community as well as Ft. Bliss. Ft. Bliss has always been considered a part of the El Paso community and I expect representation from someone who lives in my city. What is being done is criminal and unconstitutional.

Mary Lynn Rice-Lively
self retired
Austin, TX

As a native Texan dedicated voter and I’m calling Texas Representatives to stand strong against the Trump-ordered gerrymandering. A healthy democracy facilitates an electoral system where citizens by voting choose who represents them. We do NOT want elected officials, especially those acting as puppets for the Trump regime to choose who represents us by drawing voting districts into a gerrymandered configuration that favors a felon President. Vote against the proposed newly drawn voting districts.

Susan Simmer
self - citizen
Austin, TX

Stop this racist redistricting fiasco. Your unusual mid-decade redistricting comes after a pressure campaign waged by failing-would-be-dictator Trump’s hopes of padding Republicans’ narrow majority in the U.S. House. Do the right thing for citizens and LET US VOTE and be fairly counted

Chuck Kelley
Myself
Haslet, TX

Please support the redistricting plan.

Michael Wolfe, Hon.
Self
Houston, TX

I support HB 4.

Tanya Kelly
Self, Office Manager
Nacogdoches, TX

I support HB4 and the redistricting map as proposed.

Brian Nelligan
Brian Nelligan
Austin, TX

The proposed redistricting plan is a blatant power grab by corrupt and morally bankrupt republicans looking to use any means necessary to consolidate power and diminish the voices of those who do not agree with them. This plan to gerrymander Austin and other progressive cities is despicable and should not be allowed to proceed because its intended purpose is to skew voter representation, and it is an affront to the democratic principles our state, and country, were founded upon.

Barbara Aguilar
self
El Paso, TX

shame on you for even considering this!!! Stand up and do what's right for the people of El Paso and the other areas you are gerrymandering. We know what's best for us. SHAME ON YOU! I don't understand how you can cave in to this. Power comes with a price.

Donna Collins
Self retired
Fort Worth, TX

I support HB 4 redistricting

Shelby Goodrum
Self
Austin, TX

I am against this redistricting plan.

Erynn Cherveny
self
Austin, TX

Fully against it. This is stupid.

Jessica Deel
self - graphic designer
Lufkin, TX

Public Comment Opposing HB 4 – Congressional Redistricting in Texas

I'm writing to oppose HB 4. I'm a long-time Texas resident, and I care deeply about the integrity of our democratic process. As a woman and a voter, I believe fair representation is the foundation of a healthy democracy—and this bill threatens that foundation.

HB 4 appears to continue a troubling pattern of gerrymandering that protects those in power instead of reflecting the true diversity and needs of our communities. I'm especially concerned about the lack of transparency in the redistricting process and the disregard for meaningful public input.

The maps we draw now must respect the voices of all Texans—especially those who have historically been excluded or overlooked. Fair maps are essential to ensuring that every vote counts and every voice matters.

I urge our lawmakers to reject HB 4 and commit to a redistricting process that is transparent, equitable, and representative of the people—not just the politicians.

Amy Moore
self, retired
Austin, TX

I am urging all members of the Texas House of Representatives to reject the Trump redistricting maps. It is reprehensible that the map is being redrawn 4 short years after the last redraw. This is a complete power grab by Washington, D.C. - an area of the US that I've heard Texas Republicans complain about most of my 55 years on this planet. The citizens of Texas did not ask for the new map. They didn't ask for a map that gives the entirety of the Texas population less voice.
This body continues to refuse to listen to their constituents (example: the Voucher bill that only passed because Trump called the Republican caucus on the day of the vote), and keeps bringing sideshow bills instead of doing the real work Texans sent them to Austin to do. Please reject HB4.

Gene Daigle, Retired US Coast Guard Chief
Self
Alvin, TX

First and foremost I'm STRONGLY OPPOSED to THIS PLANC2308 US Congressional Redistricting Proposed Maps. The CURRENT US Congressional District Maps are ALREADY ILLEGAL and in violation of the VOTING RIGHTS ACT (VRA) and this proposed maps will only continue to disenfranchise and crack and pack ALL people of color (POC) and their communities, Hispanic and Latino, black, Asian, and indigenous Native American communities. The current map is still being challenged in the Federal Court System and this proposed map TARGETS specifically POC and their elected members of Congress in a very precise and Unconstitutional way. 95% of the population increase in the entire state of Texas are POC with the plurality majority population throughout the state being Hispanic/Latino at just over 40%, non-hispanic white 39.6%, black 12% and Asian at 5% with the FASTEST rate of increase being Texas Asian population. Does the Congressional representation look like these demographic makeup of Texas? ABSOLUTELY NOT and Texas legislators want to reduce that non-white representation numbers EVEN MORE, and WHY and for WHAT PURPOSE? The SUPER VAST MAJORITY of Texans and Texas registered voters are OPPOSED to these proposed maps as you continue to hear with each and every Texans testimony and those who submit these write-ups. YOU are public servants that work FOR WE THE PEOPLE, NOT for Greg Abbott, NOT for TRUMP, NOT for the Republican Party. NO, you work FOR, WE THE PEOPLE. This continued assault on our democratic norms and pillars of our democracy will not end well and will only continue to add FUEL TO THE FIRE of political divisiveness that when people feel government is not working on THEIR BEHALF ultimately WILL NOT END WELL. The colonists fought a Revolution because of an unfair Tea Tariff. Y'ALL are trying to take SOMETHING AWAY that is much more cherished, that sets this country apart from all the other types of democratic counties, and that is having a democratic Constitutional REPRESENTATIVE Republic with the key word being REPRESENTATIVE. If our elected politicians are NOT doing the work on BEHALF of their constituents and instead working on behalf of their ultra wealthy donor class or in this case FOR A SINGLE MAN, then our current form of government IS NOT WORKING FOR WE THE PEOPLE, and continuing down that path will not be good for ANYONE. We DO NOT believe in ABSOLUTE ONE PARTY RULE system as that would no longer be a REPRESENTATIVE SYSTEM. WE would NO LONGER be a CONSTITUTIONAL Republic as OUR VOICES are NO LONGER being heard. YOU and YOUR COLLEAGUES WORK FOR WE THE PEOPLE and swore an oath of office to FAITHFULLY execute the duties of the of of the State of Texas and will do to the BEST of my ABILITY PRESERVE, PROTECT, AND DEFEND The Constitution and LAWS of the United States and of this State. How you proceed from THIS point forward will determine if you actually are following that oath and WE THE PEOPLE will ENSURE by any means that you do so.

Taylor Robertson
Self
Austin, TX

To have our representatives blatantly cheat to gain more seats for their party is absolutely revolting and stand against EVERYTHING America was founded on. You have absolutely no right to do this. The American people want true freedom and democracy, this is not democracy. Anyone in support of this re-districting is in complete support of destroying democracy and giving complete power to a party that has bent the knee to a controlling and abusive president that only thinks of greed versus listening to the people.

Todd Milburn, Collin County Precinct 145 Chair
Collin County RPT
Allen, TX

I am FOR HB4 and the redistricting of Congressional Districts!

Andy Wilson
self - digital manager
San Marcos, TX

As someone who would go from being represented by someone I like very much (Greg Casar) to someone under this new map I very much dislike (Chip Roy) this is unacceptable to me. Taking a small but progressive city like San Marcos full of college students and punting us in with a district that largely is unlike us at all and doesn't share our values is a terrible way to draw a map, especially in the middle of the decade. Redistricting is supposed to occur once, after the census. Texas has taken mas that were already illegally gerrymandered and have now added insult to injury. These districts are patently illegal under the Voting Rights Act and the only reason these are moving forward is because the Trump Admin's Justice Department will look the other way so Ersatz Milosevic can get his 5 seats he wants.

People should choose their politicians, not the other way around. This is shameful and illegal. Stop these maps.

George Avellano, Dr.
Self
Corinth, TX

I stand strongly in support for passage of HB4, the redistricting of Texas Congressional Districts. Texas has had a massive influx of population in the last five years and needs to adjust its districts accordingly. Vote Yes to redistrict the Congressional District lines. Thank you,

Cyd Goldfarb
self
El Paso, TX

I am against redistricting of the El Paso area. As part of our democracy, representation by someone who lives in our city is written into the constitution. Any attempt at redistricting outside of census years is unconstitutional, illegal, and criminal.

Jean Jeffries
Texan citizen, American citizen
Plano, TX

This is an illegal attempt to gerrymander the vote. This is a blatant abuse of power and I am strongly opposed to redistricting during the mid terms. If you cannot win wihtout cheating, perhaps the GOP should just step down. Quit rigging the system when a majority of Americans and Texans do not like the outcomes. This is GOP cheating out in the open. If you cannot win wihtout rigging the system, you do not deserve to be in office. Plain and simple.

Sherry s Karns, Mrs
Self
El Paso, TX

This is not representative of a democracy and will alienate me forever from voting Republican.

Tiffany Valle
Self - Community Outreach & Program Coordinator
Houston, TX

FIX THE FLOODING FIRST. We just had a massive tragedy in our state related to issues with alert systems (alert fatigue from getting irrelevant blue alerts no one wants), not to mention all the other flood activity we generally have in our state due to weak & aging infrastructure and procedures. WHY are you focusing on redistricting if not to enable one particular party to have an advantage over another? Waste of time, waste of resources, and just pathetic. Wasting time on frivolous, surface level bs as usual.

g cunningham, MR
Self / marketing
Austin, TX

This seems like just a brazen grab for power by our President and Governor. These districts (as drawn) are maddeningly precise and clearly designed for one purpose.... (republicans winning more seats....). And I know we are hiding this true goal, but President Trump literally bragged about it on air, so.... From the AP story on this effort: "Asked as he departed the White House for Pittsburgh about the possibility of adding GOP-friendly districts around the country, Trump responded, “Texas will be the biggest one. And that’ll be five.”

Amber Guerra-Perez
Self
San Antonio, TX

We teach middle schoolers gerrymandering is wrong. Why can’t a bunch of “adults” get their acts together and do better for their communities? Do better for their children and grandchildren? This bill is disgraceful and those elected officials to keep rigging the system. A system that is meant FOR THE PEOPLE BY THE PEOPLE- constituents need to be properly represented.

Aubrey Hornak
self; Scientific Research Lab Manager/Artist
Robinson, TX

Hello, my name is Aubrey Hornak. I am a U.S. born white citizen living in Robinson, TX, in U.S. Congressional District 17/Texas House District 56. Robinson and Waco have a culturally, economically diverse population with huge gaps in housing, food, health care and education access. So many of the people here DO NOT and HAVE NOT had fair representation in the Texas and federal legislatures, despite being constituents and community investors. I work and go to church with them and see, first-hand, the discrepancy of basic human rights. I also witness the fact that they are often the most generous, kind, faithful and community-oriented people. It would best serve our community to deal with the actual problems Texans are facing right now, like flooding, recovery and emergency communication issues. It is wrong – and unfair to all Texans – for the Legislature to take up mid-decade redistricting to further disenfranchise communities of color when the court has not even weighed in on the last round of discriminatory redistricting. We need a fair, non-partisan committee to work toward a more representative district map that puts the constituents first. Our state legislators’ jobs are to serve the people of Texas, not the other way around. The current district maps have never been about serving the public's interest or community's needs. In fact, the makeup of Texas’ congressional delegation does not reflect the diversity of our state. Texas consists of 60% people of color, but only 34% of our congressional delegation is represented by people of color. This is not a fight about political parties. It is a fight about political power and who gets to wield it. The federal court needs to be able to make a ruling in the current litigation, and new maps should be adopted if and when the court deems them necessary. District lines should preserve and protect the needs of the communities within them, especially the needs of historically disenfranchised communities. Districts should elect candidates that reflect the diversity of our state. We need Congress to pass the John Lewis Voting Rights Act, which will modernize and revitalize the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and protect voters from race-based discrimination. It also would set minimum standards to enable all voters to experience free and fair elections. Government works best to solve the real problems of ordinary people: affordable housing, a living wage, good public schools and accessible quality health care. Our elections and representatives should ensure that the voices of all citizens are heard, not just special interests, wealthy donors, and racially polarized extreme partisans. Ultimately, there is no justification for this congressional redistricting. With our state reeling from the tragic loss of so many lives from recent floods, Texans should be seeing caring consideration from their government, not an unjustified congressional redistricting intentionally directed at communities of color. Thank you.

Kim Parker
Self executive
Cedar Park, TX

As a native Texan, I strongly oppose the restricting of Texas districts during this session. This is being done in direct opposition to the intent of our country’s belief on fair representation. To gerrymander our districts to benefit one political party over another is unethical, antidemocratic and untexan.

Paul Van Helmond
Myself
Katy, TX

I oppose HB4. This mid term redistricting is a racial and partisan gerrymander. There is a case going through the courts challenging the constitutionality of the current district borders. The right way to proceed is to let this case come to its conclusion and then fix the districts if the courts require it.

Rodney Lenfant
self
Cedar Park, TX

I strongly oppose HB4, which represents a dramatic redrawing of congressional districts with little to no public input or transparency. There were no local or district-level hearings, effectively silencing the voices of the very communities that will be impacted. The proposed maps appear to be intentionally drawn to dilute fair representation—especially in areas like Austin—undermining the core democratic principle that voters should choose their representatives, not the other way around. Texans deserve a redistricting process that is open, fair, and representative of all communities across the state.

Glynn Pride, Capt
Self
Amarillo, TX

Why should minorities pay taxes: this is clearly taxation without representation?

Neha Shah
Self / Tech and entrepreneur
Austin, TX

To the Chair and Members of the Committee,

My name is Neha Shah. I live in Travis County, where I've served as a Volunteer Deputy Registrar for many years. I'm also a technology product manager, and an entrepreneur. I work to build efficient, high-impact tech solutions that solve real problems at scale.

Using the frameworks of business and tech, I want to highlight how this redistricting effort reflects poor prioritization and resource allocation.

ONE - Time and budget are finite. Why is this committee expending effort on redrawing maps less than four years after they were finalized and signed into law? Meanwhile urgent issues like flood relief across Central Texas and the Hill Country remain unaddressed, and put tens of thousands more at risk without appropriate oversight and accountability into emergency response infrastructure and response. Simply put, redistricting is not a high-impact initiative for the current moment.

TWO - in product development, we design with the end user or beneficiary in mind. That means gathering feedback, reviewing performance data, and responding to real needs. The only feedback that this Committee seems to be relying on is that of the White House. This redistricting process has lacked transparency and offered little in the way of accessible Texan public input. In business, this is how you lose your customers. In government, it's how you lose voters' faith in democracy, or get voted out of office.

THREE - Redrawing these maps without clear, measurable benefit—especially after they were approved by the Governor and this committee in 2021—creates churn and erodes public confidence. As elected public officials, your responsibility is to prioritize stability, transparency, and outcomes—not partisan gain.

This process doesn't meet the bar for sound public governance strategy. I urge the committee to refocus efforts on the real problems Texans are counting on you to solve.

Thomas Doyle
Self/University Professor
San Marcos, TX

I oppose the current redistricting proposal altogether. By following President Trump’s call to create five new safe GOP districts, Texas will incentivize a proliferation of redistricting across blue states that will not only fail to achieve the GOP goal, but it will further polarize the country and weaken our standing in the world. It is time for the GOP to uphold the norm that voters should choose representatives, and not that representatives can select their voters.

Jada Lozano
Self, PC Technician
Texas City, TX

This map redistricting is unmistakably gerrymandering. If you vote yes to this---YOU ARE ON THE WRONG SIDE OF HISTORY. You will be remembered as a coward who did not stand up for democracy and bowed to authoritarianism. This "divide and conquer" map will strip The People's power and freedom, it's inherently UnAmerican.

Tell Webster
Self
Missouri City, TX

I submit this testimony to express strong opposition to mid-decade redistricting proposals. Such actions undermine democratic principles, violate established legal precedents, and threaten electoral system stability.

Mid-decade redistricting violates the Fourteenth Amendment's Equal Protection Clause by serving purely partisan purposes rather than legitimate governmental interests. The Constitution establishes a decennial census as the basis for reapportionment, creating a natural ten-year cycle that provides stability and predictability. Disrupting this framework without compelling justification undermines the systematic approach the founders intended.

Voters have legitimate expectations that district boundaries will remain stable for the full decade unless extraordinary circumstances require change. Mid-decade redistricting effectively disenfranchises voters by changing rules after elections have occurred under existing maps. Citizens who participated in previous elections did so understanding their boundaries were established for ten years. Altering these boundaries invalidates their electoral choices and undermines effective representation.

The practice creates dangerous precedent where the party in power redraws maps whenever politically convenient, transforming redistricting from necessary constitutional process into partisan warfare. This destroys representational relationships that require time to develop between officials and constituents.
Mid-decade redistricting wastes enormous public resources on map drawing, legal challenges, and administrative implementation without legitimate justification. It creates significant voter confusion about polling locations, candidates, and representatives, inevitably reducing participation. Local election officials face unnecessary burdens updating voter rolls, reconfiguring locations, and educating workers.

Since our republic's founding, redistricting has followed the decennial census cycle, providing democratic stability. Federal courts have repeatedly recognized this ten-year cycle's importance and expressed skepticism toward mid-decade efforts. If this practice becomes acceptable, it will create an escalating cycle whenever government control changes, transforming our system into constant flux and destroying public confidence in electoral fairness.

Rather than mid-decade manipulation, states should establish independent redistricting commissions using transparent, neutral criteria prioritizing communities of interest and geographic compactness over partisan advantage.

Mid-decade redistricting represents a fundamental threat to democratic governance and constitutional principles. The decennial cycle has served our democracy for over two centuries and should not be abandoned for partisan advantage. Our democracy depends on electoral systems voters can trust. We must choose democratic principles over partisan objectives and constitutional stability over political expedience.

Sally Wiethoff
self
COPPELL, TX

I am writing to express serious concern about the suggested redistricting plan in Texas. Gerrymandering is a coward's way of cheating to obtain power. It is not the process of a true democracy. It dilutes the voice of voters, entrenches power, and undermines fair elections. All Texans, regardless of party, deserve districts drawn transparently and equitably.
It is inappropriate for the White House to instruct a state on how they handle their districting, particularly to issue specific instructions to gain 5 more seats in their favor. This interference oversteps constitutional bounds. Those organizing this plan have an old world view of the public, and don't seem to think they have the intellect or the right to a voice. The people must always have a voice, and those scheming over this new map are derelict in their duty by attempting to silence Texans.
It's also strikingly hypocritical for Republican leaders, who so often champion states' rights and local control, to now support measures that override local governance. Federalism is not a partisan principle to be discarded when convenient—it's a foundational element of our system.
Redistricting must serve the people, not political power. I urge this body to reject any plan that compromises fairness, transparency, or local autonomy.

Jessica Rivera-Lucas
Workers Defense Action Fund
Richardson, TX

Let me get this straight. Texans are knee-deep in floodwaters, homes destroyed, lives upended—and Governor Abbott's priority is redrawing voting maps to protect his political pals? This isn't leadership. This is cowardice dressed up as governance.

While families in Southeast Texas are still drying out their homes and praying FEMA shows up, Abbott is playing foot soldier for Trump, pushing partisan redistricting maps that are designed to silence everyday Texans—especially communities of color—and lock in control for politicians who care more about power than people. If this isn't a Trump takeover, I don't know what is.

Let's be real: Texas has always prided itself on independence. We don't take kindly to D.C. meddling—or Mar-a-Lago meddling, for that matter. So why is our Governor bending over backwards to please a man who couldn't point to Hidalgo County on a map if his spray tan depended on it?

This isn't about fairness. It's about fear. Abbott is afraid of a changing Texas—a Texas that's young, diverse, and engaged. So instead of listening, he's rigging the rules. These maps don't reflect Texas values. They reflect desperation. Because when your ideas are outdated, your only play left is to redraw the field.
Even worse? Abbott's using a special session—which should be focused on flood recovery, school funding, and real public safety—to chase Trump-style chaos: criminalizing health care, banning people from bathrooms, and now redistricting behind closed doors. This isn't leadership. It's political theater at its worst.

And let's talk plain truth here: these maps are discriminatory. They dilute the voting power of Black, Latino, and Asian communities—Texans who deserve representation just like everyone else. Voters should choose their politicians, not the other way around.
So I'll say it loud for the folks in the back: Texas deserves better. We need leaders who put Texans first, not politicians looking to impress Trump or hold onto power like it's their last breath. We are Texans—tough, proud, and rooted in justice. We show up for our neighbors in a storm. We don't redraw their rights behind closed doors.

Governor Abbott, stop the games. Start serving the people.

Daphne Hoffacker
Self
Austin, TX

We're really tired of the cheating. As a voter, I am tired of the disenfranchment. I'm tired of having to work so hard to keep you from doing stupid, harmful, thoughtless things to our state. Nobody signed up to be represented by Trump's Toadies. It's time for Texans to elect representatives who will pass a law requiring nonpartisan maps. Let's let Texas voters decide who they really want to represent them instead of having it decided by this legislature at this time. Shame on you, Texas representatives. Rest assured we will not forget that you keep selling us out for a pedophile, adjudicated rapist, felonious fraudsters, and the tiny hands behind the January 6th Insurrection. State leaders have let us down. And having to cheat on Congressional maps is a confession.

Elizabeth Nguyen
Self, Remote worker
Austin, TX

Hello, my name is Elizabeth, and I’m testifying against House Bill 4.

Let’s not pretend this bill is about “fairness” or “compliance.” These maps were drawn to protect political power, not to represent the people of Texas. I don’t believe for a second that most of you don’t know that. You know exactly what these maps do: they silence communities of color, split up our neighborhoods, and dilute our voices so you don’t have to be accountable to us.

It’s hard not to feel like the game is rigged. Voters speak, but those in power redraw the rules so they don’t have to listen. You work with the federal government when it suits your agenda, but ignore federal protections when it comes to our rights. You accept donations and favors from wealthy donors and industries, then turn around and tell us you’re just following the law.

Meanwhile, we’re the ones doing the work—raising families, paying taxes, caring for our neighbors, and building communities. All we’re asking for is a chance to be fairly represented. Not to be carved up and counted when it’s convenient, then cast aside when it matters most.

I’m here today because I still believe Texas can do better. Because democracy only works when everyone has a voice. And because I won’t sit quiet while power gets hoarded and people get erased.

I urge you to reject HB 4 and draw fair maps that represent all Texans—not just the ones who help you keep your seat.

Thank you.

Whitney Torres
Self
Buda, TX

Redistricring is a gross abuse of voting rights and public representation. This is a clear and blatant power grab. Do NOT silence voters by redistributing where votes are counted for whom.

Aurora Silva, Ms
Self / e-commerce organizer
Austin, TX

Abbott is letting Trump take over Texas. Instead of working to help Texans recover from a devastating natural disaster and preparing for the next one, Abbott is using the special session to push Trump’s political agenda in Texas. Lawmakers have 30 days to redraw the maps, with no requirement for transparency, public input, or fair representation. We deserve a process that is transparent and accessible.

Abbott and his allies are not focused on solutions. They are using Trump-style politics to distract, divide, and push through extreme policies that serve a political agenda, not the people of Texas.

Texans know our worth. Across this state, we are taking care of each other in the face of disaster, rising costs, and political attacks. It’s time for leaders who will put Texans first, not Trump’s agenda.

Whether it’s: redistricting, banning abortion, attacking trans Texans, or making it harder to vote,it’s all connected. These aren’t separate fights — they are all part of Abbott letting Trump dictate what happens in Texas, while our communities are left to deal with the real crises on our own.

Santiago Hernandez Jr, Mr.
self
San Antonio, TX

My name is Santiago Hernandez, and I'm a resident of Congressional District 35. I am against HB 4 and the redistricting process because these maps don't accurately reflect the population in Texas. Just because things are allowed to be done, that does not mean that they should be. For example, people can break promises; it's their prerogative, but we should maybe strive to keep said promises. Respectfully, this process is not transparent and is being rushed in a special session. I would like to know where in the Texas Constitution or the rules of the legislature does it say that everything on the call in a special session needs to be taken up? I am disappointed in the GOP's attempt to cheat to gain 5 more seats in Congress. Stop trying to rationalize this awful and racist attempt to please the president. You don't work for him; you work for Texans, and Texans have repeatedly spoken against this plan.

Tomas Mendoza
Self
Justin, TX, TX

As a Texas resident and elected official deeply committed to fair representation, I strongly support HB 4. Ensuring that congressional districts reflect the true demographics and interests of our communities is foundational to a functioning democracy. HB 4 provides an opportunity to correct historical imbalances and reinforce public trust in the electoral process.

I believe redistricting must be driven by transparency, fairness, and a commitment to keeping communities intact—not manipulated for short-term political gain. The measures in HB 4 demonstrate an effort to achieve these goals by establishing districts that better align with population shifts and community interests.

This bill is a step toward restoring equitable representation and upholding the values that Texans deserve: accountability, integrity, and a government that listens. I urge the committee to advance HB 4 and move us closer to fair maps that reflect the people, not just politics.

Catherine Barton
United Women in Faith at Saint John's UMC Austin, TX
Austin, TX

This bill is a deliberate attempt to dilute the votes and to stop the democratic process in the state of Texas.

Rachel Hernandez
Texas AFT
Round Rock, TX

As a Texas AFT member and public school educator in Round Rock, Tx, I oppose any mid-decade redistricting that reduces minority voting influence. Our communities deserve fair maps, not political manipulation.

Karen Horgan
self
Fort Worth, TX

I adamantly oppose this attempt to redistrict.
This is a brazen move by the Governor, pressured by the President, to gain 5 new Republican seats in the House at the expense of majority-minority districts.

The 4 districts in Texas being targeted are all represented by people of color. Coincidence? I think not. It is clearly an effort to undermine the voting strength of minority Texans.

This is blatant racial discrimination. Communities of color are intentionally being split up - diluting their voting power and representation.

There is no justification for this congressional redistricting.
Texas maps were drawn in 2021 - doing it again now, mid-decade, is not normal.

Your proposed map is even worse than the current map. Districts drawn in such a way that it will be nearly impossible for the constituents in those districts to have equitable representation. Districts are meant to be fairly homogenous in needs. For example, a district which combines a large rural population with a large urban population is not giving fair representation to the needs of either group!

You have no new census data to support your maps.

Racial data must be taken into consideration to uphold the Voting Rights Act. The new redistricting plan clearly violates the VRA.

This special session should be used to help people impacted by the devastating floods. Relief efforts, rebuilding efforts, planning better emergency preparedness systems. Helping Texans should be your priority.

Stop this racial gerrymander power grab and do something constructive for the people of Texas.

Jocelyn Fulbright
Self
Dallas, TX

You should be ashamed of yourselves. How do you sleep at night

Lindsey Jeffrey
Self / teacher
Goldthwaite, TX

I urge the committee to reject this mid-decade redistricting proposal. As a Texas public school educator in Comanche County, I oppose any mid-decade redistricting that reduces minority voting influence. Our communities deserve fair maps, not political manipulation.

Lydia Sullivan
Self - Nonprofit Executive
New Braunfels, TX

I respectfully submit this comment in strong opposition to House Bill 4.

Redistricting should serve the people—not partisan interests. HB 4 undermines the principles of fair representation by proposing district maps that dilute the voting power of communities of color, fracture neighborhoods, and prioritize incumbent protection over democratic integrity.

This bill fails to reflect the demographic realities of our state. Texas has seen significant growth in Latino, Black, and Asian American populations, yet HB 4 reduces their ability to elect candidates of their choice. By splitting cohesive communities and ignoring the guidance of the Voting Rights Act, this bill effectively suppresses the voice of the very Texans who have contributed to our state's rapid growth.

HB 4 also ignores public input and transparency. This process has lacked sufficient community engagement and rushed through critical stages without meaningful oversight. The people of Texas deserve a redistricting process rooted in fairness, data, and accountability—not secrecy and partisan manipulation.

I urge you to reject HB 4 and demand a redistricting process that centers community input, complies with federal law, and protects the rights of all Texans to fair and equal representation.

Thank you.

Rosanne Mills
Self
Dallas, TX

My name is Rosanne M Mills. I live in Dallas, Texas. My U.S. Congressperson is Julie Johnson (D-32). By this written testimony, I strongly oppose the Texas Legislature’s and this Committee’s brazen attempt to redistrict, in fact, gerrymander, select congressional districts mid-census.
This is a craven strategy by Governor Greg Abbott and the Pam Bondi Department of Justice to make Republican voters and votes count more and Democratic votes and voters count less, which has the intended consequence of suppressing the votes of individuals based on race or national origin, in violation of federal law. It is blatant racial discrimination. It will be found to be illegal.
There is no compelling reason to have a mid-census redistricting. There is no compelling data that has been published since the last census about changing voter populations or demographics. The only reason why this is part of the special session agenda is because one man wants it, and the Republican Legislature and Governor wants it, to cement their political power. This scheme furthers Republican politicians and the party choosing their voters, instead of voters choosing their elected representatives.
This “choosing the voters” scheme is most apparent in the redrawn District 32. In this district, the swing in voters from a balanced district to one with a 42.8% more Republican district. The public only finds out this information because the maps were not released, dare I say, withheld until the hearing process was nearly concluded.
In order for our democracy to function, the public needs to have a voice in the process. It is absolutely unacceptable for both the House and Senate Redistricting Committees to be holding hearings without having maps visible to the public a map. How do you expect the public to actually participate in this process? The Legislature clearly plans to ignore public input and pass maps that discriminate against voters in violation of federal law. I urge this committee to table this bill to allow HB 221 and HJR 28, filed by Rep. James Talarico, to be taken up. The bill and resolution proposes to create an independent redistricting commission. This is an opportunity for the Texas Legislature to finally get this process right and avoid millions of taxpayer dollars and years of lawsuits, so I hope that you will take this testimony to heart. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony against HB4.

Isaac Levy-Rubinett
Self, editor
Austin, TX

Hello, I am a proud Texan and lifelong Austinite who is dismayed at the HB4 bill being discussed today. Texas is the best state in the United States not because it bows to the demands of corrupt national politicians like Donald Trump, but because it charts its own course and lets Texan voices be heard. Right now, we are facing a takeover by Trump and his fascist style of politics—these redistricting maps are a naked attempt to rig the election in favor of him and his cronies. People around the country are paying attention. Regardless of whether you are democrat or republican, right or left, young or old, we can all agree that Trump's hands belong nowhere near Texas. We can all agree that we deserve leaders who prioritize Texans. We need help recovering from devastating floods, we need better wages for working people across the state, we need abortion care for Texas women, and we need politicians who will stand up to Trump's efforts to warp our state to his benefit.

Srila Shrestha
Self- student
Austin, TX

I am throughly against this new district map, as it is not for representation but for keeping the GOP in power and to promote active voter suppression.

Susan Tedter
self
Austin, TX

I oppose the redistricting now proposed by the legislature. I feel like my current representatives are the ones I would like to keep and best represent my interests and concerns. Susan Tedter

James Woodfin
Self and spouse, both retired
Austin, TX

I oppose mid-census redistricting. I support compact districts reflecting communities of interest. You know what you are trying to do is illegal and unconstitutional. Save the state and its taxpayers the time and expense. Focus on real needs, such as flood planning and public education.

Sidra Carzola
self
Pflugerville, TX

I am writing to oppose mid-decade redistricting that Texas doesn't need. Our districts were redrawn less than 5 years ago and this session should be focusing on flood relief rather than partisan maps redrawn at the request of the current President. The maps were not recreated at the behest of Texas and our lawmakers are being asked to comment on redistricting without even seeing proposed maps. The proposed changes split communities that share little in common into districts that very likely violate the Voting Rights Act and leave many without representation. Have faith in our current maps, provide for our neighbors devastated by flooding and show those who would attempt to tell our state what to do that you "Don't mess with Texas."

Jerome Emil Villanueva
self software engineer
Austin, TX

As a proud constituent of Texas' 37th Congressional District, I am writing to express my strong opposition to the current redistricting efforts in our state. The blatant gerrymandering taking place is an affront to the democratic principles that should guide our electoral process.
Austin's vibrant, diverse, and civically engaged population is being deliberately fractured to dilute our collective voice. This isn't about fair representation, it's about political manipulation. Carving up Austin into multiple districts that stretch hundreds of miles beyond the city serves no purpose other than to undermine the will of the people who live and work here.
Every Texan deserves a representative who reflects their community's values and needs. I urge the legislature to put people over politics and commit to a redistricting process that is fair, transparent, and rooted in respect for communities, not partisan gain.

Michele Chambers
self
Austin, TX

Altering the playing field to get more Republicans into office is outrageous. We have a right to fair representation in Texas and this bill upends the fair representation of the population. This MUST stop.

Brian Canny
self
Austin, TX

I, like the majority of my fellow Texans, am opposed to the map now under consideration before the committee.

Despite this rushed, last-minute push to re-gerrymander the state at the behest of an out-of-state billionaire, you have received testimony from hundreds if not thousands of Texans, and the vast VAST majority are opposed to this partisan push for mid-decade redistricting. Every those "supporting" redistricting, the conservative voices, hope that this time, the districts will be redrawn out of consideration for the communities affected.

No one wants the distorted mutant districts that Republicans created in 2021 and are pushing again.

The current maps break up communities, disenfranchise neighborhoods, and try to dilute the power of minority citizens, and the proposed map now under consideration in HB 4 is even worse. It has even more slicing and dicing of suburbs and cities designed to weigh down urban areas with vast rural swaths, which effectively robs power from all.

From the start of this ill-conceived redistricting process, you have heard hours and days of citizen testimony opposed to this type of gerrymandering, and a vote in favor of the map under consideration would mean you either ignored or disregarded the concerns of your fellow Texans and Americans.

I do not support the push to redistrict now at all – and I am vehemently opposed to this new map. Republicans bristle when accused of racism, but your actions are louder than your meager protests. Republicans are weaponizing redistricting to hold onto power and escape accountability, and when those actions marginalize minority communities, it becomes a racist act, regardless of intent.

The committee should reject with this map, should not advance HB 4, and should allow this special session to end without any changes to the maps. Then, Texas should create an independent committee so that, when we have new and accurate data from the 2030 Census, the district lines can be redrawn to accurately reflect the communities in our state and ensure equal and fair representation to all Texans.

Chris Glenn
Self / Retired
Austin, TX

I am vehemently opposed to redistricting just because Donald Trump has ordered it. Voters are already concerned about what is occurring during his second term. Extreme actions are being taken, which voters did not vote for. The electorate is angry. Redistricting at this point will only exacerbate our outrage, and doing so could likely jeopardize the Republican Party by backfiring. Gerrymandering only works when voter turnout is low, and that certainly won't be the case next year.

Lindsay Pulido
Self
Grapevine, TX

Please oppose mid-decade redistricting. The proposed map is an attempt to weaken just representation in our democracy. It is racist and potentially illegal. It disturbs me that my state skirts the line of legality with racist gerrymandering. Republicans will no longer have my vote. Try advocating for the interests of your constituents get votes.

Brenda Cameron
Self/charitable Foundation
Tyler, TX

This is a no brainer - if you care about Texas and conservatives. please!!!

Tami Sewell
Texas AFT
Granbury, TX

I am opposed to redistricting at this time. I feel that changing districts at five year intervals instead of 10 is unnecessary expense and will not yield accurate election results. Red voters had a clear majority in the 2024 election and any district changes could influence that negatively.

Judy Ward, Mrs.
Self
Richardson, TX

I am currently in congressional district #32 represented by Julie Johnson. From the map I saw yesterday, it's impossible to tell whether I will remain in 32 or be assigned elsewhere. The proposed map takes some suburban areas of Dallas and shoves them into a ridiculous gerrymandered district which also includes parts of deep east Texas. We have about as much in common as we would with residents of Brazil. I and my fellow citizens are livid over the continual attempts to politically play us as pawns on a chessboard. My 10 year old granddaughter could draw fairer maps with a ruler and a pencil. I am tired of the rhetoric "well it's perfectly legal". What that means is that it's not expressly illegal to gerrymander. What happened to ethics? Simple right and wrong. Political gerrymandering is simply wrong. Our current representatives would do well to remember that they have been elected to represent us, the citizens of Texas, not pick and choose who votes for you or our congressional representatives. So....do the right thing. Do your jobs and stand up for us.

Amanda Friedeck, Mrs.
Self
Alice, TX

I am for congressional redistricting HB 4 to better represent our communities and constituents.

Patricia Chance

Self, retired computer programmer

Beaumont, TX

I am disgusted by the power grab that Donald Trump is making. Greg Abbott is aiding and abetting a criminal. The vast majority of the GOP is aiding and abetting a criminal. This is an UNFAIR AND GREEDY action to stay in power. It is unfair to minorities.

The GOP does not love Texas. The GOP does not want what is best for the people. The GOP fights as dirty and nasty and dishonorably and maliciously as they can to to stay in power. They have no DECENCY at all. They have no love for DEMOCRACY. This redistricting in the middle of the cycle is absolutely wrong and is the antithesis of what proper representation is. If this bill is passed, all who voted for it will go down in history as the ABSOLUTE TOADIES who FAILED their CONSTITUENTS in order to support a corrupt criminal! Shame on you all. You know what you are doing is morally wrong. You are disgusting and you give Texas a bad name.

Rachel Walker

Self

Austin, TX

Redistricting, do not let this happen. It is undemocratic and will take away my congressman.

Vivek Gani

Self

Austin, TX

I reside in Central Texas - specifically south Austin south of Slaughter Creek. The proposed redistricting borders would put me and the family I give care to under a different district that spans all the way to the Texas coast. I object to this proposal as it does not feel like a fair process of representation.

Sara Bradley Carta

Myself and Fellow Texans

Austin, TX

My name is Sara Bradley Carta. I live in the Crestview neighborhood of Austin in the 37th Congressional District of TX. My representative is Lloyd Doggett-I am here to state my opposition to this mid-decade redistricting. Everyone in this state and across the country understands that Governor Abbott and TX Republicans are doing this to please Their King, Donald Trump. The Texas Republicans gave up on fighting for the people of Texas a long time ago. They have already heavily gerrymandered the state to keep themselves in power, they continue to rig the system.
Americans are waking up to the horrible policies being passed by The Trump regime and have witnessed the horrible policies being enforced in our state of TX for decades.
The people of TX will fight for our democracy, for our Voting rights, for our freedoms.
People across political and class lines are coming together everyday to stand up to the authoritarians who are destroying our country.
We will fight with everything we have.
We do not want this redistricting-you,our politicians, should listen to the people you work for us-not the kings and the corporations-but the real Texans and Americans-the people who just want a decent life for their families and themselves-and stand with us against this racist new map.
We need more districts to be drawn to fairly represent communities of color.
This is an attempt to silence the voices of people of color, working class folks and to keep the elites and wealthy in power.
We demand that our government do the right thing for its people.
Thank you for your time

Gloria Cisneros Lenoir, Dr.
Self
Austin, TX

I implore all elected officials to not draw congressional maps so that those who want to be elected select the voters to assure their win. Let us allow all voters to have true and fair opportunities to elect those who they feel will represent them with integrity and care, and not let us be pressured by those in power in Washington, D.C. and allow those in D.C. to take over our wonderful state of Texas.

vanessa galindo
texans
new braunfels, TX

I OPPOSE!!!!!!!!!

Evelyn Martin, Ms
SELF
Driftwood, TX

Do not change the districts. Everyone needs to be represented equally

Dawn McDonald
Self
Houston, TX

Population Growth
Redistricting, a process that adjusts electoral boundaries to reflect population changes from the census, ensures districts have roughly equal populations and comply with the “one person, one vote” principle enshrined in the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment. Texas, which has experienced substantial population growth from 2020 to 2025, has seen its population surge from 29,145,505 in 2020 to an estimated 32 million by July 2025, as reported by the U.S. Census Bureau. Redistricting is crucial in maintaining fair representation and upholding the Constitution. The current maps - Texas House, Texas Senate, and Congress - do not reflect the massive growth in Texas over the last five years.

Adam Nagel
Self
Fort Worth, TX

Y'all are actually morons

Kantrell Stewart
Self
Lancaster, TX

It’s disheartening how one person’s has influenced people who know the difference between right and wrong that constantly chooses wrong. He will not be in office forever. God is watching and if that doesn’t matter to you, keep doing what you are doing.

Rebeccz Martin
Self
Dallas, TX

I am opposed to re-writing the Congressional maps in order to get five more Republican seats before the mid-term elections. This should be illegal.

Beth Yturri
self
Garland, TX

I oppose this attempt at mid-term redistricting. The current map is held up in the courts and we need them to complete the process guaranteed by law. We should wait until they finish their process and provide a ruling. Then, if instructed, we need to have an independent redistricting commission redraw the map with input from non-partisan experts and real everyday Texas voters. Politicians should be chosen by the people who elect them, not the other way around. As a former educator, I know that even the youngest of my students know when something is unjust or unfair. This blatant power grab is similar to rewriting a test while student are halfway through the multiple-choice section. I attended the Capitol last Friday and was unable testify because public testimony was only allowed for five hours. Then again in Arlington, testimony was restricted. Now that there is finally a map available to comment on, I cannot travel to Austin, and I do not agree with the redrawn map. The proposed map further divides my community, Garland, TX - Congressional District 5. Currently, we are scooped out of the DFW area and grouped with communities reaching far southeast of us with different needs and challenges. The proposed map splits the city of Garland even further, in half, south vs north, in an attempt to change Congressional District 32 as explicitly targeted by the Trump Administration. Texans are proud of our sovereignty, and we should protect it at all costs. Do not let any president or federal administration of any political affiliation bully you and dictate whose votes should be silenced. This is a dangerous precedent to set across our nation, and it is a direct threat to democracy.

Veronica Escobar, Honorable
Member of Congress/TX-16
El Paso, TX

Dear Texas House Redistricting Committee:

As the member of Congress representing Texas' Congressional District 16 in El Paso, I strongly object to the mid-decade effort to redistrict congressional districts in Texas. It has been widely reported that state leaders have initiated this process at the behest of President Donald Trump and his instruction to "find five more Republican seats." Not only is this a brazen power grab by the White House, but fulfilling this directive requires the state of Texas to violate the Voting Rights Act to do so. This limited and rushed process has left countless Texans without a voice – unable to travel to the very few public hearings, and because of how swift this process has been, most Texans are likely unaware that this process is even happening.

Speaking on behalf of my constituents in El Paso, the TX-16 map represents a minor change in population, but a massive change in representation of our most critical assets, including Fort Bliss, the William Beaumont Army Medical Center, the under-construction VA Health Care Center (which I secured $700 million for in congressional appropriations), our international airport, the Kay Bailey Hutchison Desalination Plant and more. There is no logical reason why these assets should be shifted from a local representative to one who is more than 500 miles away in San Antonio. Redistricting should not split up communities of interest.

Fort Bliss is El Paso's largest employer and El Pasoans have invested heavily in infrastructure and quality of life improvements directly and indirectly affecting the installation. That has included a total of $6.8 billion in investments ranging from healthcare expansion to transportation and infrastructure. To put it simply, El Paso and Fort Bliss are invested in each other's success. There is a similar story with El Paso International Airport, where the city has invested heavily in making major improvements to it and I have been able to help them secure more than $64.5 million in federal funding for many of these projects, including a new air traffic control tower. There are more improvements and projects at Ft. Bliss, the airport, and more that are needed, and these institutions benefit greatly from having the attention of a member who can prioritize them.

I urge the Committee to restore El Paso's congressional boundaries preceding 2021, or at the very least, leave the 2021 redistricting boundaries for TX-16 intact to maintain continuity for these communities of interest.

Community leaders including the County Judge, the Mayor of El Paso, and the chairmen for both the local Democratic Party and Republican Party all uniformly oppose the changes proposed to Congressional District 16.

Veronica Escobar
Member of Congress

David Isaac
self
Hockley, TX

I would like to express my concern regarding the proposed redrawing of electoral maps in Texas. It is my firm belief that maps should accurately and fairly represent the populace. The current redistricting efforts appear to be driven by a desire for political advantage rather than equitable representation, which I find deeply troubling, especially as they are being undertaken in anticipation of the upcoming election.

Jessica Meuer
Self
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose this bill. If you have to donate bunch of redistricting to get votes, maybe you shouldn't be in office.

Tessa Gerarde
Self
Arlington, TX

Redistricting to please a president and a governor is shameful . I am completely against this idea and am tired of representatives being bullied by a president and governor instead of doing what they were elected for ————- To represent the wishes of the people they are supposed to be representing!! Integrity is a top priority. Do what you ere elected to do!!

Nisha Abraham
Self
Austin, TX

Dear Governor Abbott, Lt. Governor Patrick, and Speaker Burrows,
As a member of the South Asian American community across Texas, I'm writing to express our unequivocal opposition to the mid-decade congressional redistricting plan currently before the Legislature.
South Asian Texans are one of the fastest-growing populations in this state. We run businesses, drive innovation, advance medicine, and enrich the cultural and civic life of Texas. We also vote, organize, and contribute to the democratic process.
But this redistricting proposal is not about improving representation — it is about manipulating it. These maps are being redrawn to break up strong, diverse voting blocs and weaken the collective voice of communities of color, including South Asians, who are becoming an undeniable force in Texas politics.
In major metropolitan counties where South Asians live and work — Harris, Fort Bend, Dallas, Collin, Tarrant, Travis, and Bexar — cohesive neighborhoods are being fractured and stitched together with distant rural counties. These artificial districts have nothing to do with shared interests and everything to do with diluting the political power of growing populations.
This is not representation. This is an intentional strategy to silence voters and undermine democracy.
What does a tech executive in Plano have in common with a farmer hundreds of miles away? What shared vision for Texas can come from districts designed to split communities apart rather than bring them together?
Texas should stand as a model of democratic integrity, where representation reflects the people who call this state home. Instead, this process dismantles the very pillars of democracy — fairness, accountability, and trust.
When maps are drawn for partisan gain, they don’t just distort election outcomes — they tell entire communities their voices don’t matter.
We stand with Texans in Fort Bend, Collin, Dallas, Harris, Travis, Williamson, Bexar, El Paso, Denton, and Tarrant Counties who are seeing their voting power diluted and their representation sacrificed for political advantage.
We urge you to withdraw this plan and commit instead to drawing fair maps that keep communities whole, reflect where people actually live and work, and protect every Texan’s right to representation.
Democracy only works when every vote counts and every voice is heard. These maps break that promise. Texans — all Texans — deserve better.
Sincerely,
Nisha Abraham
Austin, Texas

Myrna Dalton, Constituent
Self
Temple, TX

Redistricting is voter suppression. Our communities deserve to choose our leaders, politicians do not get to choose their voters. We need our elected officials to stand for us, the people they work for. It’s time to stand up for what is right and fight against a presidential administration that seeks to influence the way Texas votes. We need a legislature and governor that won’t bend to outside pressure. Show us that you stand for us and vote against redistricting.

Nathaniel Hampton, Jr.
Self
Keller, TX

My name is Nathaniel Hampton Jr. I am a constituent of Texas Senate District 9, Texas House District 98, and U.S. Congressional District 24. Just a few months ago, several minority voters in Tarrant County were targeted by a blatant, racially motivated redistricting plan. Black, Hispanic and Asian voters were cracked from Tarrant County Commissioners Precinct 2 and packed into Precinct 1. As a result, their political power, acquired over time through population growth and coalition building in the Southern sector, was diminished by elected officials that chose to silence them instead of engaging them politically. That was a textbook example of racial gerrymandering which is illegal. Now at the request of President Trump, Governor Abbott and the Texas State Legislature are seeking to employ the same racially motivated redistricting plan to silence minority voters at the federal level to maintain power of the U. S. House of Representatives.

First, I call on members of the Texas House and Texas Senate to vote NO regarding this mid-decade redistricting plan that is nothing more than a racist power grab intended to dilute the political power of Black, Hispanic and Asian voters in large urban centers throughout the state of Texas.

After attending the public hearing held in Tarrant County, it is abundantly clear that I am not alone, and the majority of North Texans have no interest in seeing new maps being drawn. As a fellow Texan, I encourage you to tap into your independent, lone star spirit in this moment. This is not the time for our elected officials to abdicate our state’s priorities to carry out the desires of those in Washington, D.C.

Alison Campestre
Self
Houston, TX

As a concerned citizen of Texas, I am deeply troubled by the recent push, encouraged by former President Donald Trump, to redraw district lines for purely partisan advantage. Redistricting should represent fair democratic principles, ensuring all Texans' voices are heard—not silencing voters or manipulating boundaries for political gain.

Our democracy depends on transparency, fairness, and accountability. Gerrymandering undermines these values, weakening voter confidence and diminishing the fundamental right of citizens to choose their representatives, rather than representatives choosing their voters.

I urge this legislature to prioritize the integrity of our elections by rejecting partisan-driven redistricting proposals. Texans deserve fair districts that reflect the diverse voices and communities across our great state. Uphold the promise of representative democracy by keeping our electoral process transparent and just.

CINDY REYNOLDS
Myself
Meadows Place, TX

Leave the district map alone!

Paul Toprac
Self
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose any mid-decade redistricting. I find it un-American. We are supposed to be a country about fairness and decency. I hope that you uphold these dear American values.

Ingrid Blue
Self
Arlington, TX

Please do not dilute my vote. It's unfair to every Texan to redraw the lines for republicans. It feels as though republicans can't win on ideas and feel the need to cheat in order to maintain control. This is ruining our democracy and subverting the will of the voting public in Texas. I want to know that I am voting for the person that I believe will do their best for our state. This is unfair and cruel. Please leave the district lines alone.

Shireen Kaul
self
Austin, TX

Please do not sell out to Donald Trump. We have already seen your cowardice. There is still time to turn back. Taking away representation from your opposition party so your President can further push his agenda is one of the most undemocratic things you can do. And for what? For him to defend him and his rich friends? This is unsustainable and you should be more afraid of the repercussions from YOUR CONSTITUENTS than the chance that Trump tries to primary you. If you vote for this, please reconsider why you entered into politics and ponder how far you have gone from any semblance of a "public servant". Everything you do to your opposition party can and will be done back to you. Do you think that California and other democratic states won't just add more blue seats on? There is no winning this, but there is ruining your reputation and any chance of seeming like you are a Republican for republican "values", rather than just a puppet of Trump. I don't know about you, but I would distance myself from an Epstein conspiracy hider.

Jose Ramirez, Mr.
Self
Round Rock, TX

I am whole heartedly against this very obvious Republican steal of 5 seats. The maps make it very clear that Republicans are trying to dilute Democratic votes and swaying elections in their favor. The president has publicly forced Greg Abbot to locate 5 more seats for him because he knows that Republican WILL NOT WIN midterm elections. I do not consent to Republican representation of the entire state of Texas - it is a blatant steal of elections and political power. Rural areas of Texas DO NOT ENCOMPASS and DO NOT DICTATE what the majority of the citizens in this state want. Personally, I used to skirt the line between democratic and republican values, but the Republican party has shifted into something that is unrecognizable and at the very core UN-AMERICAN. This is CHEATING. There is a loss of fair elections. If republicans had ANY faith that they will win in the primaries, a redistricting would not be necessary. STOP IGNORING what is being done right in front of our faces and quit gaslighting citizens by saying that "this is what the people want."

Lora Schafer
Self
Schertz, TX

Vote no on redistricting.
We need fair and balanced maps, not packed districts that dilute voter populations. This may gain the GOP seats, but it will also weaken seats, meaning the GOP will have to defend more seats in more places. Not good for Texas.

Donna Oshatz, NA
SELF
Austin, TX

The proposed maps specifically target Democratic and minority communities in major Texas cities, including:

Austin: Potentially combining Representatives Greg Casar and Lloyd Doggett's districts to eliminate a Democratic seat.
Houston and Dallas: Dividing and diluting historically Black and Latino neighborhoods to weaken their voting power.
South Texas: Redrawing lines to flip historically competitive districts to solidly Republican.
I am vehemently opposed to this attempt to add Republican districts and silence the voices of Texas Democrats and Independents. This scandalous attempt to subvert the rights of the Texas electorate is shameful.

Lois Day
Self, occupational therapist
Little Elm, TX

I hope your crazy plan to change my district that includes many precincts near me, to one that I'm not even in anymore, backfires on you. It will result in confusion that may hurt both political parties and will definitely hurt the democratic process. Please reconsider, but if you go forward with it, I will work to turn my new district and my old district blue.

Lynne Perry
Self/self employed
Austin, TX

This partisan political move to rob many Texans of their say is an atrocity. Texas has been Gerry mandered to the inth degree. To have legitimate representation of all Texans ,I strongly oppose this bill as a born and raised Texan. Texas needs a free thinking governor and legislature who do not bend the knee to a bully commander in chief. Stand up for all Texans and vote no on redistricting.

Noah White
Self, Lifeguard
Kyle, TX

I believe that the passing of this bill will only hurt us Texans - if we stand by and allow our districts that protect our individual interests be unfairly reformed, we will open the door to future changes that target our interests as citizens. Our elected officials are in power in order to communicate the interests of each district - not to change them in favor of their own interests.

Alexander Murray
Self
Austin, TX

Texas HB 4 by Hunter is one of the most un-American and anti-Texas bills I have ever seen. This bill is clearly designed to play politics in a larger political performance and quite literally ignore the needs of those you represent. This is not a right or left issue, this is our elected officials, the ones we voted for, choosing to redistrict communities in Texas that are different geographically, culturally, and population size. Texas is a big, beautiful, and unique state and with that comes different needs for each community. The way this bill is structured it appears the drafters of this bill see Texas as a generic box you can plug and play. As politicians you know the uniqueness of your constituents and the land they call home, you know this bill doesn't serve the needs of the people that chose you to represent them. I am opposed to this bill and I ask you not to vote it into law. Thank you for listening and respecting the land and communities we call home.

Shannon McGill
Self
Buda, TX

I respectfully ask that anyone considering this change take a moment to reflect deeply on what is truly best for the American people — not just for today, but for generations to come. Please set aside party lines, personal gain, and power, and focus solely on the good of our nation. Now more than ever, we need unity over division. I urge you to help us move in that direction.

Jessica Wolfson
Self
Austin, TX

This is a terrible idea and will damage the democracy and values of our country. Please reconsider for the sake of our country and its future.

Robyn Daniels
Grassroots
Tyler, TX

Please pass HB 4 as it's time and makes sense for the proposed redistricting map

Sara Ball
self
Allen, TX

I am a constituent of a district that is already heavily gerrymandered and combines suburban southern Collin County with rural Hunt county. Our interests and needs are very different and we've been split from other suburban areas to minimize our voice in government. This blatant rigging of the system mid-decade is not based on any new data or population shift, but merely due to a call from Trump to his Texas Republican buddies in power to "get [him] five more seats" in Congress that are currently Democratically held. The map was not available for any of the hearings. Also, Texas Republicans are talking out of both sides of their mouth claiming there's no racial motivation on one side and then claiming reverse racism on the other. They cannot have it both ways. On top of which, the priority for this special session should have been the disaster relief and preparedness hearings and conversations around the disaster that was the July 4th flood along the Guadelupe. It is blatantly partisan and openly cheating for the party in power to be picking their voters in future elections rather than having to own up to their constituents about the choices they've made during their term.

Arturo Moreno Jr
self
El Paso, TX

I vehemently disagree with President Trump's goal to redistrict lines to favor Republicans in Texas. This is wrong, embarrassing, and one more effort for him and his groupies to dismantle democracy for an autocratic form of government. DO NOT let this happen!

Richard Banks, Mr.
Self
Pflugerville, TX

I oppose this bill because it will harm my ability to have fair representation in Congress.

Eric Wilson
self
Austin, TX

I truly appreciate seeing the proposed redistricting maps. They're a delightful reflection of the writing on the wall. Rather than figuring out how to write policies that better our state for generations to come, the only conceivable way the Texas republican party can continue to maintain the illusion of power is to draw lines to try and break the will of Texans that disagree with them.

I stand firmly against the proposed redistricting map and demand that our state's elected officials ensure that every Texan has the opportunity to be fairly represented in their district.

Ashley CHENG
Self
Austin, TX

I am appalled that the Texas legislature is taking up Redistricting mid cycle. I strongly oppose the proposed maps but more importantly I vehemently oppose the complete disregard for democratic values and process by even taking up a redrawing of the maps in this way. You are stealing an election before it can even happen.

During the last redistricting cycle, I testified during every available hearing (both online and in person), which I think amounted to 10 testimonies to the House and Senate in 2021. Back then we were given little to no notice, but I was able to take part because I worked remotely and didn't have family obligations or childcare to worry about then. Plus, I was passionate about the once-in-a-decade process and planned that flexibility into my schedule in advance.

This time because of the unprecedented, unlawful and last-minute nature of this redistricting announcement, I've been out of state traveling for the summer with my family and unable to attend hearings. Our community and its concerns are completely being ignored in this "process."

This is a shameless partisan power grab and an act of blatant racism that even my lifelong Republican family members are embarrassed by — family members who have voted for Governor Abbott and President Trump in every election.

During the last redistricting, on the heels of the well documented rise of anti-Asian hate during that time, I was deeply concerned about intentional dismantling of minority communities of color in the maps and the disenfranchisement of said voices. I was told again and again by our elected officials like Senator Joan Huffman that the maps were drawn "race blind." How are those same maps now being scrutinized by some of the same people for being racially drawn? Please make this make sense.

According to the 2020 census, 95% of the population growth was due to communities of color. These communities, including those that are being specifically disenfranchised with these new districts, deserve to elect candidates of their choice and voices that truly represent them.

Please stop trying to rewrite or completely ignore the Voting Rights Act and the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. These communities of color are here, and you can't rewrite us out of existence. We're supposed to be one nation, indivisible. We won't be made invisible by these maps.

Laura Hoelter
Self, social worker
Austin, TX

Re-zoning would be absolutely detrimental to our state. Not only does it not make sense, but it puts thousands of marginalized communities at risk.

Sabrina Mercedes
Self
Austin, TX

This bill is completely unlawful and would not reflect an accurate or appropriate representation of the voters in Texas. I highly urge you not to pass this. It will set a very dangerous precedent.

Evan Hunt, Candidate
Elect Evan Hunt Campaign
McKinney, TX

Chairman Vasut, members of the Committee,

My name is Evan Hunt. I am running for Congress in Texas's 3rd Congressional District and writing today to voice my opposition to the mid-cycle redistricting actions of this Body.

We all know that the job of a Representative, be it in the United States House or the Texas House, is to advocate for the interests of the people who elected them. Districts are meant to be cohesive communities, with similar interests and needs, so that their Representatives can advocate clearly on their behalf.

Texas's 3rd District is made up of both Collin County and Hunt County which are rapidly growing, and include cities such as Frisco, Plano, McKinney, Allen, Princeton and Greenville. This new map proposes to unnaturally stretch the district east into far more remote areas, thereby expanding it from two to seven counties, and breaking down the common interests within the District. Each of these counties have their own needs and deserve to be represented with as little dilution or distortion as possible.

By pushing for these new maps, this body is clearly more concerned with appeasing a President who is determined to cheat to win, no matter the cost to our democracy and no matter who gets hurt. We all know why this is even a discussion right now - the President is so worried about losing control of Congress in 2026, due to one reckless, failed and unpopular policy after another, that he's exerting his influence over our State Government. This isn't a debate over constitutional concerns - this is political partisan games at their worst. This is about race and power. Minority voters in 3rd District have been gaining ground, organizing, and making their voices heard. And what is this body proposing to do in response? They want to crack our communities and scatter our voices.

Mr. Chairman, our democracy should be about making sure every voter, no matter their ethnicity, ZIP code, or skin color - both rural and urban - gets fair representation. I would hope the members of this body would agree.

You can redraw the map, but not the truth. The American voter can see what is being done in this room. We shouldn't let one man in the White House dictate the democratic process in our great State. Cheating is not, and has never been, the way to get ahead in Texas. Let's not forget it.

Susan Richter
Self retired
AUSTIN, TX

Redrawing districts in the middle of a census period is uncalled for and a brazen attempt to dilute the votes of Democrats and people of color. Challenges will certainly be filed. The existing maps, which were disingenuously claimed NOT to be race based when created, are now acknowledged to be racially discriminatory - illustrating the deceit of the ruling Republican leaders. Do not redraw maps. Leave the existing maps in place, saving millions of dollars of Texas taxpayer money.

james cowan
Self
Temple, TX

Stop this waste of taxpayer money. Tell Trump to leave Texas alone. If candidates cannot win without further gerrymandering they don't deserve to be given a public trust.

Kip Sieger
Self
Cedar Park, TX

Stop the partisan gerrymandering !!

Amy Gibbs
Self
Houston, TX

I urge the Texas state legislature not to rush through the redistricting process. Please take the time to do this correctly and with updated information after the 2030 census. The 2021 maps are still being litigated. And it is without a doubt that these new maps will also face legal hurdles, wasting time and taxpayer dollars. No one was asking for this, until the request came from the DOJ, and the rationale behind the change is so transparent. This rushed process and the resulting dilution of the voting power of Black and Hispanic/Latino communities will only erode the already waning trust in our government and electoral process.

No voter should ever feel disenfranchised. We should be finding ways to encourge people and make it easier to vote. This is not a solution to anything.

I live in CD-18, which has been without representation for a total of 257 days since Rep. Jackson-Lee's death last July. We are in a moment in history, with so many daily tragedies and a long list of concerns, where we all feel so helpless - not having representation has made that feeling even worse. This district has been suffering, and this is not the moment to create additional challenges and shake the bedrock of the CD.

Furthermore, to rush this process when attention should be on the flooding in the Hill Country and the treats to the gulf coast region as we approach huricane season should be of greater priority, is unconscionable.

Kristen Bowdre
Self- Social Worker
Austin, TX

I am writing to strongly oppose House Bill 4, which proposes redrawing Texas's congressional maps in a manner that is blatantly gerrymandered and fundamentally undemocratic.

HB 4 does not serve the people of Texas—it serves the interests of those in power who are attempting to entrench their control by manipulating district lines for partisan gain. This undermines the principle of fair representation, which is a cornerstone of our democracy.

The proposed maps dilute the political voices of communities of color, despite the fact that population growth in Texas has been overwhelmingly driven by Latino, Black, and Asian communities. HB 4 ignores this reality and instead carves up neighborhoods and cities in ways that fracture communities and minimize their collective power.

This kind of gerrymandering not only violates the Voting Rights Act but also erodes public trust in our elections. Voters should choose their representatives—not the other way around.

I urge lawmakers to reject HB 4 and to commit to a transparent, nonpartisan redistricting process that reflects the true makeup of our state. Texans deserve fair maps, equal representation, and a democracy that works for all of us. We should be using special session time to address disaster preparedness, not redistricting outside of the normal schedule.

Carisa Armstrong
Self
Bryan, TX

I strongly oppose the redistricting bill. It will hurt this state and it does not support democracy or the people.

Thomas Paolini
Self/Multiple Jobs
Austin, TX

I am writing to express my strong opposition to HB 4 by Hunter. The congressional redistricting proposed in this bill is unethical and an abuse of power. Elected officials have a duty to preserve the American Democracy we cherish and ensure it for future generations. This redistricting proposal undermines and compromises that Democracy. HB 4 must be defeated.

Naomi Lurie
Self
Austin, TX

I live a five-minute drive from the Domain Shopping District in the heart of North Austin. Yet, for many years, my congressman was in College Station! A distortion designed to dilute my vote and strengthen a party that does not represent my value system and priorities. When the district lines were corrected I found I had representation in Congressman Lloyd Doggett, and I have valued that tremendously. Please do not do this awful manipulation of the system and artificially redraw the district lines in a way that misrepresents what people want. You will be increasing the disparity between what people want and what their representatives advocate for and accomplish.
Respectfully, Naomi Lurie

Darlene Luna
none
El Paso, TX

Gerrymandering/redistricting is CLEAR scheme by republicans to destablize voters right to choose a rep. that represents the voters concerns and issues related to the area that the voter resides in.
It allows politicians to choose their voters, rather than the voters choosing their politicians. It makes elected officials less accountable for their actions and weakens responsiveness to voter issues.
It weakens voter engagement, because voters feel like their vote does not COUNT or makes no difference! In turn harming communities and the demcratic process!
I am 100% against this redistricting. Voters need to be represented in a fair and timely manner!
It is totally against what the founding fathers intended.
Thank you.

Kris Dudley
Self/ retired
Austin, TX

Austin resident 40+ years - lived in Houston prior. Drawing a district that INCLUDES BOTH Casar and Doggett does NOT REFLECT the constituent demographic - I've moved to South Austin and have just recently put in Casar's district. Previously, I was NOT REPRESENTED by Chip Roy! In Houston, having a district that DOES NOT adequately reflect Houston's 3rd Ward is CRIMINAL!
My sense is drawing new districts based on previous Trump county wins may just backfire - considering the ICE activities in the state - and the terrible polling numbers by Trump himself. This whimsical map may indeed TOTALLY BACKFIRE - leave the maps alone. Texas and US leadership must recognize Texas is becoming a minority/majority state - long term Texas residents are being treated like chattal- afforded only the will of the criminal masters! Leave the maps alone !!

Curtis Mitchell
Self
Fort Worth, TX

This is a terrible bill that shouldn't be passed. It's taking away voices from minorities and basically all the democratic seats

Will Primrose
self
austin, TX

To hell with y’all for trying to manipulate the People of Texas with your redistricting. To hell with y’all for kneeling down for that crooked pervert Donald Trump. To hell with y’all for prioritizing this undemocratic scam while Texans are still recovering from the July 4th flood tragedy. Thanks be to god that one day, on a geologic scale, your disservice to the People of Texas will be insignificant. Eat it & Resign. Shame on you all.

Dawn Williams-Richardson
Self
Killeen, TX

My name is Dawn Williams-Richardson. I am military spouse, mother, youth director at my church, and a 39 year retired educator. As a teacher and administrator, I taught every student that came through my door. I represented each of them and fought for them like they were my own. No consideration of race, creed, religious background, or gender. I worked hard for each and every one of them.
As representatives of the people of Texas I urge to not revise congressional districts simply because the president wants to secure seats in the 2026 election.
People voted for their representatives. Every citizen in the state deserves to choose for themselves; who best represents them and their community.
The fact that only districts with a majority minority population tells us more about the motives.
You were elected by your constituents. You are supposed to answer to them, not Gov. Abbott or Donald Trump.
Bill after bill you show us that our needs take a backseat to what your donors want.
It is to silence communities who already don’t have enough representation in government. It is to silence Black and Brown communities. It is to make sure that the harmful effects of the big bad bill take effect without any oversight. It is not the will of the people who elected you. If the policies being passed at the federal level were sound and beneficial to the majority, you would not have to redistrict to keep power. Breaking up communities of color is racial gerrymandering. Our own AG stated under oath that these district were not set up by race or color but Trump wants to break them up because of it.
We the people elected you and we the people will hold you accountable.
We urge you to focus on flood controls, the power grid, keeping rural hospitals and clinics open, and shoring up our public schools and leave redistricting to be done during the census period.

Kevin Burns
Self
Houston, TX

Texas taxpayers should not be forced to foot the bill for a special session just to redraw maps that were already declared fair and legal by the very people who now want to change them. If nothing material has changed — no new census, no court ruling — then what is this really about? The explanation offered, a vague letter, is not justification for upending the democratic map-drawing process again.

This is not about fairness, it is a naked grab for power in a heavily gerrymandered state where 42% of the population of Texans have only 32% of the representatives in the House, where the death of a Congressional member left a district unrepresented because the Governor did not want the people to have their will exercised.

The continuation of a winner-take-all politics has removed fair representation from a minority contingent may be setting the stage for revolution. As the great men who founded this nation were inspired by the slogan, "no taxation without representation." Will the Texas legislative body adopt King George IV's policies or will they return to American ideals and restore accurate representation by population?

Jamie Mower
Self
Richmond, TX

I am almost at a loss of words for what is happening not only in our country but in our great state of Texas. The abuse of power and a loss of trust in the very people in power and who we elect and trust to govern us is now alarming to our society and our very liberty in this “democracy”. No person, no politician, no president should be allowed to change our districts for their own political gain and agenda. We, as Texans, need to do the right thing and not allow this to happen to our people. I am scared of what the future holds for our country, our democracy and our republic. Leave the district boundaries alone! These representatives have been rightfully elected by the prople to help represent us- especially in these trying times!

Michael Kneeland
Self
San Antonio, TX

As my representative, I expect you to OPPOSE redistricting! Gerrymandering is illegal and I do not support suppression of the Black and Latino vote. SAY NO TO REDISTRICTING!

Valerie Mitro
self
Austin, TX

The proposed redistricting plan raises serious concerns about fairness and democratic integrity. By manipulating district boundaries, the plan appears to dilute the voices of historically underrepresented communities while disproportionately favoring one political party. This undermines the foundational principle of "one person, one vote" by skewing representation in a way that no longer reflects the true makeup of the population. Voters should choose their representatives — not the other way around. When district lines are drawn with partisan intent instead of reflecting genuine community boundaries, it erodes public trust and weakens the legitimacy of our electoral system. Fair representation should never be a partisan issue, it’s a fundamental right in a healthy democracy.

Kiley McAbee
Self / real estate
Lewisville, TX

This is a completely shameful and sham process. Stop kowtowing to Donald Trump and work for your constituents. We deserve to have our voices heard. Gerrymandering by both parties needs to finally stop - be the ones to end the shameful cycle. And halfway through the decade, after your own party drew the last map, now you need a new one? Come on. Respect your citizens and yourselves.

Dana Dean
Self. Realtor
Austin, TX

This absurd redistributing plan is an unvarnished power grab. The lines divide areas that have similar concerns and specifically target democratic neighborhoods. It is past time to remember you represent us, not Donald Atrump. Grow a spine and leave the districts alone. There is no new census to justify this blatant move.

Shantanu Ganguly
Self
Austin, TX

Hon. Representatives, redistricting based on the 2020 Census has already been done. Why again now?

It is clear that it is to lean further in favor of the majority party, without feedback from state residents but under pressure from the POTUS. If enacted, it will further disenfranchise large swaths of voters who will be pushed into districts where their vote will not count.
This redistricting is unethical and should not be done.

Kim Goyette
self
Austin, TX

Hello, I am a 30+ year Texan residing in Austin in Travis County. I am extremely concerned about the proposed redistricting maps. Texas has a long history of passing discriminatory election laws and racial gerrymandered maps. What is happening right now continues the pattern. Communities of color make up more than 60% of the Texas population, yet people of color only represent 34% of our congressional delegation. Since Texas leadership is funded by tax payer dollars, Senators, House Representatives and the Governor should represent ALL Texans. We should have fair mapping that represents the voice of every Texas citizen. This short notice special session focused on redistricting is an intentional way to split up communities of color to reduce voting power and sway the voter outcome. I believe that Travis County proposed maps intentionally do not represent the majority of people in Travis County by extending district mapping into areas that traditionally vote republican and thereby water down the power of Austin voters. I am asking for an Independent Redistricting Commission to offer a transparent way to draw maps that reflect the true diversity and needs of our communities. I am asking you to change your priorities and focus on fairly representing ALL Texas citizens' needs. Thank you.

Martha Owen
Self
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose this bill. It should be be seen as what it is: a power grab. Democrats should not be shut out of the opportunity to participate in our democracy. The redistricting should be done every 10 years to reflect population changes, not to suit either party. This sort of thing makes all of us lose faith in our political system and we are worse off as a country/state because of it.
Martha Owen

Rebecca Molis
Self. Retired
Round Rock, TX

Texans deserve to have their voices heard. Redistricting to provide gerrymandered seats does nothing to represent the needs of every Texan. If you have to cheat to win, then you know that what you are doing is wrong. Stand for what Texans need - gun laws, funded public schools, healthcare, and social services. Stop pandering to felons and billionaires

Laura Kaplan, Nurse
Self
Spicewood, TX

You're supposed to represent ALL the people of Texas! Rigging elections by gerrymandering to get rid of Independents and Democrats is illegal!!

Barbara Smith
Individual
Nacogdoches, TX

Do not redistrict. This is a power play and is seen as such.

Elizabeth Runge
Self
Houston, TX

This is not okay! I am currently in Congressional District 18 which our Governor has decided doesn't deserve to have a voice. Now you THINK you can take away our representation with the redrawing of the voting map. This is NOT enhancing voter representation and you know that. Trust me, you have poked the bear and the next election will show that the voters care about those who mess with their representation. You should all know and act better. God have mercy on your souls.

Kenya Ross, Mrs.
Self
Dallas, TX

You are working against the people you are to serve. Stop and think. Be fair. Nothing good will come from this redistricting.

Maya Modi
Self
Dallas, TX

There are more registered democrats in Texas than registered republicans.

Please do not bow down to our dictator so he can have 5 more seats. Your constituents will have more respect for you if you stand up FOR our rights and voices. Fight for democracy!

Susan Grumbles
Self
McKinney, TX

All voices need to be heard for representation in a democracy. Redistricting silences voices and does not adequately represent the voters. Please reject the proposal for redistricting.

Lia Rosen
Self
Austin, TX

The redistricting as shared in the maps for HB 4- reveal a lack of transparency and are a rapid response based on party lines. I ask that you do not approve this bill and instead wait until the census is complete in 2030 so we can use appropriate data to recreate maps.

Marjorie Guerra
Self
San Antonio, TX

I oppose the Redistricting and Gerrymandering. What is happening should be against the laws you are supposed to be making for a fair and just Texas.

Kris Fuentes
Self
Hutto, TX

I strongly oppose the proposed redistricting and urge you to vote no. I live in central Texas and this proposal moves me into a district with Odessa. This gerrymandering. Is unacceptable. Do not cower to political bullying. Vote no.

Elizabeth Ayala, Mrs.
Self
San Antonio, TX

We recently had a redistricting done in our state. You are wasting tax payers money by concentrating on this issue again rather than more important issues. Stop this attempt to redistribute our state.

Rebecca Allen
self
LOCKHART, TX

Do not redistrict!

Cynthia Sanchez, Ms
Self- Coach
Bedford, TX

No Redistricting

Della Shorman
Self
Galveston, TX

Please leave the current districts as is. The splitting up to add more districts will disenfranchise 100s of 1000s of voters.

Laurel Trevino
Self
Austin, TX

I oppose HB 4 on Congressional Redistricting for the following reasons. 1. It's the wrong time to do legislative redistricting, in the middle of a decade, instead of the right time, after the 2030 census. This complex process is being crammed into a short 30-day period. Why was it not scheduled during a normal session? Why are you redistricting instead of helping flood victims & preventing natural disaster losses again? 2. Major goals/objectives were not stated. 3. Criteria were not stated or violated. Maps should have contiguous lines (Texas County Line Rule); districts should be but are NOT compact; population will grow and demographics will change in the next 5 y; maps are racially biased; maps are partisan; maps should not protect/favor incumbency; maps should but are not respecting community landmarks. 4. Methodology should: use modern map-making software that includes all 6 criteria (stated in #3) in addition to unique criteria including communities of interest, state Confidence Interval (95 or 99%) and Standard Deviation (5 or 1%). Bills HJR 26, HJR 28, HB 221 propose a constitutional amendment to establish an independent citizen redistricting commission to redistrict the Texas Legislature, Congressional District, State Board of Education, and revising procedures for redistricting. Redistricting is a serious, laborious, long process, which cannot be rushed into a short period as it was in 2021 and now in 2025. Stop playing politics instead of helping flood victims NOW!

Suzanne Seriff, Dr
Self
Austin, TX

As a lifelong Texan and dues paying member of Travis county for over 50 years I urge you to not pass this bill which would egregiously and incidiously carve up the voting districts of this state to deny voters rights or abilities to have those voices heard. Don’t do it!!!

Caitlin herron
Self
Fort worth, TX

I'm opposed to this redistricting proposal. It does not honestly represent the values or needs of all Texans. It will create a version of Texas geared to represent and amplify the voices of only some, only some values, only some people, and will leave the rest of us out. This is clearly intentional. This is clearly hateful. This is clearly only in the interest of the few. And somehow they are very interested in taking away the voice of others. When the rest of us are looking for all voices to be heard and not silenced. I, a lifelong, Texan do NOT support redistricting proposal HB4. This is not the Texas way y'all.

Veronica Seemann
Self Registred Nurse
Austin, TX

I am vehemently opposed to this redistricting bill. It is very obvious that it is being proposed to please and at the urging of the current president. We are only 1/2 way thought the time when this should be done. We have many more important issues that our legislators should be discussing like protecting our adults and children from needless gun fire, emergency warning systems, loss of electricity to name a few of the events that have plagued our great state. Please do the right thing and do not redraw the congressional districts. The State of Texas needs to do better to serve the citizens of Texas. Thank you.

Lori Hall
Self
Grapevine, TX

I adamantly oppose the Texas redistricting bill. I'm embarrassed to be a republican! This is un-American and clearly a desperate act to silence marginalized communities.

Alyssa Stebbing, Rev
Self
Austin, TX

This will not allow fair representation for all Texans. We have a right to representation if we pay taxes. Make it fair to all constituents. I oppose this bill. As a minister in the church, this will harm my parishioners and our community.

Cindy Skinner
Self
Lago Vista, TX

I write as a concerned Texas resident urging the Committee to prioritize transparency, community input, and fairness as you consider the proposed mid-decade congressional map. The delay in receiving proposed maps undermines trust in the process and limits meaningful public participation. Texans deserve an ample time to review proposed maps in advance of a vote. Moreover, the proposed changes appear designed to bolster Republican control in the U.S. House by adding up to five new GOP-friendly districts, potentially shifting power from urban and minority communities in cities such as Austin, Houston, and Dallas—even though nearly all growth in Texas since the 2020 Census is among non-white populations. This constitutes racial gerrymandering and would disenfranchise Black and Latino voters. Beyond political advantage, substantial concerns have been raised that redistricting mid-decade may disrupt essential constituent services—disconnecting residents from offices familiar with their ongoing cases and federal entitlements. As your Committee prepares to vote, I ask that you ensure: 1-Release of proposed maps with ample review time before any vote. 2-Public hearings in affected communities with accessible virtual testimony that allows every Texan who chooses to testify the time to testify. 3-Independent review to prevent dilution of minority voting strength. Citizens in Texas and across the US know what the orange felon has told the governor to do - and he intends to do it to protect the power he has and needs to pursue his national aspirations. And you, the committee members who may vote for this illegal racial gerrymandering are nothing but useful idiots…political pawns. Your time will come…you know you are on the wrong side of history..those you hurt and your conscience will never forgive you and you will be held accountable. This decision will shape Texas' political landscape for years to come. Please uphold the principles of fair representation and democratic process. Respectfully, Cindy Skinner, Lago Vista, TX.

Eliza Fisher

self; university employee

Austin, TX

I am extremely opposed to the passage of this bill!! Redistricting should improve the degrees to which districts represent their constituency, not artificially decrease it.

Michelle Brite

Self, music teacher and professional

Austin, TX

The new map is gerrymandering and It is undemocratic. Districts are supposed to be drawn to ensure representation by the diverse communities that live in a state, as they each have different needs and interests to be represented politically. In order to do this, many states use non-partisan, independent redistricting commissions to ensure fairness, but Texas does not. The proposed map has been drawn by Republicans to ensure that voters who tend to vote Republican dominate in the majority of districts and voters who tend to vote Democrat, are packed into just a couple of districts, giving the Republicans an 80% majority of House seats. In the last governor's election (2022) the Democratic candidate (Beto O'Rourke) won 43.8% of the vote and the Republican candidate (Greg Abbot) won 54.8% of the vote. In the 2024 presidential election the Democratic candidate (Harris) won 42.4% of the vote and the Republican candidate (Trump) won 56.3% of the vote. It's not about turning Texas blue, it's about having fair maps and fair representation.

- It is racist. The districts that are being redrawn are primarily populated by Black and Hispanic populations who vote Democratic. U.S. House Reps Marc Veasey and Jasmine Crockett no longer live in their districts under the current maps, which is a method of reducing their chance of being reelected. Both of them are Black lawmakers and were elected to represent districts that are primarily populated by people of color. The current map has diluted the ability for Black and Hispanic voters to choose their own representatives in Congress, which creates a system where one race is given more say than another - blatant racism.

- It lacks data. The maps are supposed to be redrawn every 10 years following the census, so that the best data can inform how the districts are drawn so as to fairly represent each voter as best as possible. We are at the five year point between censuses, so no new demographic data has been acquired. The Texas government previously testified that the maps were drawn "blind to race", but the U.S. Department of Justice has stated this needs to happen to rectify the previous maps because they are racist. It's an insulting line of reasoning and has no basis in actual demographic reality.

- It is divisive. Democratic states, such as California, are already considering redrawing their lines to give them more Democratic districts in response to the Texas plan. This sets a terrible precedent and will further deepen ineffectiveness, combativeness, and conflict between the left and the right. In my opinion, it is simply self-defense for Democratic governments to try and balance the system in whatever way they can, but it is still destructive and will have an overall negative effect for the country.

Gordon Jeffries

self

Plano, TX

This is an illegal attempt at gerrymandering. This is changing the rules in midterm and I am firmly opposed to this. If the current folks cannot win in their district, then they don’t win. Plain and simple. Preserve our voting rights.

Nathan Hiebert

Self

Austin, TX

What kind of fucking pussies redistrict their state at the behest of a wannabe dictator? You pedophile protectors in the GOP are a fucking disgrace. The political climate is a powder keg and you dumb motherfuckers are playing matches.

Nick Caveness, Rev.
Drop pastor CTChurch
Pasadena, TX

I am for redistricting
Redistricting is a process that adjusts electoral boundaries to reflect population changes from the census, ensures districts have roughly equal populations and comply with the “one person, one vote” principle enshrined in the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment. Texas, which has experienced substantial population growth from 2020 to 2025, has seen its population surge from 29,145,505 in 2020 to an estimated 32 million by July 2025, as reported by the U.S. Census Bureau. Redistricting is crucial in maintaining fair representation and upholding the Constitution. The current maps - Texas House, Texas Senate, and Congress - do not reflect the massive growth in Texas over the last five years.

Samantha Morris
Self
Pearland, TX

I am strongly opposed to new maps halfway through the period. This is a shrewd and cruel political move to block out representatives and crack and pack federal districts so that we have a 1 party system. THIS IS NOT DEMOCRACY! And I'm absolutely sick of the Republican party lying to Texans. I went to the Houston hearing and we were all told, THOUSANDS of people were told there were no new maps, we're just seeing what the public wants, and of course we'll give MULTIPLE hearings across the state once we have new maps so the public can weigh in. That was a LIE. Not 5 days later NEW MAPS had magially appeared and low and behold the legislature is having ONE SINGLE hearing at the capitol only. I'm sick and tired of the lies to Texans, the intentional obfuscation, the deliberate attempt to disenfranchise Texan voices. KNOCK IT OFF!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

ANN SOULE
self
Austin, TX

I am against HB 4. Voters should chose who represents them not having the candidates chose who is in their districts. I am against further gerrymandering demanded by Trump to dilute the democratic vote.

Ryan Matcham
Self
Fort worth, TX

This is a power grab. We used to be the one state that stood independent of the President. Now we bow to Trump whenever he speaks. Stand up for Texas and stand up for Texans.

L Thompson
Self retired
Austin, TX

NO TO ANY REDISTRICTING

Anna Salinas, Ms.
Self
Grapevine, TX

I’m a 10th generation Texan and this is a shame. Gerrymandering belongs to back-alley, third-world authoritarian power-grabbers - not proud patriots working for justice and truth. Get out of here with this nonsense.

Donna Wurster
Common Defense
Murphy, TX

Subject: I Fought for Democracy — This Map Undermines It

My name is Donna Wurster, and I am a proud Army veteran, a resident of Collin, Texas, and a member of Common Defense, the nation's largest grassroots organization of progressive veterans.
I'm submitting this testimony to STRONGLY oppose the proposed redistricting map. The way this map is drawn is not just a political tactic — it's a direct assault on democracy, on communities of color, and on the veterans who return home to live in them.
This map targets Black and Brown neighborhoods, strips representation from active, community-rooted congressional leaders, and slices up communities where veterans rely on accessible services and trusted representation. It seeks to dilute urban votes seen as more democratic with rural voters unfairly characterized as more autocratic.
As a veteran, I am deeply concerned that this map makes it harder for us to defend and expand services through the VA. It's no coincidence that these lines gut areas where our VA Not for Sale campaign has traction — because silencing our voices silences our fight to protect the benefits we earned.
This redistricting proposal is not neutral. It is strategic, harmful, and unjust. I urge the committee to reject this map, hold public hearings in the affected communities, and draw lines that respect real people — not partisan power.
Vote NO on this Bill and prove to me that you are not the men and women Federalist 10 warned us about, "Men of factious tempers, of local prejudices, or of sinister designs, [who] by intrigue, by corruption, or by other means, first obtain the sufferages, and then betray the interests, of the people."
Signed,
Donna Marie Wurster
Army Veteran
Member, Common Defense
Collin County
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Tonya Hall
self
El Paso, TX

To the House Select Committee on Congressional Redistricting:

My name is Tonya Hall, and I am a Texas resident writing in strong opposition to HB 4.

This redistricting proposal is not just unfair — it is outrageous. Under HB 4, neighborhoods just 15 miles from mine would be drawn into a district represented by someone 500 miles away in San Antonio. That is not representative government. That is a blatant manipulation of the map to protect political power, not the people.

There is no logical or community-based justification for these lines — only a partisan one. Let's call it what it is: a calculated grab for more congressional seats at the request of the President, who explicitly called for Texas to deliver five more Republican seats. This is not about fair representation — it is about political fear. Fear that Texas voters are shifting, that we will no longer vote for officials who have repeatedly failed to act in our best interest — on healthcare, education, the power grid, and more.

HB 4 is a direct attack on our democracy and an attempt to actively silence the voices of Texans. Voters should choose their representatives — not the other way around.

I urge this committee to reject HB 4. We need fair maps, not partisan ones. We need representation that reflects our communities — not one that distances us from power by hundreds of miles.

Warren Smith
Self, retired
Austin, TX

This bill is a blatant political jerrymander, designed to keep Republicans in power even as their actual support dissolves. It must be rejected.

Pat Jackson
Self
La Grange, TX

I approve this bill!

Heather Coffee
Self
Austin, TX

Mid-decade redistricting, prompted by Trump so he can “get 5 seats in Texas” is exclusively a way to disenfranchise voters in Texas and concentrate power in the Republican Party, not only is it a miscarriage of justice to adopt these maps into law, it is a thinly-veiled attempt to chip away at the voting rights act. If the districts were drawn “race blind” as their 2021 authors indicated, then why is it the DOJ is asking to remedy racial issues in the districts it cited in its letter? Furthermore, why is Adam Kincaid, someone who isn’t even a Texan and certainly isn’t elected by the people of Texas, the individual who drew the maps? This is wrong and it will only serve to further disenfranchise voters of color in Texas and provide a pathway to do the same in other states across the nation. I am opposed to this bill and ask that you do not vote it into law.

Richard Santos
self, writer
Austin, TX

I believe rural voters will suffer through these new maps. Representatives will have a harder time attending to rural concerns while dealing with the urban dwellers who are being pushed into these districts.

Julie Gross, Ms.
self - educator
Austin, TX

I am AGAINST HB4 and oppose these unfair redistricting plans. I demand fair maps that represent all Texans. District lines should be drawn to represent the populations included, not silence the voices of the citizens you are supposed to represent. The government of the people, for the people, by the people weeps for what has become of this society.

Hannah Abercrombie
Self
Allen, TX

Do not illegally gerrymander our state even further. This is a disgusting attempt to disenfranchise millions of Texans just because Trump wants you to. Have a backbone. Do the right thing.

Samantha Johnson
Self
Austin, TX

This is a shameful tactic to attempt to squeeze this redistricting in among the face of so much death due to the floods. The focus of this special session should have been emergency preparedness and support for the communities that lost so many lives. The fact that this is even a bill is beyond disappointing. You are attempting to circumvent the people’s vote.

Vivek Mehta
Self
Austin, TX

My name is Vivek Mehta, and I am a proud Texan, born and raised in this state. I do not belong to any political party. I vote based on values, integrity, and which leaders best represent the will and interests of their communities.

That is exactly why I am speaking out today in strong opposition to HB 4.

This mid-census redistricting effort is not being driven by the people of Texas. It is being pushed from the top down, rushed through in a special session without justification, transparency, or accountability. The Legislature is attempting to redraw congressional maps that were already passed just a few years ago and are still under active review in federal court.

Why now? Why not wait for the courts to rule? Why waste money when redistricting was completed just 3 years ago?

The only conclusions is that this process is designed to suppress the voice of voters, not amplify it. Communities are being split up, carved into new configurations that dilute their ability to elect representatives who truly understand and advocate for their needs. Districts are stretching across vast geographic areas that share no common interests, linking urban neighborhoods to faraway rural towns with no clear justification.

That is not democracy.

The people of Texas deserve a system where representation is earned, not engineered.

Let the courts finish their work. Let voters keep the power to choose leaders who listen to them. And please, do not waste our time and money on a rushed, unnecessary redistricting process that confuses voters and and distracts from the real issues facing Texans today.

Thank you.

Elias Berthoud
Self
Horizon City, TX

This isn't in the best interest of El Paso Texas citizens. Leave our district lines as they are. Our current Representative is Doing Her Job. She knows the community's within El Paso and takes care of El Paso Texas.

Annagae Li
Self
Austin, TX

This is absolutely not in the best interest of TEXANS. No, no, no!

Elizabeth Buel
self
San Antonio, TX

As a Texas AFT member, I urge the committee to reject this mid-decade redistricting proposal and oppose any mid-decade redistricting that reduces minority voting influence. Our communities deserve fair maps, not political manipulation.

Cyrus Reed, Dr
Sierra Club, Lone Star Chapter
Austin, TX

Sierra Club opposes this process and these maps, which do not create communities of interest. Please find our full comments here - https://www.sierraclub.org/sites/default/files/2025-08/hb4-sc-house-special-08-01-25.pdf

Deborah Cosgrove
Admin Asst
El Paso, TX

I am deeply disappointed with so much of what the Republican party is doing right now but this redistricting proposal sits at the top of the list. Not only is the Texas GOP capitulating to the pressure of current administration, but they are doing so for no apparent reason, other than a power grab. No census information makes this redistricting necessary, the timing is highly unusual and completely suspect. As a voter living in El Paso Texas, I want to be represented by someone that knows El Paso. Someone that lives here, eats here and cares about El Paso. I do not want representation by someone more than 100 miles away. I hope these comments are taken seriously.

Del Cooney
self/marketing
austin, TX

My name is del cooney, from Austin, TX. I am a constituent of district 37. I am writing to register my strong opposition to the mid decade redistricting proposed in HB 4. I've lived in Austin for over 20 years. This process is rushed, with limited hearings and opportunities to receive feedback from concerned Texans. The proposed maps have a potential to radically change the congressional representation for communities across the state, and forcing this through in a special session raises serious questions about gerrymandering and intentional disenfranchisement. I oppose this bill

June Mullin
Self
Round Rock, TX

I oppose this redistricting effort. It is unnecessary, and will disenfranchise groups of voters who deserve to have their voices matter.

Alexis Bruton
Self retiree
San Antonio, TX

How dare you try to take away fair districts that represent the beautiful diversity of our Texas? When your MAGA mess catches up with you - as is coming with the flooding disaster that could have been averted - you will answer for violating the Constitution at the bidding of a would-be tyrant whose reckoning is coming too. Destroying Barbara Jordan's district for example is a profound error morally and politically that will hasten the destruction of what's left of the GOP and create a tidal wave of new voters such as in California after Pete Wilson turned on immigrants in the 80s - turning CA blue for decades.
Your craven kowtowing to the absolute worst instincts of the power mad in DC is an abomination that directly contradicts the proud heritage of Free Texas.

Maria Scranton, Dr
Self
Austin, TX

I do not believe redistricting is needed. We just did redistricting and already had a court case. Personally I do not think politicians should be drawing the lines. I think this is a set up for cheating. Representatives should be elected based on merit and their platforms not due or cheating. That is not representation by the people and for the people. It's representation of special interests

Marsha Thornton
Self
Red Oak, TX

I am not convinced that there is anything I could say that is not something that has not already been said or that, furthermore, would compel the republican legislators of Texas to cease and desist this action of redistricting, unashamedly done to capture additional congressional seats to maintain power. Several commenters in both the House and Senate hearings that occurred even before the maps were released have already commented on why this redistricting exercise is wrong. Yet, I submit these comments today as a lasting testament to my opposition to this redistricting exercise. It was inexcusable to have public field hearings before the maps were released. It is inexcusable to allow only 48 hours for members of the public to receive and review the maps and make their way to the Capitol to comment in person. Although the rules for a special session only require 24 hours' notice for a public hearing, anyone truly interested in the public's input would have permitted far more time. It is unreasonable that at least one of the districts in the proposed map stretches from Lubbock to San Antonio, and another district stretches from Dallas to the Texas-Louisiana border. For these reasons and so many others that I will not delineate today, I strongly oppose this redistricting initiative.

Ann Morris
Myself
Lago Vista, TX

Confirm the the New district map

Gary Grisaffe
Self
Austin, TX

First, you all have failed to explain why this is needed mid-cycle though we all know the real reason. Second, these maps are blatantly nonsensical. Your only goal here is seemingly to dilute power of the minority party. This should be neither normalized nor accepted. If you cannot win on your ideas and leadership, please move aside. You're serving nobody but yourselves.

Jo Webber, Dr.
Self , university professor
AUSTIN, TX

I DO NOT support mid census redistricting. I support compact districts reflecting interests of the community. This redistricting effort is totally unnecessary. Stop this effort and do something that actually helps the people of TX like increasing funding for public schools and increasing Medicaid funding.

Sean Miller
Self
Austin, TX

I strongly disagree with the proposals laid out in HB 4. They represent an effort to further dilute my representation and voice, as well as the voices of thousands of Texas. Given that this is happening outside of normal redistricting times, which historically coincide with the Us Census, I am forced to believe that this is nothing more than a nakedly partisan effort to remove representation for left-leaning voters in Texas. Voters should pick their political representatives, not the other way around. Please reject this measure.

Diane Jones, Mrs
Self
Dallas, TX

I'm against the HB42 redistribution map.

Adriana Castro
self
Houston, TX

As a constituent from Harris County, I strongly oppose any mid-decade redistricting efforts that diminish the voting power of minority communities. Our communities deserve fair, representative maps—not political manipulation.

This proposal is a clear overreach and appears to be an attempt to suppress the civic voices of marginalized voters. I urge you to stand for fair representation and reject this undemocratic effort.

Anne Dunkelberg
self - retired Texas Health Policy Analyst
Austin, TX

I oppose mid-census redistricting. I support compact districts reflecting communities of interest.

Sarah Miller Fellows
self
Austin, TX

I am a Texas voter, and I strongly oppose any mid-decade re-districting, especially while current maps are being challenged in court. I am especially concerned that redistricting will not result in fair representation for all Texans. Texas has a history of using gerrymandering and voter suppression tactics to limit representation of racial minorities. I urge you to prevent communities of color from being deliberately divided.

A 30-day special session does not provide sufficient time for a thoughtful, transparent process that allows for meaningful public input and ensures that lawmakers have the necessary information to create legally compliant district maps. Furthermore, rushing this process during the special session distracts from the very necessary priorities of ensuring flood recovery after the devastating July 4 flooding. I urge you to not pursue redistricting during the current special session.
Sincerely,
Dr. Sarah Miller Fellows

Rudolph Maio
Self
El Paso, TX

I'm against redistricting before the next census. We will be losing the 700 million dollars our current US representing raised for a VA clinic / Hospital etc. This money will go to ppl 500 miles away for their use.
I want a rep. With a presence in El Paso area district. NO TO REDISTRICTING

Tanya Walshin
Self dental hygienist
Rockwall, TX

I am in support of redistricting.

Jaba Banerjee
Self
Austin, TX

Stop the redistricting.

Celena Hebert
self
Austin, TX

Redefining the districts should not be done this way. Gerrymandering should be stopped, not made even more extreme.

Paula Allen
Self, retired teacher
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose mid-census redistricting, and instead support districts reflecting communities of interest.

Marshall George
Self
Austin, TX

The fact that Texas has elected to take up a congressional redistricting request made by a sitting president is absolutely mind boggling to me, given that Texas has always argued the majority of its values are based off the premises of “states rights” and “limited government”. Additionally, it’s worth noting, not that I should have to, that this redistricting tactic that is being used is the same gerrymandering tactic that was used, and fought against in a massive way by Republicans, in the early 2000’s when Democrats held the majority in Texas. Is it right to do it when the shoe is on the other foot? I think not. Plainly stated, gerrymandering is wrong. Period. It does not matter who is doing it, because it’s ethically reprehensible, deeply Un-American, and the least Texan thing I believe you can do. That is, of course, unless you support the suppression of minority groups, silencing the voices of citizens in how their government is run, and the overall deprivation of rights promised to every citizen in the US Constitution. Given how vehemently residents of Texas, and other southern states, have argued that suppression of minorities is not something they are in favor of, how they are all for liberty and justice, etc., I find it hard to believe that this is the behavior we would want to engage in with the full knowledge that it does exactly the opposite by going against out espoused values. My congressional district has been some cartoonish shape since I can remember, and the entire purpose of it being drawn in that manner has been to disenfranchise individuals by diluting their voices through the dilution of their votes. There is zero reason I should share a congressional district with someone from Bryan, Texas, because the issues we face on the majority of things are inherently different. Not everything, but a great majority of things. Since this is patently obvious to anyone who would spend even 1-2 mins looking at a map of the state, it leaves a single explanation as to why my district was drawn that way: political gerrymandering. I’ve looked at the proposed map, and it is legitimately worse than the map I currently am forced to contend with; which, is just further evidence that this push to redistrict mid-decade, and during a special session where time is limited by design, is a politically motivated push to gerrymander for additional political gain by a Republican Party who is grasping for the power to undo institutions from which they receive the lions share of benefits. We need to do better. I am opposed to, and believe you should oppose, this redistricting attempt. This is a fly-by-night operation, and we are already on a dangerous trajectory as a nation. This legislation only serves to move us further down that dangerous path. Do not be complicit, and have your name recorded in history texts as being part of a dark era for this state and our nation.

kimberly thomas
self
austin, TX

Every elected leader – Democrat and Republican – must commit publicly to rejecting any and all efforts to redraw maps for partisan gain.

Voters should choose their leaders, not the other way around. Independent redistricting commissions are the best way to guarantee fair maps and equal representation for all. I am AGAINST redistricting.

Rex Warner, County Chairman
San Patricio
Portland, TX

With the changes that have happened in the last five years, it’s only correct to redistricting and only evil people would want to continue to not have the people who representative correctly by redistricting

Kay Dutta
Rockwall County Republican Women
Rockwall, TX

I support: Legislation to revise the congressional redistricting map.

Katherine Keenan
Self
Austin, TX

Good morning,

My name is Katherine Keenan and I’m a constituent from Austin, 78703.

I'm calling to urge the committee to oppose HB 4 and the mid-decade redistricting that is being considered. Early warning systems and flood prevention is much more important and valuable to Texans than partisan gerrymandering. I am also concerned this will start a tidal wave of similar actions from states of all political persuasion. This is not time well spent. We have more important matters to attend to.

Further, every American deserves a voice in their government. Please do everything in your power to stop this shameful dilution of representation from our few minority-majority districts -- clearly targeted on this basis.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Joyce Moore Newell
Self
Beaumont, TX

Thank you for this opportunity to share. As a public educator, I know and teach that everyone is important and has a voice. With this proposed redistricting, the voices of so many will be silenced. Texans have not only lived but thrived because of our diversity. Now is not the time to go backwards by enacting laws that are blatantly racist and disenfranchising. I strongly oppose gerrymandering our districts. It is just logical to see that 62% of Texans of Color are not currently represented at 62% in office and even less representation will happen with the proposed changes.

Susan Wittliff
Self, Wealth Manager
Austin, TX

We are opposed to this redistributing and will consider moving if this is enacted.

Kathleen Young
Self
Cedar Park, TX

This is an outrageous violation of the constitution that will take voices away from many texans. This is not only more racist than the last map, but obviously just an attempt by republicans to have more white nationalist representation.

Barbara Terry
self, retired attorney
Austin, TX

I am a lifelong Texas who has voted in every single election since I turned 18 over 40 years ago. I am appalled at the attempts by this current Legislature to gerrymander our US House districts during this special session. A special session, I might add, that was publicized as a session to address the catastrophic floods in the Hill Country over the July 4th weekend. But here you are, sneaking around doing Donald Trump's dirty work. No State should be redrawing districts in an '05 year, halfway between census counts. And wow! What abysmal districts you've proposed. Under this proposed map, my small neighborhood will be divided into not 1, not 2, BUT # US House districts. Why? I'm betting it's because my neighborhood votes solidly Democratic. It's why y'all redrew us just 5 years ago, to protect John Carter from defeat since he is a yes-boy to the GOP and Trump. So under this joke of a map, I will be "represented" by a person whose district stretches to Hillsboro. My neighbor less than a bike ride away will be "represented" by someone whose district stretches to Midland, and a third neighbor a bike ride the other direction will be "represented" by someone whose district includes the Piney woods of East Texas to the Louisana border. THAT IS NOT REPRESENTATION!!!!! It is a violation of our rights and all that is moral with our government. I can't be properly represented by a person who doesn't even share the same weather and soil as I have. And y'all know this!! You're so scared of Trump and losing the House to the Democrats that you are willing to hurt millions of Texans who trust y'all to serve us. Well, NO MORE! You pass this joke of a map and we will all join forces to make sure you don't win reelection and that this gerrymandering ceases. Do the RIGHT thing and spend this session helping the poor families y'all give public words to but ignore once the gavel comes down.

Grayson Sherwood
Self/Technical Coordinator
Allen, TX

Our government should accurately and honestly represent its people and our communities. Texas has had a long unhealthy history of not representing Texans well. This bill will further pervert the people’s representation so much so I am concerned about civil unrest, the safety of our government, and those who represent the government. There are so many other greater issues that plague our home state, time, money and resources should go to these other issues that Texans are genuinely concerned about and not towards a destruction of democracy.

Patricia Taylor
Voters
Holly Lk Rnch, TX

I am adamantly opposed to the redistricting. There are districts in Dallas that extend almost to Texarkana. This appears to be an effort to rig the upcoming elections and insure that votes by and for democrats are drowned in a sea of red votes from 100 miles away. It is wrong, you know it’s wrong and eventually we will find a way to vote you out. We will fight by every legal means to get our democracy back

Jena Masquelier
Self
Frisco, TX

Absolutely in favor of redistributing. The influx of people moving to texas make this necessary

Oscar Ugarte, Sheriff
El Paso County
El Paso, TX

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on the proposed redistricting plans.

As Sheriff of El Paso County, I'm urging the Committee to keep Fort Bliss, the El Paso International Airport, and surrounding areas of our community within Congressional District 16, currently represented by someone who lives in and understands El Paso.
Fort Bliss is one of the largest military installations in the country and a vital part of El Paso's identity. Thousands of soldiers and their families live in neighborhoods across the County, send their kids to local schools, and are deeply involved in our community. Fort Bliss doesn't stand apart, it functions alongside the rest of El Paso. Moving it into a different congressional district would disconnect it from the very people and institutions it relies on every day.

The El Paso International Airport connects our region to the rest of the country. It supports our economy, welcomes visitors, and plays a critical role in our growth. Decisions about transportation, trade, and infrastructure that affect the airport affect all of us. Those decisions should be made by someone who understands our local priorities.

Most importantly, the communities around these areas, veterans, working families, and longtime El Pasoans, deserve a voice in Washington that comes from here. Someone who lives in El Paso, knows the people, and will always put our community first.

El Paso is unique. We're a binational, bilingual, and deeply connected border community. Our representation should reflect that.

Craig DeBarge
self
Austin, TX

I felt it was important to speak out against this bill, as it is placating the president's demands to basically rig the system so that the votes of Democrats and minorities are wiped out through unfair and unnecessary redistricting- ensuring Republicans have all of the control. This is unbalanced and violating the rights of every single Texan who votes in what should be fair elections.

James Doyle
Self
Carrollton, TX

I am strongly in FAVOR of the maps put out yesterday in support of HB 4.The maps correctly reflect the composition of he electorate in our state.

Ruth Solis
Self
Bulverde, TX

Esteem Representatives,

This letter is directly address to the Republican members and their gerrymandering. Our country was founded on the ideals of democracy which include fair elections. It also included the ideals that the citizens of this country had a say through their votes in fair elections. The power grab by the Republican party is both unlawful and in complete opposition to the ideals upon which our country was founded. The Republican policies are hurting this country and this state. You know it and at the directive of current president Republicans sold us out.Gerrymandering is cheating. You are cheating us of our voices. You are cheating us as your constituents. You have decided party is more important than this state and this nation. Instead of helping Texans in our hour of need due to the life taking floods in the Hill Country, you decided to help the Republican Party. You decided to help the man who would throw you under the bus, if the need arises. The Republican power grab serves only one group of people and, not all Texans. You will rue the day you turn your backs on Texans to satisfy a man child and his accomplice the governor of this state. You have failed us in every sense of the word. You have demonstrated to your sons and daughters that cheating is more important than doing your job and earning your goals fair and square. Your greed will be your undoing. Your greed will hurt this beautiful state and its residents all because you bent a knee to the erratic leader of the Republican Party.

Melinda Vescovo
self/retired attorney
West Lake Hills, TX

Let's keep Texas values, of which fair play is primary. Redistricting to bend the knee to the federal government and current president is absolutely the least Texan action that could be taken. It's an absolute parody of true Texas ideals of independence, fair play, honesty, and helping each other. I urge you to reject this redistricting and let Texas stay Texas - not become a mere tool of the current president in his rapacious quest for wealth and power. Do the right thing - which is to NOT do this!

Leslie Dell
Self
Fort Worth, TX

Please vote against redistricting that will deprive many voters the right to vote for whom they want (a Democrat?).
This should be done after the census, not midway. Vote to do the right thing, not to do whatever Trump tells you to. Play fair!!!

sean collins
self - software developer
texarkana, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Bruce Ray
None
Cresson, TX

This is absolutely anti democratic!

Tansy Silva, Analyst
Self
Elgin, TX

This bill does not represent what a true democracy consists of. This is blatant and abusive. The power comes from the people and not the people currently in power. We choose the representatives. The representatives work for us. They are to serve us and not their own special interests. This is wrong. Stop the carving up of our state. Hands off!!!

Mayra Radzinski
Self
Dripping Springs, TX

As a life long Texan and voter, I've watched the districts in Texas be redrawn to dilute the voting power of majority voters time and again. The last time I remember was in 2021. If districts have to be redrawn every few years to keep you in power, how much power do you really have?? How about instead, you listen to your constituents and act in their best interest so they will have a reason to vote for you. Please, honor the job which you have been trusted with and respect the will of the people. Thank you.

Linda Hinds
Self
Houston, TX

There is no reason for the Special Session or any other session to occupy itself with congressional redistricting. It is unnecessary, confusing to voters and will cause the state to waste time and money during the special session – only to later waste more time and money in litigation over whatever maps are proposed. It is an insult to the sovereignty of Texas that we would even respond to Trump's request to give him 5 more Republican seats. Stop the steal and represent your constituents who are overwhelmingly opposed to this gerrymandering. Please stop this pointless work, your abdication of your responsibility to the people who elected you and these unjust maps.

Anne Schellekens
Self, Homemaker
Austin, TX

Redrawing the maps just to take out the Democrats is unfair and unjust. Cheating in order to win is not an honorable way to be. I'm highly disappointed and disgusted by the attempts of this administration to drown out the voices of their constituents. Shame. Shame. Shame.

Cara Fuller
Self
Sanger, TX

Blatant gerrymandering. Removing the voices to appease a pedophile.

Denise King
Self
Desoto, TX

I oppose the proposed redistricting maps. They do not represent the diversity or needs of my community. Stop the gerrymandering!

Peggy Kligman
Self
Denton, TX

I am a Texas voter, and I oppose any mid-decade redistricting, especially while the current maps are still being challenged in court. Furthermore, I oppose any redistricting that does not result in fair representation for all Texans. Texas has a long history of racial gerrymandering and discriminatory voting practices, so I urge you to prevent communities of color from being deliberately divided, thereby weakening their political voice.

Dee Walsh, Ms
Self
Grapevine, TX

As Alison Campolo pointed out in Arlington on Monday night, this disenfranchises everyone. It is a cowardly capitulation to a felon demagogue and the entire apparatus behind his election and cruel fascist administration for which Republicans are fully responsible. Please do not redistrict in this mid decade period. There are already unfairly drawn districts, one of which I live in. I am not represented by my representative and haven't been in years and not be cause I am a Democrat. I am not.

Ronnie Gatlin
Self
Italy, TX

I support this map as drawn. Thank you!

OKSANA SPANN, MRS
NONE
granbury, TX

I SUPPORT

Marjorie Mock, Mrsh
Self Retired
North Richland Hills, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map

Sasha Smith
Self - Business Administrator
San Antonio, TX

This new propositions for redistricting goes against what I belive to be right as a Texan. Each person should have a voice and be represented equally. This bill will strip the right to be represented for many people. You cannot break the rules just because you do not like them. You have no merrit if this bill goes through and you will be destroying the very thing that makes this state great.

Erin Tassoulas
self
Austin, TX

Please listen to the majority of Texans, we do not want to have redistricting forced on our state at President Trump's whim. Show some back bone and stand up for Texas and Texans. You claim to love freedom and states rights but your dont show it with your attempted actions. This is a time for our state to come together. Not further disenfranchise the citizens of this state!!

Joseph Laycock, Mr
Self
Austin, TX

This bill is blatant gerrymandering ordered by Trump so that he can avoid the consequences of his actions. It is evil and radically undemocratic. As a Texan I am ashamed this is even being proposed.

Nikhil Batra
Self
Austin, TX

No no no. Stop the racism and marginalization of your constituents!

Susan White
Self
Arlington, TX

This is blatantly partisan and should be illegal. There should be no redistricting allowed before the 2026 election.

Stesha Pasachnik
self
Fort Worth, TX

I strongly oppose the suggested redistricting. This is clear racial gerrymandering that is not in the best interest of the state. It focuses on keeping a small portion of the state's interest in power and not on representing the entire population. Texas must do better!

Ronnie Beale
self
Grapevine, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map

Kathy Keith
self
Combine, TX

If Republicans could win on their policies, you would run on them. Obviously you can't, which means you have to cheat. How corrupt can you be? Evidently there is no bottom. Outrageous.

Randolph Streng, Mr.
Self
Dallas, TX

As a Fellow Texan, I am strenuously opposed to the Texas Legislature redistricting Congressional Districts two years after the last redistricting of Congressional Districts.

I have lived in Congressional District 32 for years, and the proposed new district takes away my representation in Congress. Being a lifelong Texan, like you I know there is very little in common with Texans in the Dallas Area, where I reside, and those in East Texas.
The proposed new District also disenfranchises me by ensuring my vote, doesn't count.

Additionally, the proposed map was drawn by someone in Virginia working for the Republican Party NOT BY Texas Legislators or Texans.

Therefore, I strenuously urge you NOT to redistrict Congressional Districts in Texas at this time.

Nadine Eidman
Self - retired
Houston, TX

Redistricting for the sake of rigging elections to support 1 party over another, regardless of party is unconstitutional, undemocratic and UnAmerican! Our votes need to be representative. Absolutely NOT acceptable!

Roslyn Barrutia
Self
Austin, TX

Against

Jaime Gonzales
SELF
El Paso, TX

I am against the redistricting of congressional districts in the state of Texas because it exemplifies blatant gerrymandering that undermines fair representation. These redrawn maps are disingenuous, deliberately diluting the political power of communities of color by fracturing their neighborhoods and lumping them into districts that do not reflect their shared interests. Rather than promoting equitable representation, the redistricting process in Texas appears engineered to preserve partisan power at the expense of marginalized voices.

David Dixon
President; Small Business Owner
Austin, TX

As president of a professional project management business, I hear of the strong concern from multiple suppliers and project management professionals that this bill will result in significant risks to firms thinking of moving to Texas. It is seen as increasing business instability, reducing opportunities for growth, and difficulties in attracting and retaining top talent in the state. I am personally concerned of the backlash to be expected during the midterms. Respectfully, D. R. Dixon

Cecilia Flores, Chairwoman
Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas
Livingston, TX

My name is Cecilia Flores, and I am Chairwoman of the Tribal Council for the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas. We are a federally recognized Tribe with over 1,400 enrolled members, and our Reservation is located primarily in Polk County. I am submitting comments in opposition to House Bill 4, the proposed changes to the state Congressional districts. Since 2023, we have been part of Congressional District 8, represented by Congressman Morgan Luttrell. The current district is anchored in East Texas, comprised predominantly of rural and suburban counties, very similar to our home county of Polk. The current Congressional District 8 is a perfect fit for the Tribe, as most of the areas in the district have similar demographics, common interests and values. In addition, Congressman Luttrell has represented the Tribe in the US House of Representatives with respect, passion and conviction. He has taken the time to learn about our Tribe, our people, and the issues and concerns we have. His committed representation of the Tribe is necessary to us due to the many issues the Tribe faces on a continued basis. As a Tribal government, we have to address matters that affect our people such as safety, housing, health care, transportation, and education. We regularly engage with the federal government and Congress to ensure our Tribe's continued success and prosperity for our Tribal citizens, and Congressman Luttrell has been a true champion for us. House Bill 4 proposes to now place Polk County in Congressional District 10. This new district runs from Polk County in East Texas all the way to western Travis County. We feel the priorities and issues facing not only the Tribe, but also the entire East Texas region, will be significantly diminished if we are placed into the same district as Austin. The population center of Congressional District 10 will now be Austin, a city that does not share the values, common interests, and priorities as the Tribe and all East Texas communities.The Alabama-Coushatta Tribe strongly encourages this committee to reconsider the placement of Polk County in Congressional District 10, and would respectfully ask that you place Polk County in Congressional District 36, which is more reflective and representative of the Tribe's values and daily priorities.
Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Kevin McGarity
Self
Pflugerville, TX

This redistricting will greatly reduce the actual Democracy in our Democratic Republic system and steal power away from the citizens, representatives and voters they represent. I abhor these redistricting attempts and any attempt to take away the power of my vote.

Emily Leuba
Self, Marketing
Austin, TX

We undermine the strength of our democracy when we intentionally subvert representation, which is what this bill does.

Marcia Strickler-Watson, President
Capital Area Conservative Republicans
AustinN, TX

Texas is currently one of the fastest growing states in the country and where I live in Williamson County is the fastest growing county in Texas. I fully support HB4 redistricting to happen now, Gaining 5 additional congressional seats will help the districts even out the heavy constituent distribution in Williamson County as well as other districts in Texas.

Sophie Cummings
Self
Lorena, TX

I support HB4 and the redistricting map

Karen Smith
None
Waxahachie, TX

Stop gerrymandering in Texas! Stop doing Trump’s bidding! This is voter suppression!

Sherri Colca
Self
Driftwood, TX

This is not a democratic process. This a is also not the right time to do redistricting.
Please, with all due respect, I urge you to vote against this a bill.

Gerald Ward
self - retired
Austin, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Devin Moreno
Self
Dallas, TX

This redistributing is a direct and bold attempt at gerrymandering. Any representative who votes to keep these ridiculous maps made by out-of-state firms to silence the congregation and disregard the will of the people deserve to be voted out immediately for betraying their constituents they swore to represent. Voters choose their Reps not the other way around. The citizens of our great state will be watching and you will face the consequences of your actions

Dawn Bennett
Self -retired
Tioga, TX

I’m totally opposed to the GOP redistricting proposal. The current district lines have been effective for the GOP in our state and are a distraction. Vote “No”

Alexander E.M. Johnson, Dr.
Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church and Self
Houston, TX

Woe unto you, O lawmakers who redraw lines not for justice, but for power!

For you carve up communities like spoils of war, and call it democracy.

Woe unto you, who silence the voices of the poor, the Black, the Brown, and the broken!

For you honor the Constitution with your lips, but your hearts are far from equity.

Woe unto you, who hide behind legal language and partisan maps!

For the Lord sees through every crooked district and every unjust decree.

Woe unto you, who pass laws in the night and draw borders in secret!

For justice does not dwell in the shadows, but cries aloud in the streets.

Woe unto you, who suppress votes while quoting Scripture!

For God is not mocked, and righteousness rolls down like a mighty stream.

Woe unto you, architects of disenfranchisement!

You build your houses on sand, and the storm of truth is coming.

Woe unto you, who gerrymander to keep power, not to serve the people!

For the true Judge of the nations weighs your motives and finds them wanting.

Woe unto you, who would rather redraw lines than repair lives!

For every line you draw to exclude, heaven redraws to include.

Woe unto you, who claim to follow the Prince of Peace but practice policies of division!

For Christ came to break barriers, not to build them.

Woe unto you, Republicans who twist the map to twist justice!

Repent, or the map you made will become the measure by which you are judged.

Melissa Roth
self retired
Pflugerville, TX

I am a concerned citizen and voter in Texas currently residing in District 17. I am 70 years old and live in the city for a reason - more accessibility to medical resources, shopping needs, and community. I want my representative to understand those needs and address the shortcomings in services. There is no need for redistricting at this time. It is a blatant power grab by the Republican party. I see from the proposed map that I would be in District 11 which is mostly rural counties that stretch to Midland. I live in Pflugerville and the needs of my community and my family matter. We have needs specific to an urban and growing area. It is already difficult to get any response from my representative and he is much closer. The economy, education, and transportation needs of Midland and all those mostly empty counties are vastly different from those of Pflugerville, Austin and Round Rock. Our district is already gerrymandered. The proposed map does not take any demographics into consideration except party affiliation. We are supposed to have representation that reflects our population and that includes gender, race, age, economic parity, and educational levels. None of that is demonstrable in this new map. You are just "following orders" to cheat your way to staying in power. The people of Texas have no voice and you count on that.

Rachel Dvoretzky
Self - Executive Director
Houston, TX

I have been a resident and voter in Texas Congressional House District 29 (and briefly District 18) since 1991. I am also a native Houstonian and 3rd generation Texan who has voted in every election since 1978. This bill is a shame on Texas and on the governor. Redistricting, when used to entrench one party's dominance regardless of voter shifts determined through the census, crosses from democratic process into authoritarian engineering. A democracy stops being one not only when votes are no longer counted, but when they no longer matter. This bill shamelessly and transparently intends to disenfranchise the true representation of predominantly Democratic and/or non-white areas of Texas, specifically in the blue-purple parts of the cities that drive our economy in the 21stC. It also glaringly reveals the inherent weakness of the Republican Party in Texas, now in thrall to a deranged, dangerous felon in the Oval Office: if you cannot win honestly, you gerrymander to steal power. This goal is antithetical to the Constitution. It will ultimately backfire on Texas's position as a desirable place to live, work and learn. And when the current administration collapses of its own incompetence and criminality, Texas will fall along with it as long as you, Governor and committee, tie our Texas fortunes to Washington.

I am against this redistricting. Follow the law and wait until the next US census. Call for an interim election for the House 18th District now. Uphold your oath of office.

Jett Baker
Self
Austin, TX

I oppose this special session redistricting. The maps are unfair. The process and the timing of passing these new maps is an obvious attempt to dilute the people’s vote in favor of a specific political candidate and party. I oppose the unfair passage of these unfair maps.

Andrew Eller
Self - State Republican Executive Committee Senate District 24
Temple, TX

I am FOR this bill. With the Petteway vs Galveston County decision by the Fifth Circuit, the types of districts we have had since the 2020 census, are really not logical potentially illegal. The changes being proposed by Plan C2308 provide for Congressional Districts that better meet the makeup and district lines as required by and allowed by the Petteway decision. In addition, redrawing district lines after it is discovered that changes are needed for better compliance to a court decision and without a census is the best thing we can do especially in this instance.

Pam Matula
Self
Houston, TX

This is straight up gerrymandering. District lines should be intuitively drawn to represent local population not to advance political maneuvering.

Leslie Spotz, Dr.
Self- retired professor
Stephenville, TX

As a Texas voter, I am against any and all redistricting before the next Census. This is 100% illegal. The governor and his people are trying to do something that is totally illegal. Stop it. Shame.

Eric Beauchemin
Self
Plano, TX

I've always considered myself an independent, but this blatant gerrymandering is pushing me away from anyone who supports this partisanship.

Ginger McGilvray
self, embodiment therapist
Austin, TX

No. Texas cities are communities of people who share common needs. You know that breaking up our cities like this denies people of representation, and you know that this only adds fuel to the fire of division in our state and nation. Donald Trump does not own me. I see what this is and it is shameful. Money and power greed cannot buy your salvation. Salvation is our living breathing legacy, how we live and regard our human family and our earth. Republicans who have sold their souls to billionaires, hungry ghosts, are going down a really dark road. Please wake up, turn around and rejoin your own humanity. This time in our history will pass and what kind of people will we be when the lights come on?

Do not gerrymander Texas for this power grab by Donald Trump, the most lost soul I've ever witnessed. It's really pathetic and I don't understand how you can't see it, Republicans. Do not be cruel and unfair to your fellow humans by denying our Constitutional right to representation. Let's do something good and surprising in the State of Texas. Let's become a place of honesty, mutual respect and courage.

Thank you for reading my input.

Sincerely,
Ginger McGilvray
TX House District 51

Allison Estolas
self, Administrative Professional
Fort Worth, TX

This proposed legislation is a race to the bottom for authoritarianism at the local, state, and national level. It does not represent the people. It further marginalizes vulnerable populations and benefits no one other than those who are already privileged.

Eric Sheppard, Mr.
Self
Dallas, TX

HB 4 is not just a redistricting bill, it’s a calculated attempt to undermine the voice of millions of Texans. This map makes a mockery of representative democracy. Instead of protecting the interests of Texas voters, the legislature appears to be bending over backwards to satisfy political operatives in Washington.

The proposed map strips urban centers like Austin, Houston, and Dallas of fair representation, despite these regions driving the majority of Texas’s GDP. By merging districts such as TX-35 and TX-37, the plan dilutes the voting power of Black and Latino communities in Central Texas A. It’s a textbook case of voter suppression, and it violates the Voting Rights Act.

What’s more, this redistricting effort is happening outside the normal 10-year census cycle, using outdated data from 2020 and the American Community Survey B. There’s no legal or demographic justification for redrawing these lines now. Even members of the redistricting committees admitted they had no role in creating the map and hadn’t seen it before the hearings B. That’s not transparency, it’s manipulation.

If HB 4 passes, it could result in at least five new Republican seats by relocating Democratic incumbents and creating seven new districts A. This isn’t about fair representation it’s about rigging the game.

Texans deserve better. We deserve maps that reflect our communities, not ones that fracture them for political gain. HB 4 must be rejected.

Erika Vinette
self
Manchaca, TX

I am writing to express my STRONG opposition to the current redistricting efforts in our state.
The blatant gerrymandering taking place is an AFFRONT to the democratic principles that should guide our electoral process.
I'm in Manchaca, TX and would fall in district 27 under this new change. It's absolutely INSANE that the proposal would put me in the same district as people in Corpus Christi THREE HOURS away from where I live.
I am a proud Texan, I've lived here for 25 years, and EVERY Texan deserves a representative who reflects their community's values and needs. Grouping people 200 miles away from each other absolutely does NOT accomplish this.
I urge the legislature to put people over politics and commit to a redistricting process that is fair, transparent, and rooted in respect for communities, not partisan gain.
Thank you

Wanda Whitney, Major, USAF-RET
Self - Major, USAF-Ret
Georgetown, TX

I Support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Lisa Franey
Self
Mansfield, TX

I am writing to express my opposition to non-data/non-census supported change in districting. In every possible way is is OPPOSITE what is good for constituents and the state. It will only trigger lawsuits- a complete waste of money, resources and time. Do not do it!!!

Donald Dickson, Mr.
self -- retired
Friendswood, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Ana Trevino
Maverick county
EAGLE PASS, TX

This is illegal, census isn’t for about another 6 years.

Charles Wrench, mr
Self, Retired
Arlington, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map. I urge all members to vote for approval of HB 4.

Taysha Glass
Serving Holistic Empowerment (SHE)
San Antonio, TX

The Founder of our Organization is a disabled veteran and Texas resident. We are appreciative of you for having this hearing. Are you open to suspending judgment and allowing diverse viewpoints to be apart of this discussion? Texans are currently grieving over multiple deaths and rebuilding our communities. We do not support congressional redistricting because we have other urgent matters to address. FEMA has limited resources and many are working long shifts with very few off days. These heroes are sacrificing time with family and running towards danger. How can we better support FEMA and survivors of flooding is of greater importance than redistricting. In addition, having an election to fill vacant slots is very important. How can Texas run efficiently without proper staffing numbers? Last, individuals connected to DOGE resides in Texas and have publicly mentioned our president being involved in sexual violence against underage girls and women. Releasing these files will help Texans feel more safe. Politicians in Texas can set an example to other states by resolving this issue and holding anyone guilty accountable. In closing, having an emergency election to fill vacancies, providing better support to FEMA workers and survivors of flooding, and resolving DOGE sexual violence allegations is what we should focus on. We can discuss redistricting at another time. Thanks for including diverse viewpoints in your decision.

Andrew Currie
yourself
CORINTH, TX

“If you can’t win, you cheat” is a well-known saying. This was probably a common saying during the steroid era of 1995-2005 in Major League Baseball. Instead of playing on a level playing field, athletes put their own bodies and careers on the line to hit the ball a little bit longer than their rivals. Well, here we are in the year 2025 and it appears that this saying is still alive and well! Instead of baseball this time, our Texas state legislature is wanting to cheat and disenfranchise in the form of gerrymandering. They were given the ultimatum of FIVE seats from Donald Trump. We have Texas state representatives jumping at the command of a federally elected non-Texan to cheat and disenfranchise those Texans they serve! Much like athletes doing steroids, you will now put your career on the line as you damage the body of your Texan voters.

Lisa Schlegel
Self, health care professoinal
San Antonio, TX

Democracies are lost when elections are no longer free, fair, or competitive and when voter suppression becomes systemic and decisive. If Texans allow this outrageous gerrymandering to pass, then we will lose the democracy that our forefathers fought so hard to build. Look at authoritarian countries such as Turkey, Russia and Hungry. Is that the future you want? Country over party. Liberty over dictatorship. Those are the stakes.

Sharon Mills
self/retired educator
Deer Park, TX

Something is horribly wrong when one party decides to and does the redistricting. A committee of equal number of both parties should set district lines and must agree. I am disappointed in my representatives who obviously cannot make an honest decision to do what is right for the people of our state.

Alan McRoberts, Mr.
self
Austin, TX

I believe that the voters should be able to vote for the person running for an office and not the elected officials deciding which voters they want voting so they can increase their chances of getting elected.

Jeremy Matthews
self software engineer
Plano, TX

Dear Committee,

I testified before you in the Arlington hearing on July 28. I testified against this redistricting effort. Near the end of the hearing, Chair Vasut said that he knew not of any forthcoming maps. Yet less than 48 hours later, a map is introduced by Rep. Hunter who sits on this committee. Such a map doesn't get produced and reviewed that quickly before it's introduced. I don't know if Chair Vasut knew that this was going to happen, but this exhibits very bad faith on the part of Rep. Hunter, if not all the Republicans on this committee. Is the public to presume that no Republican on this committee knew that this map was forthcoming, especially so soon after the Arlington hearing? Hardly. Rep. Hunter or someone should have been forthright with the public rather than the public being effectively lied to.

This is all part and parcel of the Republican effort to grab further power at the expense of the public's interests. The effort is not about fairness in what it's trying to achieve nor in how it's being achieved. It's solely for the self interest of the Republican Party. It is not to fairly represent the public, a principle upon which our government was founded. It is naked aggression upon our representative democracy. It is un-American. It is un-Texan. It is wrong, very wrong.

I strongly urge this committee to reject any maps as part of this redistricting effort. They do not reflect Texas's preferences for Congressional representation, not by a long shot. I also urge Democrats and anyone in the Texas legislature opposed to this effort to muster all they can to defeat it. The opposition will be much appreciated. And as I mentioned in my testimony at the Arlington hearing, I ask that if a quorum break occurs that it does not involve legislators fleeing the state. This redistricting must be fought not from DC, not from another state, but from within Texas.

Thank you for your time.

Kenneth Biasco
self
Richardson, TX

This bill is a clear attempt to over throw the next natl election and already has brought the promise of retaliation from other states

Ellen Hatton
Self/retired
Georgetown, TX

I oppose this bill.

Stephen Zarate, Mr
Self
Maypearl, TX

I support the map as drawn

Sandra Rodriguez
Rio Grande Valley
Harlingen, TX

I am NOT for redistricting or gerrymandering. My district matters. For You to use the loss of life during the floods and disciss this issue during a special session is Inappropropriate.
I do Not approve of this new proposed redistrict of the 956, Rio Grande VALLEY

Alejandra Angulo
Self
Austin, TX

Please vote against HB4

Why are you trying to silence the voices of Texas's diverse communities? Do you believe it's fair for us to pay taxes without true representation?
This proposed congressional map places the house representative for people living in downtown Austin over 200 miles away — someone who probably does not reflect the interests, values, or lived experience of people living here. That is not meaningful representation; it's performative at best.

I believe I live in a democratic country. But if this map is approved, it will become clear that Texas is being governed not for the interests of its people, but to serve the interests of Donald Trump and partisan power.

Very few Texans have testified in support of this redistricting plan. That should tell you everything. If you represent us — your constituents — then why are you doing something we so clearly oppose?

What Texans want right now is flood prevention and relief, not partisan gerrymandering mandated by Trump.

Please vote against HB4

Cynthia Dreessen
Self, Banking
Fort Worth, TX

The majority of Texans including myself are against this sneaky and dangerous redistricting bill. It is absolutely not in the best interests of the majority. Nor is it in the best interests of democracy. This bill is blatant partisan gerrymandering and no one is even trying to hide it. The proposed map intentionally fragments minority and lower income communities into districts less likely to elect candidates of their choice, It is not right. It supports racial discrimination and voter suppression. It's up to those with a conscious who know that is is wrong to stand up and speak out without fear of retribution from colleagues or those supposedly in the same party. This practice is going to set off a dangerous domino effect across the country. Don't disappoint Texans. This bill must be voted down. Voters don't like this bill. Neither history nor voters will be kind to those that vote for this bill.

Kimberly Glessner
Self
Austin, TX

As a lifelong Texan, a mom, and a small business owner, I'm outraged by the lengths our state leaders are going to just to hold onto power. This redistricting process isn't about fair representation—it's about silencing the diverse voices that are shaping Texas' future.
The new maps were drawn in secret and pushed through without real input. They're designed to dilute the voting power of communities like mine—working families, people of color, everyday Texans who want a say in what happens to our schools, roads, and health care.
I teach my kids to play fair and work hard. It's shameful that our lawmakers refuse to do the same. If your policies can't win on a fair map, maybe it's time to rethink your policies—not sabotage our democracy.

Monica Frame
Self Accountant
Waxahachie, TX

I support the redistricting of this map as drawn Conservatives need to stand their ground for moral values in our state!

Judy Dewberry
Democracy
Duncanville, TX

I need my voice heard!! ??Stop cheating Republicans can't win on their policies so they have to steal our votes ?? Stop bowing down to your king and work the everyday people like you were voted in to do ?? COWERS ALL OF YOU ??????

Joyce Setter
Self Retired
Duncanville, TX

Please quickly more forward on this to stop the politicalization of the Voting Rights Act by dismantling coalition districts NOT protected by Federal law.
US Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in Petteway vs. Galveston County in 2024 supports this redistricting map. Fair redistribution is essential!

Delilah Garza
Self
San Antonio, TX

I object to redistricting! Fuck Abbot!

Jolynn Free
Self
Austin, TX

This is too much. There will be consequences m.

Gregory Free
Self
Austin, TX

NO! This is too much.

Leo Aimsila
Texas Freedom Network
Rowlett, TX

To Whom It May Concern,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on HB 4. My name is Leo Aimsila and I live in Rowlett. I am a volunteer with the Texas Freedom Network, in their collegiate program at the University of Texas at Dallas.

I am writing to convey my concerns about House Bill 4. The purpose of redistricting is to secure the appropriate representation of voters across our extremely diverse state. As stated on the “Legal Requirements for Redistricting" webpage on the official capitol website, redistricting is to be completed following the publication of each United States decennial census in order to “equalize population” among electoral districts. It is extremely unusual for redistricting to be pursued mid-decade. More concerning is that this redistricting would effectively dilute the voting power of people of color in contravention of the Voting Rights Act.

I believe House Bill 4 is not only untimely and unnecessary, but if enacted would directly harm your constituents. Texas is an extremely diverse state across every dimension– topographically, racially, linguistically, economically, etc. It is essential that the full spectrum of voters’ voices are represented in lawmaking, and you have been elected, in part, to protect the interests of the people and the democratic principles of this country.

I urge you to reflect upon Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act. The map under House Bill 4 “packs” certain voters of color into a handful of districts, and “cracks” the remaining voters of color between other districts, effectively diluting their collective voting power. It is unconstitutional for a vote in one district to have less of an impact on the outcome of an election than a vote in another district because of the way districts have been strategically drawn.

Please vote NO on House Bill 4, and protect the interests of your constituents as well as your constitutional and legal obligations.

Sincerely,

Leo Aimsila

James Garvin, Dr.
Self - Retired
Fort Worth, TX

I urge the committee to reject this mid-decade redistricting proposal. This blatant unapologetic power grab is disgusting. It further polarizes our already divided nation and disenfranchises countless citizens. Texans deserve better politics than this!

Travis Ward, Mr
self retired
San Antonio, TX

I do not approve of the redistricting proposal.

Sandra Russell
Myself
Temple, TX

This is nothing, but theft. The only way thunder a win is by cheating. This is unlawful and those redrawing districts should be totally ashamed. Greg Abbot is spineless to allow this foolishness to happen in TX. Let people vote without deterring them or redrawing districts because you know this administration has messed up so badly people are fwd up. No matter how many lines you redraw, our voices will be heard.

Meghan Molinari
Self
Georgetown, TX

I oppose this bill

Karen Maxwell
self
Abilene, TX

I want the gerrymandering to stop. Both sides have carved out districts to benefit them. This is unfair.
I oppose creating these five districts that favor the Republicans.

Stacy Arnold
Self nuclear medicine technologist
San angelo, TX

Redistricting in an office year is not useful. Does not represent the population of Texas interests and helps to undermine undeserved communities.

Norma Garcia
Self
Kyle, TX

I am tired of seeing redistricting occurring because of the need to manipulate the districts in favor of the republicans. Stop messing with the redistricting. Accept who the people are voting for. Texas is not all red, there are parts of Texas that are blue.

Sophia Costell
Self
Austin, TX

Please reject HB 4! It is blatantly racist gerrymandering that the Texas people do not stand for.

Kimberly Phipps-Nichol
self
Houston, TX

Firstly, as a resident of Texas, I am absolutely dumbfounded that this redistricting conversation is happening during a special session. Talk about a lack of democratic process at the behest of the Feds. How un-Texan like can y'all be?! Texas bending knee to a petulant US President who can't win honestly? Where is y'all's spine? A: This business is for general session following a 10 year census ONLY. B: Next time around when the Federal leadership has a different party affiliation and asks the same of states because they can't "win" honestly, you'll cry FOUL because you KNOW this is wrong. Don't be hypocrites! Texas gerrymandering has become an epic level farce. This state is so carved up, it specializes in only giving voice to the wealthy minority white residents, even though they are truly the minority. Carving up districts to keep the ethnic minority-majority from being truly represented is absolutely sickening. Y'all have had to sink so low and pull these back room deals because you can't even do your business in daylight. No transparency or accountability to constituents, just an echo chamber of inhumane policies cranked out by folks acting anything BUT the "Christians" they claim to be. Y'all know you can't win honestly, and so you happily rig the game to keep yourselves in power at the expense of our most vulnerable and under represented citizens. Texas should be ashamed of itself for pulling this BS.

Anne Gulick
Self, Retired
New Braunfels, TX

This is clearly an attempt to disenfranchise minority voters at the behest of Donald Trump seeking to hold power. Our Texas Legislature should be concerning themselves with things that benefit the people of Texas and the first topic of business should have been flood control in the Hill Country not this ridiculous vote grab.

Bernadette Kingsley
Self retired. School Nurse
Katy, TX

Redistricting is not needed so tired legislators Play power games instead of serving their constituents. Stop bowing to a criminal president you serve us not him.

Melissa Wise
Self
AUSTIN, TX

Please stop pushing this horrifying bill through. Don’t cut Texas up in ludicrous ways that only benefit you. This is a crass power grab during a special session that is supposed to be about protecting Texans. Please show us that you have any interest in helping anybody other than billionaires (and your own pockets and future seats.)
Truly these wild attempts at gerrymandering are intended to further disenfranchise non-white voters. And it’s disgusting. Please at least pretend to represent something other than your own greed.

Ariana Pettigrew
Self--Freelance Grant Writer
Austin, TX

How dare you claim to represent Texans when it's clear that you're only catering to the whims of a wannabe dictator?! I'm a 7th generation Texan on my dad's side and a first generation German-American on my mom's; and for decades I've heard Texan politicians tell Washington DC to keep its hands off of Texas. Does "Don't Mess with Texas" ring a bell? Yet, the first time Fuhrer Trump whistles and says screw the system so I can stay in power, you click your heels and say "Jawohl"! Shame on all of you!

Barbara Baruch, Mrs
self- retired
san Antonio, TX

On behalf of myself and my family, we oppose this unfair extraordinary redistricting bill which has no basis in the Texas Constitution and is meant to benefit a single political party and not the people or the voters of Texas I will never vote for any legislator who votes for this bill.

Ava Shepperd
Self
Austin, TX

Please do not pass this bill. It will create unfair conditions for democrats and gives too much power to republicans. In America, everyone should be equal. This is a democracy!

Jami Cowart
Self substitute teacher
Canyon, TX

I hope that you will seriously consider your constituents and your duty to answer to them and not Donald Trump. You were elected by the people of your district and it is not right or fair to redraw maps because the president wants more seats. Please follow your conscience and do not redraw maps before the results of the last census. It is also blatantly obvious you are trying to force certain people out and are creating districts you don't anticipate losing. I hope if these maps are redrawn that your plan backfires.

Mary Adolph
Self / Training specialist
Austin, TX

You know this is wrong. Every single one of you knows that this is wrong. This does not represent the ideals of this country, and you don't care. It's shameful.

Bettie Forman
self, health coach
Austin, TX

Please do not ram though this redistricting plan. These maps were drawn to intentionally dilute the voting power of communities of color, particularly Black and Latino voters.
You are splitting up minority-majority communities and placing voters into districts where their voices are less likely to be heard or are unlikely to elect their preferred candidates.
This is in violation of Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act and the U.S. Constitution.

The redistricting process is driven by Trump's desire to solidify the Republican party.

I live in Austin, a primarily doemocratic city and there is the potential elimination of a Democratic seat by combining districts while historically competitive districts along the border flipped to Republican-leaning ones.

The redistricting process is being rushed and lacks transparency, with decisions made in backrooms rather than through open public debate. You alll need to listen to all the public testimony!
This limits the opportunity for meaningful public input and raises questions about fairness and accountability.

Lauren Fancher, Mrs.
Self
North Richland hills, TX

I urge the committee to reject this mid-decade redistricting proposal. This redistricting would fundamentally cut off and silence so many that deserve to have their voices heard. This is a manipulation by those of you that are proposing this redistricting are very well aware of how it will drown so many voices out. I'm imploring that you please reconsider this and see it as the corruption it truly is. If this was being done in good faith you wouldn't be holding the emergency services proposal hostage for this gerrymandering effort. This is most unchristian-like behavior and I encourage y'all to self reflect on your true motives.

Jacob Myers, Mr.
Self
Austin, TX

I am writing in strong opposition to HB 4, a bill that I believe to be fundamentally undemocratic and unconstitutional. The redrawing of congressional districts as proposed in this legislation appears designed to dilute representation, marginalize minority voters, and undermine the foundational principle of fair elections.

This bill reflects an ongoing pattern of partisan gerrymandering that prioritizes political entrenchment over public interest. It is antithetical to the values of representative democracy and in clear tension with constitutional protections under the 14th and 15th Amendments, as well as the Voting Rights Act.

Redistricting should ensure equal, nonpartisan representation for all Texans—not cement power for one party at the expense of fairness, accountability, and civil rights. HB 4 fails this test.

I urge the committee and all lawmakers to reject HB 4 in its entirety, and instead pursue a redistricting process that is transparent, independent, and legally sound.

Ryan Pollock, Mr.
Texas State Building and Construction Trades Council
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose HB 4. This bill is not about fair representation. It is about rigging the system to keep one party in power and silence millions of Texans—especially working people, communities of color, and union members.

Redrawing congressional maps mid-decade is a clear abuse of power. It fractures communities, weakens voters, and turns elections into formalities. The goal is simple: control the outcome before the people ever get a say.

As someone who works with and represents workers across Texas, I see exactly how this will harm our democracy and our economy. When voters are silenced, working families lose their voice on wages, safety, and dignity. This map is designed to make sure we do not count.

You may have the votes to pass this bill. But history will show that you chose Donald Trump over the people of Texas. You chose loyalty to one man and one party over the freedom and autonomy of millions.

Passing this bill may feel like the path of least resistance. But when political leaders dismantle democracy to cling to power, the long-term result is not stability. It is chaos. It is growing public distrust, deepening polarization, and the erosion of any peaceful path forward. The more the system is rigged, the more people lose faith that it can deliver justice or change. You are laying the groundwork for instability that none of us will be able to contain or be safe from.

Supporting this bill is as corrupt as it is cowardly as it is stupid.

Angelyn Crawford
Self
NORTH RICHLAND HILLS, TX

These maps are bad. Do not change them to this.

Brendan Winters
Self Sales
Austin, TX

I know y'all don't care about honesty or integrity, and I'm sure no one will even read this, so I won't waste too much time. You know what you're doing with these district maps. The city of Austin is being shamelessly gerrymandered, restricting our voting rights. You claim to be patriots but you continue to hurt the very principles our founders stood for. You are the Pharisees that Jesus condemned, and you don't even care as long as you get paid.

Give us reasonable voting districts please. It makes no sense for someone in South Austin to have the same representative as someone in Corpus Christi and you all know it.

Abigail Kirk
self, upper level manager
Georgetown, TX

I am vehemently against redistricting right now. It is a horrible idea, unconstitutional, and not reflective of what Texans on either side of the aisle want.

Mary Peticolas
Self
El Paso, TX

I am vehemently opposed to redrawing the Texas voting map. This is an effort to further gerrymander the state of Texas. I am opposed to this proposal and urge you to kill the proposition.

Beatriz Maldonado
Self
Brownsville, TX

The idea or action of redistricting because the governor / president want to keep control is ridiculous. As part of a community is mostly Hispanic and in an area where it is hard to get people to go out and vote, this type of action will hurt not only the citizens of the city, but also the community and its funding. It is unconstitutional and frankly those Republicans that are bending their knee and kissing the rings, of both the governor and the president, remember you will not be in power for ever. This action is illegal and it is plain wrong. As a voter, a citizen, a minority, and a taxpayer I demand that you keep your promise of servicing the people that voted you in. Keep your promise and oath of upholding the rule of law, the state constitution and the US Constitution. Fear is only a success if people don't act against it.., otherwise you just become another puppet which in the end your strings will eventually be cut. Serve your community, do what is right and stop this from happening.

Beverly McCain
Self
Katy, TX

This power grab ordered by trump to take away the rights of voters to be represented in a state district that reflects the actual makeup of their area is disgraceful. You should be ashamed. You are supposed to represent all citizens not just the ones who agree with you. You must not gerrymander these districts to gain more power. The country is watching you and if you think ripping away the voices of Texans by cheating because it is the only way you can stay in power you are in for a big surprise. You have no right to disenfranchise people who don’t agree with you. This regime will go down in history but not in a good way. Leave the districts alone. Let the people decide who they want in power

Tyler Loofs
Self
Georgetown, TX

I deeply, deeply encourage my representatives to think about their actions in willfully and callously creating these farcical districts. Your legacy will be that you are an opponent of giving people a voice, and in favor of naked loyalty to yourself over your constituents. Those who support this are enemies of democracy... make no mistake. This is not strategy, it's sinister sycophancy.

Terri Muldoon
Self as a teacher
Dallas, TX

Gerrymandering is a wicked solution and is designed by a president who is trying to act against our Constitution. It will quell all who aren't wealthy white voters. Show courage and do what is right and moral by voting against this evil bill.

Meagan Clark
self - Creative Production Manager
Bastrop, TX

Gerrymandering is to cheat on democracy and to undermine the principle of one-person-one vote. In a district that has been manipulated, the election is reduced to a mere ritual to verify the pre-determined result.

- Gerrymandering is to cheat designated groups in the power of their vote. One form of gerrymandering is to split a group, say a predominantly black neighbourhood, between two districts, thereby reducing their block vote into a small minority in each district.

- It contributes to bringing politics and democracy into disrepute. A system that enables and allows the holders of power to cheat on democracy and that operates so as to disenfranchise voters, does not deserve respect.

- Basically, gerrymandering moves political power from the onstage arena of voting into backstage arenas of manipulation.

Gabriela Molina, Mrs.
Self retired teacher
El Paso, TX

As a life long resident of El Paso, I am insulted to think that someone that does not live in El Paso can represent myself and my family. Ft. Bliss and the airport area is part of our community and our culture. My father was a Korean veteran and he and my mother are part of the Ft. Bliss national cemetery. Our culture is entwined with Ft. Bliss as well as the International airport. We are a unique border city that no one but our congresswoman can understand. I am a proud Hispanic that votes at each election, and you better be sure that I am looking at these sessions and my state legislators and how they vote. This special session was about the floods that occurred during the 4th of July. Please know we are watching what you vote and don't vote on. As for myself and my family we definitely do NOT like this Redistricting in mid decade instead of every ten years!! My vote counts and I say NO to this redistricting plan by Republicans!!

Tasha-Nova Borozny
self designer
Dallas, TX

It is so clear that this redistricting is gerrymandering. The people who said they would represent us, are now actively working against us. The needs of someone in rural Texas vs urban vary greatly. It is unfair to group huge areas together that have different populations, different infrastructures, different demographics, different topographies. To move forward with this redistricting is to pit a person who lives downtown in some of the largest cities in the US against distant neighbors counties and counties away that doesn't even have a stoplight in their small beautiful town. Texans deserve to get the needs of their communities met, without it coming at the detriments of our fellow Texans. Rural Texas should not have to vote or pay for highly trafficked downtown Dallas roads, and a DFW city resident should not have to vote on zoning laws for people a hundred miles away. Stop subverting the will of the people. Stop trying to pit Texans against other Texans. If Texas reps truly care about personal freedoms, then you'd stop taking ours away by trying to make our votes count for little to nothing. To approve this gerrymandering is a truly shameful thing. Don't mess with Texas. Thank you for your time.

Andres Martinez
Self
El Paso, TX

There is a need for the voting process to be fair. Texas must not become a corrupt state government. Show the rest of the country that Texas legislators are honest and beyond reproach. Show courage and vote against redistricting.

Suzanna Nope
Self
Plainview, TX

Gerrymandering is cheating. If you can’t maintain power without cheating, you are weak, immoral, and dishonest. STOP gerrymandering!! Stop silencing voices!! Do NOT pass this!!

Arlene Ronquillo
Self
El Paso, TX

I oppose to this unusual redistricting when it is not in order of every decade as per law. Republicans should not have POWER to make this happen mid-decade. It is unlawful and unjust to many constituents in these district areas. It is our choice and our votes that should stand until it is the rightful timeline. Republicans and Democrats are voted in by Texans and should wait until next elections. Vote NO!

Christine Nguyen
Self
Houston, TX

OPPOSE redistricting. This is an attack on our democracy and not an accurate depiction of what the people want!

Laura Mattingly
Self, digital communications coordinator
El Paso, TX

As a lifelong El Pasoan, I strongly opposed this bill. The proposed redistricting would gut El Paso of valuable resources and assets, such as Fort Bliss and the airport. Fort Bliss is as much a part of this community as any other part of the city, it is intertwined with our very identity, and has shaped the way our city has grown. To try and separate them in representation would be to the detriment of our city and state. I urge our delegation to vote NO on this bill.

Cheri Thompson
Self
Dallas, TX

It's absurd to do this. I can't begin to express my distaste for the very gumption that the state of Texas has decided to move on in this. What has the state of TX become? 2021 wasn't enough, so in order to keep the power's that be in control this is what we've sunken to. It's deplorable absolutely deplorable.

Gabriela Nevarez
Self
El Paso, TX

I oppose the effort by Republicans to redraw district maps.

Caroline Cope
Self - SVP
Austin, TX

This bill is a flagrant violation of democracy. Authors and supporters should be ashamed of themselves. I support my democratic representatives in their decision to break quorum.

Tamara Wilhite
Taxpayer Citizen (Self)
Euless, TX

I am in favor for creating a balanced district representation map. Too many times partisanship politics influences fairness and there will always be empty baseless complaints by the opposition. Use numerical population FACTS, not feelings about race, to determine district boundaries.

Beth Culver
Self, code official
Austin, TX

I do not support this map as it appears to continue to be gerrymandered to favor one political party over another. The map should be redrawn only to reflect the actual conditions of the state without catering to one party in order to support an actual democratic process.

Christie Roden
self retired
Denton, TX

Many people in my district have expressed their dissatisfaction and disgust with the current boundaries, and now you want to make it even worse? Redistricting Texas for political gain between census years is unfair, anti-democratic, and ultimately harmful to the state's integrity and future. It disregards the regular, data-driven process intended to reflect actual changes in population and community needs. it also erodes public trust in the electoral process Furthermore, this kind of gerrymandering can deepen divisions within the state, foster cynicism, and discourage civic participation. It sends a message that political power matters more than the will of the people, undermining faith in the idea that every vote counts equally. While gerrymandering may seem to grant the party in power an immediate advantage, its benefits are ultimately illusory. In the short term, it can provoke public backlash and mobilize opposition, undermining legitimacy and eroding trust in governance. Over the long term, gerrymandering creates noncompetitive districts that breed complacency, discourage meaningful debate, and alienate voters. As demographic shifts and political tides inevitably change, such artificial boundaries can backfire, trapping the very party that drew them. Ultimately, true strength lies in fair representation, not temporary manipulation.

Donald Browning
Self
Duncanville, TX

I support the proposed redistricting map and HB4.

Crischelle Navalta
Self
Edinburg, TX

I do not agree with redistricting. The people in office currently for my district do not represent my values nor do they listen when I call and voice my concerns. Right now, I feel that my votes will no longer matter and that I will no longer be represented in the local and federal level. This is wrong.

Jennifer Brooks
Self- Preschool Assistant Director
North Richland Hills, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map!

Sheila Patterson, Ms
SELF
Plano, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Sara Winter
Self
Austin, TX

This bill to gerrymander Texas is blatant voter suppression of Black and Hispanic folks. It is clearly an attempt by Republicans to cling to power in the upcoming midterm election. It is undemocratic, unconstitutional and a disgrace.

chanda parbhoo
saavetx
dallas, TX

RE: Opposition to Mid-Decade Congressional Redistricting – A Statement from South Asian Texans

Dear Governor Abbott, Lt. Governor Patrick, and Speaker Burrows,

As members of the South Asian American community across Texas, we write to express our unequivocal opposition to the mid-decade congressional redistricting plan currently before the Legislature.

South Asian Texans are one of the fastest-growing populations in this state. We run businesses, drive innovation, advance medicine, and enrich the cultural and civic life of Texas. We also vote, organize, and contribute to the democratic process.

But this redistricting proposal is not about improving representation — it is about manipulating it. These maps are being redrawn to break up strong, diverse voting blocs and weaken the collective voice of communities of color, including South Asians, who are becoming an undeniable force in Texas politics.

In major metropolitan counties where South Asians live and work — Harris, Fort Bend, Dallas, Collin, Tarrant, Travis, and Bexar — cohesive neighborhoods are being fractured and stitched together with distant rural counties. These artificial districts have nothing to do with shared interests and everything to do with diluting the political power of growing populations.

This is not representation. This is an intentional strategy to silence voters and undermine democracy.

What does a tech executive in Plano have in common with a farmer hundreds of miles away? What shared vision for Texas can come from districts designed to split communities apart rather than bring them together?

Texas should stand as a model of democratic integrity, where representation reflects the people who call this state home. Instead, this process dismantles the very pillars of democracy — fairness, accountability, and trust.

When maps are drawn for partisan gain, they don’t just distort election outcomes — they tell entire communities their voices don’t matter.

We stand with Texans in Fort Bend, Collin, Dallas, Harris, Travis, Williamson, Bexar, El Paso, Denton, and Tarrant Counties who are seeing their voting power diluted and their representation sacrificed for political advantage.

We urge you to withdraw this plan and commit instead to drawing fair maps that keep communities whole, reflect where people actually live and work, and protect every Texan’s right to representation.

Democracy only works when every vote counts and every voice is heard. These maps break that promise. Texans — all Texans — deserve better.

Sincerely,
CHANDA

Michelle Crawford
Self
Austin, TX

I oppose the proposed map of redrawn Texas congressional districts. The current map already overrepresents one party: Based on the 2024 presidential election results, Republicans should hold at most 22 seats, yet the current map allots them 25. This new map further disenfranchises voters in violation of the Voting Rights Act and the accepted norm that congressional districts should proportionally represent the will of the voters in geographically compact areas of shared interest. By redrawing maps mid-decade at the behest of the White House, the Texas Legislature shows that they neither respect the law nor think for themselves. In response, leaders of other states plan to counteract this power grab by similarly gerrymandering their own states' maps in favor of Democrats. Where will the escalation end? I urge the Legislature to recall both their oaths to uphold the law and their ethical obligation to serve the people of Texas -- all of us.

Penelope Reeves

self - farm owner, fitness instructor

Driftwood, TX

This is a sham and a perversion of the democratic process with this obvious attempt to elect more republicans. When I view the proposed maps I am shocked at the blatant efforts by the TX republicans to do the bidding of Trump. As a FORMER republican, I am outraged and WILL vote Democrat in ALL the upcoming elections! Never thought I'd say that! Furthermore I will be an activist against this kind of political stunt. Texans deserve better than this.

Julie Woody

self, retired attorney, 2d career ospice chaplain

San Antonio, TX

This current and purely political redistricting effort is a disgrace. It was callously announced and embarked upon in the middle of a humanitarian crisis in Texas from the July 3-4 floods. It is unquestionably happening, and happening now, to satisfy the President's demands as he continues his unrelenting quest to consolidate power in the executive branch. When our country's democracy fails, when POTUS is an official autocrat, when the oligarchy's vice grip is irreversible, Governor Abbott and Texas lawmakers will share the blame. Shame. Shame. Shame.

Rachael Morgan

Self

Houston, TX

I oppose this map, which takes me out of my congressional district. It appears to intentionally dilute the votes of Democrats and Independents rather than being more reflective of constituents since the President ordered Texas GOP to get him five more congressional seats.

Tanya Taylor

Self - self-employed

Cedar Park, TX

Mid-decade redistricting in Texas is unnecessary and politically motivated. It fractures long-standing democratic norms, lacks data justification, and increases litigation exposure—all while eroding public trust and accountability. You are making a mockery of our democracy and destabilizing the electoral system.

Julie Campbell

Myself, children and grandchildren

Austin, TX

Please do not bow down to the political BULLY in the White House! Manipulating our voting districts mid decade is such a bad idea even Abbott refused to do it, until the Bully in Chief got to him. IT IS NOT GOOD FOR TEXAS! And certainly not good for the country. Show the U.S. exactly what Texas is made of and stand up against manipulation. Show them Texas independent spirit in action!

Alisa Danielle Hess

Self

Austin, TX

We don't need to keep redistricting. The republican plays and power grabs need to stop.

Audra Wagner

Self

Pampa, TX

I support HB4 and the purposed redistricting map.

Monique Tschurr
Self
San Marcos, TX

I am AGAINST HB 4 by Hunter. This is such a blatant steal of votes and representation for non - Republican voters. Quit catering to Trump demands and take care of Texans. This redistributing has removed local power from Texas citizens. Make up your minds Texas Republicans- are you party of small government or handing everything over to the feds?

Natalie Dunaway
Self
Houston, TX

I do not want this state any more gerrymandered than it already is. If you "didn't consider race" when the districts were drawn last time, then there is no justifiable reason to redistrict to break up "coalitions." Maybe worry about getting some representation for Sylvester Turner's district, before you put the time and effort into disenfranchising another swath of folks. This state is quick to call "federal overreach," for any and everything, but in this case... the President of the United States gets full say on our voting maps? And not even trying to be discreet about why- he wants you to "find" 5 GOP seats. That isn't representative democracy, that is dictatorship. If any changes are made to the districts, let it be for a more accurate representation of the citizens of this state, who are a lot less extreme than our elected officials reflect.

Kristen Delgado-Williams, Mrs.
Self
San Antonio, TX

Dear US House Representatives,

I am writing to express deep concern about the current redistricting maps in Texas. As a constituent and a voter, I believe that fair and equitable representation is a cornerstone of our democracy.

The recent maps appear to dilute the voting power of minority communities and prioritize partisan advantage over public interest. I respectfully urge you to:

Support an independent redistricting commission for future maps.

Oppose any gerrymandering that weakens community representation.

Increase transparency and public participation in the redistricting process.

Texans deserve maps that reflect our state's true diversity and population shifts. I hope you will act in the interest of all your constituents and support fair redistricting.

Sincerely,
Kristen Williams
San Antonio, 78249

Victoria McCuistion
Self
San Antonio, TX

I oppose continued gerrymandering of our TX Congressional districts. As a multiple generation Texan, when did integrity completely leave the state? How can any of you look at these ridiculously drawn districts and think this makes sense, is fair, and what our founding fathers intended? Absolute power corrupts absolutely and the Texas ruling power continues to reinforce that truth.

You have poked the bear too many times. And if this passes it will be your undoing not only in this state but across the country.

Stick to the norms of redistricting after the census every 10 years. And in place of that draw congressional districts fairly and evenly rather than dissecting districts that cross multiple cities and counties aimed at diluting Texan voices.

Elizabeth Cantu
Yourself
Austin, TX

It is amazing that you want to rid of my elected official because you are threaten what I want for my community. I am an employee of Austin ISD and I served my community for 4 years. I am disappointed that grants that could help the most needy and defenseless of our community, the children, are vanishing before our eyes. The "elected" officials in our state has not cared about the health and educational needs of our cities and state. Now you want to mess up my representations to serve Trump's agenda. If you comply with his ridicules demands, then you are setting our country to future abuse to our democracy that no longer care what the constitutes say or need. How can we have a democracy when the politicians chose their voters? Do the right thing and reject this bill.

Jose Miranda
Self
San Antonio, TX

I oppose the proposed congressional redistricting measures being considered on August 1, 2025. Redistricting should reflect fair representation and uphold the principles of equal voter voice, yet the current proposal appears to disproportionately favor partisan interests over communities of interest and demographic balance.

Such redistricting may dilute the voting power of underrepresented groups, fragment cohesive communities, and undermine public trust in the electoral process. Any redrawing of congressional boundaries must be transparent, data-driven, and free from political manipulation. I urge the committee to reject the current plan and instead advocate for an independent redistricting process that protects democratic integrity and ensures all Texans are fairly represented.

Janice Pennington
Self
Joshua, TX

I am disgusted that Republicans are trying to move districts around so they can hold power. This does not represent the residents of Texas. Republicans are purposely trying to disenfranchise people of color. The first item on this special session agenda should have been helping families affected by recent floods and working on alert systems to prevent such tragedies in the future. I urge you all to stop this power grab. Say no to HB 4.

Natalie Austin
Self
Harker Heights, TX

I support Texas HB 4 because it updates congressional districts to reflect Texas’s population growth and ensures strong, stable representation that aligns with our state’s values. The bill responsibly exercises the Legislature’s authority to create fair and effective districts for our growing communities.

Melinda Luevanos
Self, preschool teacher
El Paso, TX

El Paso has been long neglected by our State and Federal government and this proposed redistricting seeks to further erase our city. We deserve to be represented by someone who actually lives in our community and recognizes the needs we have. Someone who lives out of town has no idea what our city and community is like. El Paso deserves accurate and fair representation. We are more than just a political pawn. I am against this redistricting and I hope El Paso continues to be represented by an actual El Pasoan.

Casey Talbert
Self
Wylie, TX

We are not due for new maps until 2031. I want my rep to oppose the redistricting efforts and fully focus on flood and disaster relief during the special session. Thank you.

Angelica Giamona
Self
San Antonio, TX

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Naomi Owuor
self
Cedar Park, TX

I strongly oppose redrawing the districts to give potus extra Republican seats. Texas has never been the whipping boy to the federal govt so why are we starting now. Your focus should be on how to prevent future flooding atrocities and ensuring the survival of Texas' people & resources rather than kissing the emperors ring.
Do your job as elected representatives of the people in your state.

Amanda Dinn, Mrs
Self
Round rock, TX

This bill is not FOR THE PEOPLE!

Dustin Kim
Self, Actuary
Austin, TX

I am writing to register my strenuous opposition to the redistricting efforts this special session. It's nakedly antidemocratic and will only serve to further discourage and disenfranchise voters.

Christopher McDonald, Rev.
Self
Grand Prairie, TX

Given your blatant disregard for the citizens you swore to God you would serve, I consider your actions regarding HB 4 a blatant disrespect of God. And since no comment will change your desire to worship President Trump, I will direct my public comments to the God to whom you swore. Join me in prayer.

In the matchless name of Jesus, He who came to help the poor and oppressed (Luke 4:18), I lift my petition to thee. I pray that every legislator who proudly participates in the passing of HB 4 and any bill that overtly discriminates or disenfranchises your children, that you will show them in a tangible way that you are really in charge. Your scripture records the myriad of ways you exact vengeance on those who purposely harm your people, yet these leaders boldly disobey you as if there are no consequences. I pray for the consequence of your choice to fall upon them, that they might understand you are not to be played with. Lord, come to the aid of your children whose voices these legislators are determined to silence. They do not believe you are able nor sovereign enough to put an end to their evil intentions, so show them the error of your ways. I understand this ask may result in their sickness, removal from office, catastrophe, or even death. But Lord, let your will be done for the sake of your glory. Whatever you need to do to make these people repent and reverence you above Donald Trump, do it. Give them everything they deserve because they refuse to love the neighbors who don't have their same skin tone or political belief.

I lift this seriously Father God in Heaven. For we have no one else in the Texas State Legislature that we can depend on. So please do it for we who love you. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

Keep trying to make your wrongdoing prosper and I'll keep praying that God repays you for your wicked deeds, His way. I'm putting this all in His hands.

Holly Keyt
Self, physician
Olmos Park, TX

I write in strong opposition to the proposed redistricting maps under consideration by the Texas Legislature. These maps do not reflect the will of the people and violate the core principles of fair representation and democratic integrity.

Redistricting should ensure that every vote counts equally and that communities are kept whole. Instead, the newly drawn maps appear to be a deliberate attempt to dilute the voting power of rapidly growing and diverse populations across Texas. By ignoring demographic realities and breaking established redistricting guidelines—such as maintaining compact, contiguous districts and preserving communities of interest—these maps undermine public trust and democratic legitimacy.

The process has lacked transparency and meaningful public input. Rushing to enact maps that serve partisan interests over fair representation erodes the fundamental right of Texans to choose their representatives.

I urge lawmakers to reject these maps and instead adopt a redistricting process that is transparent, nonpartisan, and accountable to the people of Texas.

Respectfully,
Holly Keyt
Olmos Park, TX

Sarah Oldenburg
Self
Euless, TX

Texas is gerrymandered and should be redrawn to ensure Texans pick their politicians rather than the other way around. This is fraud and we deserve better!

Jess Levenson
Self public relations
Houston, TX

I strongly oppose HB4, the proposed redistricting bill. It is a partisan attempt to entrench minority rule by gerrymandering communities of color and urban voters out of meaningful representation. Despite driving nearly all of Texas's recent population growth, these communities are being strategically silenced through manipulated district lines.

This bill does not reflect the will of the people — it reflects the interests of Republican incumbents and MAGA partisanship. By pre-determining electoral outcomes, HB4 strips voters of real choices and pushes our politics further into extremism and dysfunction.

Texans deserve fair maps drawn through a transparent, independent process that prioritizes equal representation. Other states have done this successfully with nonpartisan redistricting commissions, and Texas should do the same. Instead of cementing power through unfair maps, we should build a democracy that works for all Texans.

Please reject HB4.

Michelle Born
Self
Austin, TX

Please vote no on this bill that further stacks the deck against patriotic Americans in the great state of Texas. We have voted for the representation that we want, and this bill will effectively take that away from many of us. The lines are already unfairly drawn, and it is obvious that this is a move that makes district lines even more unfair. This is blatantly cheating to win. None of the legal criteria for redistricting are met at this time. The current maps are gerrymandered. The proposed maps violate voting rights, and are unconstitutional. We want a strong, independent Texas, not one that can be walked all over at the whim of whoever is in the white house. Please vote no on HB 4.

Janet McBride
Self
Longview, TX

I am against redrawing district lines in my state of Texas. That is gerrymandering plain and simple!

Kris Brown, Rev.
Self
AUSTIN, TX

I am 100 percent opposed to this bill. It takes away the possibility of my being fairly represented in Congress. It is shameful political manoeuvring and an attack on democracy.

Susan Pascoe
Resident
Austin, TX

This is a patently dishonest move to appease the president. We do not need redistricting! I urge you to listen to your constituents. Shame on you for not doing that.

Jill Eastwood, Mrs
Self
Houston, TX

There is no need for redistricting right now. No new census has been taken. No new boundaries need to be drawn. This is a waste of taxpayer time and money. Your focus should be on more pressing matters that save lives of Texans.

Geoffrey King

Myself as a registered Republican voter

Dallas, TX

This is a LONG OVERDUE measure by House Republicans and Senators to FAIRLY represent the majority of Texans. We must also PUSH to have ANOTHER CENSUS nationwide as the last one was grossly hijacked by The Democrats and MILLIONS of Americans have since relocated to Republican States. PUSH THROUGH THE REDISTRICTING PLAN no matter what. PUSH The Trump Administration for a new census to FAIRLY represent the citizens of Texas and other Republican states. TAKE NO PRISONERS. The Democrats have renounced ALL MEASURES of civility, they have attempted to ARREST AND IMPRISON The Leader of our political party AND his supporters. YOU MUST SUCCEED for you citizens. We demand it.

Mk Carter

Self/CPA

Dallas, TX

Please stop the current redistricting effort mid decade as this is not the time to re-district. if it is absolutely necessary to re-district, please draw maps that reflect the communities that the congressional representatives will be working with. Voters should select our representatives the current maps being shared indicate that the representatives are trying to select their voters to meet a demand by our current president that is undemocratic, contrary to the ideals of the majority of the voting population of Texas.

Kristen Hurst

Self - Principal of an LLC

New Braunfels, TX

I strongly oppose the gerrymandering effort involved in the current redistricting plan. This does NOT represent the people of Texas. The whole idea of America is that our representatives SERVE US, at the state and national level. From the bottom up. This is a clear power grab that disenfranchises the people's will. You KNOW this is wrong. You know it in your heart. You KNOW that if the opposite party tried to do this, you would vigorously oppose it. It is unethical, unpatriotic, unAmerican, and WRONG. YOU KNOW THIS. Do not support this destructive gerrymandering plan. SUPPORT YOUR CONSTITUENTS. REPRESENT US. Let all representatives represent the will of THEIR constituents. Work things out on a bipartisan basis. Texans are SICK OF THIS. Americans are sick of it. We want and deserve and DEMAND representation.

Darius Provost-Evans

self

Houston, TX

I'm urging everyone on the committee to vote NO and create a non-partisan commission to draw all maps going forward. End gerrymandering once and for all.

Michael Jackson
Self
Mansfield, TX

One would surmise that at this juncture in our country and in our state with freedom of self-expression, autonomy, in the age of limitless educational opportunity, it would be embarrassing to cower and become so illegitimately paralyzed at the weightless and, quite frankly, imbecilic inept unintelligible babblings of one man. This man whose background warrants not even the smallest modicum of attention or credence. This man whose comprehension and level of intellectual prowess was stunted at the capacity of an elementary grade level. One would surmise that it would inspire shame and regret to be even remotely connected to - let alone align with - such displays of idiocy; The same idiocy that suggested injections of bleach as a response to a global pandemic.

One would surmise... because the evidence clearly supports the opposite eyewitness account. The evidence of such cowardice, such spineless action, is the reason we are here. The reason this conversation even necessitates response and the reason it has seen the light of day is because of the very weakness select individuals choose to display at the mere idea of one man's selfish, self-serving words and requests.

What more can be said and reiterated that hasn't already been expressed in some form or fashion? It is a disgrace that this capricious redistricting plot isn't summarily dismissed, but it isn't surprising. There are those who sit in decision-making seats who are proud to be subservient. Proud to be spineless. Proud to be beta males. Proud to be dominated. I suppose if the directive were for you to wear skirts and heels at his sheer amusement, for the duration of your elected and short-lived terms, it would also be presented with joy to the public as "the good and 'right' thing". I suppose it would be a sigh a relief that you get to live your truths in public and not behind closed doors. Dare to dream a little while longer.

Should this expression not read clearly, let it resound as a full and transparent dissent for any redistricting in the state of Texas, much less at the suggestion of one mentally unwell man.

There are corners of society, sects of the population, and powers in heaven above who are keeping track, keeping score, and making notes.

Personally, I'd be more fearful of that retribution.

In short: Grow a pair and learn to say "no", for your own sake.

Elizabeth Skerpan-Wheeler
self
Austin, TX

Redistricting should be done every 10 years, after the census. This current proposal is not justified by the data and has not been requested by your constituents. The President demanded it and Texas Republicans caved in. Our representatives must show the courage to stand up to bullies and to represent the people of Texas. I have been paying attention to coverage of this issue in many forms of media, and it's apparent to me that nobody wants this, other than legislators who are afraid of the President. Fear should not be a driver of policy in a democratic government. This is wrong and you know it. Please vote NO.

Eileen Deeter, Mrs.
Myself
Austin, TX

The districts have no need to be redone again. The only reason you are trying to redo them now is the give President Trump extra seats in Congress. Maybe you should just have district lines by county and then allow everyone’s voice to be heard instead of manipulating data for the. Emeritus of the Republican Party.

Alton Pennington
Self
Joshua, TX

I am appalled that Republicans are choosing to gerrymander our state's districts instead of addressing the needs of flood victims and proposing methods of prevention for the future of that area. This is nothing but a power grab and bowing to a man who wants to be a dictator. I say no to HB4. Spend your time helping flood victims and improving a flood proned area.

Cheney Crow, PhD
self, retired UT faculty and writer
Austin, TX

There is no valid reason for redistricting in Texas AGAIN! Less than 10 years since the latest redistricting? What are you achieving for your constituents? You would betray your own oath to the constitution and to your constituents to prove fealty to a president who violates the Constitution, the rule of law, the freedom of the judiciary, even the press? Who threatens American Allies who fought beside us in our wars? Who disparaged John McCain and is threatening our future in research: our Cancer Center at MD Anderson, NASA in Houston— NASA staff is down 20%, critical missions being cancelled. How many people have lost jobs and are now being paid NOT to work? I'm ashamed to live in a state that won't put its citizens first. How many hours have you spent on flood relief? And how many on this map? Please reconsider your priorities. There are humans in your state who rely on your help, your honest representation, your good will and earnest dedication to work on their behalf, not your own. I hope you will remember the oath you took so that your children can be proud of your work as a honorable representative, fair and devoted to the people he works for. Your actions teach your children, and ours, what politics looks like. The example you set will carry into the next generation. I hope you want your legacy to be marked by integrity, honor, and truth. Good service were can be grateful, that you can be proud of. I want to be proud of you, too.

Marguerite Dreiss
Self
Houston, TX

I oppose this off-cycle redistricting initiative. Why not await the 2030 census, as is customary?
I implore you, Congress people, to not cave to DJT's demands.

Cheryl Gwartney, Mrs
Self
Double Oak, TX

I am in favor of passing HB4.

Erika DeLaRosa
Self
Houston, TX

I strongly oppose districting at this time. It is unnecessary and I do believe all of our lawmakers, Republicans and Democrats, know this is not what the people of Texas need nor is it what anyone wants. We have much more pressing matters and this can wait. This would not benefit any Texan. This would however harm many Texans.

Oppose this redistricting. Thank you.

Reva Enzminger
Self
Austin, TX

You are taking away representation this killing our democracy. I strongly urge you to reconsider

Nicola Quillen
Self
Wylie, TX

Oppose redistricting

Jennifer Easter
Self. Physical Therapist.
Austin, TX

The history of gerrymandering in the USA is not something to be proud of. Texans used to stand up for fairness, justice, and integrity. What has happened to our Legislature? Are you only emboldened by Trump and feel like cheating is the New American Way? Stand up for what is right. Honor your Oath. Represent your constituents. We do NOT want redistricting.

Lane Law
Self. Texan. AGAINST HB 4
Bertram, TX

This Redistricting Scheme shows the true colors of the modern Republican Party in our state. It exposes them to be weak people who would gleefully hand over control of Texas to the Executive Branch in Washington DC. The GOP obviously has no faith in Texas Republicans to earn votes by being good at their job, otherwise they wouldn't be trying to put such a heavy thumb on the scale. The District Map being proposed was clearly drawn by people who don't know Texas. They don't know our culture. They don't know how important our neighbors are to us. The proposed map is engineered to silence the votes of hardworking, everyday Texans simply because they don't fall in line with the National Republican Party. The voices aren't just Democrats. Many are Texans who just want to elect someone who represents the needs of their community instead of the Manhattan real estate market and Florida resort industry. Show Washington DC that we believe in individual responsibility and individual liberty way out here in the Lone Star State. I call on Texas lawmakers to Cowboy up and strike down HB 4. Keep Texas freedom alive.

Noelle Vinson
Self (Registered nurse)
San Antonio, TX

I am commenting to express my deep disappointment in the leaders of Texas for letting Trump walk all over them and demand they give him 5 more Republican seats when it is illegal for the district maps to be redrawn at this time. You all know this is wrong, and yet you're doing it anyway. You represent Texans, not Trump. You Republicans know your agenda is deeply immoral and unpopular, and the only way you are going to continue winning is by cheating, so that's what you're trying to do. Gerrymandering hurts your constituents and should be outlawed. You should be fighting for the rights of the people who voted you in, not pandering to the felon in the White House. I hope you all have the courage to stand for what is right and fight for Texans, but if you don't, know that we the people will not stop fighting for ourselves and each other. Do not let this redistricting happen. It's illegal and immoral, and you know it.

Ann Rayner
Self/ retired Health Care professional
Carrollton, TX

We need to reject any efforts to redistrict that put Democrats at a disadvantage.
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Evin Law
Self
BERTRAM, TX

I am an 8th generation Texan. My grandfather was the Republican Party Chairman in every county he lived in for most of his adult life. George T Rogers - he also played baseball for the Texas Minor league and was a career Marine, fighting in two wars. I can't claim to read minds but I know that he would be ashamed of this Republican Party and this plan in particular. He always told me that I was left handed because my parents were so left-wing, but I'd bet money that this behavior would have driven even him to the left. You MUST vote against this bill, or please don't ever call yourselves Texans again. This isn't how Texans win.

Mikey Goralnik
Self, landscape architect
Austin, TX

I am fiercely opposed to the proposed congressional redistricting before the Texas House. It is clear that the intent of this bill is to dilute the voting power of people who vote for liberal or progressive candidates; in my area, this means that Hispanic, black, and young voters will see their voices undermined. My own district would be eliminated, in an attempt to consolidate power for an administration that I did not vote for, and that appears committed to ensuring that my children will grow up in a greedier, more callous, and less safe nation (and state) than the one they were born into. The new congressional map is unconscionable, not to mention unconstitutional, and I hope to see it confined to the margins of political discourse where it belongs.

Eloisa Acha, Mrs
self
Austin, TX

I have been a resident of Austin for 30 years but is not until recently that I have learned how republicans have managed to stay in power despite the balanced representation of voters. The disrespect to the people of this great state and the cheating is so obvious you all should be ashamed. Everyone knows this is unusual timing and you are bending the knee to Trump. Stop moving the post, stop the waste of time and money and instead work hard to listen and represent the people you serve, work to support urgent matters like our flood victims and disaster response systems. Object to any redistricting and get to work for the people, for our kids for our wonderful state.

James Ishmael
Self
ROCKWALL, TX

I oppose redistricting.

Robbin Polter
Self
AUSTIN, TX

No redistricting !!!

Frances Johnson
Self
Fort Worth, TX

All districts should be fairly drawn to represent the true make up of Texas citizens. Redrawing them to give more seats to one party is wrong. You would be shouting off the other side was trying to do it. Do better. Be better.

April Balcombe
Self
Austin, TX

This is not a democratic process to have a special session to redistrict maps, especially combining Doggett and Cesar. This is a very bias and unethical thing to consider. Please vote no to redistricting. Thanks for your service to the public.

Dorrie O'Brien
Self and Self employed.
Grand Prairie, TX

Oh, go for it, fellahs! Don't let the Dems stop you!

Flor Montiel, Ms.
self
Pilot Point, TX

No more gerrymandering! Oppose congressional redistricting in Texas!

Brooke Cummings
Self
Garland, TX

This is highly unusual and suspect. Please please PLEASE do not pass this. Make district maps normal again!!!

Carla Ramirez
Self
San Antonio, TX

To say I’m disgusted is an understatement. To say I’m surprised would be a lie. I carry the Constitution on me every day. I’ve read the Bible in seven versions, eight if you count The Message (I don’t). Democracy only works when those in power fear losing it. Our system survives because of disagreement, dissent, and diversity of thought.

Parties have changed drastically in my lifetime, but I never imagined that those who once championed traditional, patriotic, conservative values would bow to a man who shares images of himself as a king, accepts foreign gifts, cheats on his wives, pays hush money through lawyers, and allies himself with regimes more Goliath than David. He ignores genocide, asking the victims to die quietly so land can be seized.

This is who you choose over your constituents? What a sad day for Americans, and a truly awful one for Texans.

Megan McLawhon
Self
College Station, TX

We the People do NOT support redistricting. Gerrymandering is oppressive. Let Texans speak for themselves. Our congresspeople should REPRESENT US and SPEAK ON OUR BEHALF for what is best. Stop cheating us. You are elected by us to represent us. NO TAXATION WITHOUT REPRESENTATION. Stop redrawing lines to quell our voices.

Haley Carter

Self, a concerned citizen who already feels disenfranchised enough!

Princeton, TX

This is an abuse of power, to disenfranchise people in the city by dividing a county up to win elections even though it divides communities in ways that nobody is represented properly. This whole state is embarrassing itself on the world stage working so hard to overthrow the votes and wishes of the people with legislation and administrative barriers, literal attacks on people who don't align with the current politics, stripping and gutting our voices so that elitists and corporations are happier. Selling Texan lives out to the highest bidders. Do not gerrymander us anymore!! County to county borders already exist, there should not be a single county that is divided once, much less several times over. Corruption at the highest level and total disenfranchisement of the entire population of Texas. Thank you for your time and consideration, as a voter I expect to be heard. I'm so tired of feeling silenced in this state because the leadership lacks integrity and a sense of duty to the public it is chosen to serve. Politicians don't even ask what we want, we don't even have voter initiatives. I find Texas politics overall to have a false claim to democracy.

Julia Orduna

Self

Houston, TX

I do not agree with mid-decade redistricting. This is a ploy by people in power to maintain their power by rigging the system. We cannot allow the people’s voice to be gerrymandered and manipulated for profit. SAY NO to silencing the people!

Rosemary Miranda, Ms

Self

Edinburg, TX

This proposed map aims to eliminate Mexican Americans and Black people from the voter rolls without actually saying so. It pairs voters who have no interests in common with each other
Its artificiality is almost farcical if it weren’t the actual republican proposal
This proposal must be voted down

BHARAT DHURKA
Self, Behavior Consultant
Plano, TX

RE: Opposition to Mid-Decade Congressional Redistricting – A Statement from South Asian Texans

Dear Governor Abbott, Lt. Governor Patrick, and Speaker Burrows,

As members of the South Asian American community across Texas, we write to express our unequivocal opposition to the mid-decade congressional redistricting plan currently before the Legislature.

South Asian Texans are one of the fastest-growing populations in this state. We run businesses, drive innovation, advance medicine, and enrich the cultural and civic life of Texas. We also vote, organize, and contribute to the democratic process.

But this redistricting proposal is not about improving representation — it is about manipulating it. These maps are being redrawn to break up strong, diverse voting blocs and weaken the collective voice of communities of color, including South Asians, who are becoming an undeniable force in Texas politics.

In major metropolitan counties where South Asians live and work — Harris, Fort Bend, Dallas, Collin, Tarrant, Travis, and Bexar — cohesive neighborhoods are being fractured and stitched together with distant rural counties. These artificial districts have nothing to do with shared interests and everything to do with diluting the political power of growing populations.

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What does a tech executive in Plano have in common with a farmer hundreds of miles away? What shared vision for Texas can come from districts designed to split communities apart rather than bring them together?

Texas should stand as a model of democratic integrity, where representation reflects the people who call this state home. Instead, this process dismantles the very pillars of democracy — fairness, accountability, and trust.

When maps are drawn for partisan gain, they don’t just distort election outcomes — they tell entire communities their voices don’t matter.

We stand with Texans in Fort Bend, Collin, Dallas, Harris, Travis, Williamson, Bexar, El Paso, Denton, and Tarrant Counties who are seeing their voting power diluted and their representation sacrificed for political advantage.

We urge you to withdraw this plan and commit instead to drawing fair maps that keep communities whole, reflect where people actually live and work, and protect every Texan’s right to representation.

Democracy only works when every vote counts and every voice is heard. These maps break that promise. Texans — all Texans — deserve better.

Sincerely,
Bharat Dhurka

Ranjan Misra
SAAVETX
Dallas, TX

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Sincerely,
Ranjan Misra/ SAAVETX
Dallas, TX

Gregg Welpe
self - Leisure Travel Specialist
Royse City, TX

Under the new map, I'd be placed in Congressional District 32, which now stretches over 100 miles from urban North Dallas all the way to rural Upshur County. That's not a community. That's a political weapon.
No one honestly believes a single member of Congress can represent both ends of that district in any meaningful way. These are entirely different parts of the state, with different realities and needs. And the people in each of those communities deserve someone who knows them—and fights for them.
Instead, these maps are designed to silence people. To divide us. To make sure the outcome is decided before anyone votes. That's not democracy. That's control. When voters feel like their voice doesn't matter, they stop showing up. When communities are stitched together just to serve a political strategy, nobody truly gets represented. This new map is a crime against equal and fair representation when communities of color are being split apart solely for the purpose of re-electing the white minority into Congress. These new maps are simply just Jim Crow 2.0 and a direct and clear violation of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Debora McFerrin
Self
Austin, TX

Chair, Members of the Committee,

I am here to strongly oppose the current redistricting proposals, which undermine the principles of representative democracy, distort the political voice of Texas's growing minority populations, and appear motivated not by the needs of our state — but by the political interests of a single individual, Donald Trump.

Let's be clear about the facts. According to the 2020 U.S. Census, 95% of Texas's population growth over the past decade came from communities of color — with Latinos alone accounting for nearly 50% of that growth. Yet the proposed maps fail to create any new majority-minority districts and, in fact, reduce the voting power of these very communities. In practical terms, that's not just negligent — it's discriminatory.

This isn't the first time Texas has been here. In Shelby County v. Holder (2013), the U.S. Supreme Court gutted the preclearance provisions of the Voting Rights Act, which had previously required Texas to submit redistricting plans for federal approval due to a long history of voter suppression. Following that ruling, Texas was quick to implement maps that federal courts later ruled were racially discriminatory.

In Abbott v. Perez (2018), the U.S. Supreme Court upheld most of Texas's 2013 redistricting map — but even then, the lower court had found intentional racial discrimination in several districts. That case showed the damage that can be done when maps are drawn behind closed doors, ignoring the will and demographics of the people.

The current proposed maps continue this pattern: packing and cracking minority voters, slicing up diverse communities like Houston, Dallas, and Austin, and preserving power for incumbents at the expense of fair representation.

According to the nonpartisan Princeton Gerrymandering Project, Texas's congressional maps receive an "F" grade for partisan fairness. The analysis found that the maps create an extreme Republican advantage that is not reflective of statewide voter behavior. This isn't about fair representation — it's about insulating a political class and appeasing Donald Trump, whose influence continues to distort the integrity of our democratic institutions.

Members, this redistricting process is a constitutional responsibility. It demands transparency, fairness, and fidelity to the principle of "one person, one vote." I urge you to reject these maps, restore public trust, and uphold your duty to represent all Texans, not just those who share your political party or allegiance to Donald Trump.

Democracy in Texas should not be drawn to serve one man's interests. It should be drawn to serve the people.

Thank you.

Lynn Coyle
Self
El Paso, TX

Please defeat this bill. This bill is an extreme power grab that crushes our democratic right in El Paso to select our representatives. It will destroy our vote in El Paso. Adhere to democratic principles and protect our right to participate in selecting our representatives. Defeat this authoritarian action.

Alejandra Gonzalez
self, court interpreter
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose the proposed redrawing of Texas' congressional maps. This redistricting effort is not driven by population shifts or legal mandates, but by partisan strategy, and it undermines the principles of representative democracy. The proposed changes would dilute the voting power of communities of color, split cohesive districts, and force incumbents into unfair matchups, all to secure political advantage for Republicans.

Redistricting should reflect the will of the people, not manipulate it. Merging districts like those of Reps. Greg Casar and Lloyd Doggett, or stretching a single district from Lubbock to San Antonio, is a blatant attempt to suppress diverse voices and consolidate power in the hands of Republicans. As it is, Democrats in Texas have no real say, but this move would silence their voices completely. Corrupt tactics like this blatant gerrymandering erode public trust and violate the spirit of fair representation.

I urge lawmakers to reject this map and recommit to a transparent, equitable redistricting process that respects the Voting Rights Act and the rights of every Texan. Our democracy depends on it.

Karisa Stokley
Self
HOUSTON, TX

Texas does not need to spend time or money or redistricting right now. We are also not due for one yet. There is no need to do this prematurely.

Michelle Fandrich
Self
Pflugerville, TX

This is partisan gerrymandering designed to undermine our democracy and prevent the views of those in opposition of the current administration from being heard. It is dangerous to the liberty of the people of the United States and should be soundly rejected by any patriot, regardless of party affiliation.

Randall Kimbrough
Self
Beaumont, TX

Support

Katy Manck
self - retired
Gilmer, TX

Sticking rural counties onto hunks of metro areas will ensure that rural voters WON'T be represented! How will folks in Upshur Co (pop. 45,000) be heard in proposed distr 32 when some rich dude from Rockwall (147 k in county) or Richardson is elected? Why is Upshur being split off of current distr 1 & 5 which contain the big towns where we shop, go to doctor, etc?? We have plenty of smart people in Texas who can create reasonable & fair maps instead of the Tex Legislature just meekly taking this weird map drawn up by DC bean-counters who've never changed terminals at DFW Airport! Show some guts and make good maps, instead of wasting state funds on all the lawsuits that will come up because of this extreme gerrymandering. And help rural voters be heard!

Julianna Gelderloos
True Texas Project
Cleburne, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Quy Nguyên
Retired
Spring, TX

I am strongly supporting HB4 and propose r? districting the map

Melisa Williams
self, teacher
Buda, TX

I am opposed to the redistricting that is happening right now. This redistricting is set up to silence a large portion of Texas constituents. It feels like the only way Republicans think they can win is by rigging our great state. I feel like Republicans should try to win this state by actually working for the people of the state. This redistricting is being done because Trump asked for it to be done not because it's best for Texas. By doing this, there will be repercussions from blue states.

James Hall
self
Dallas, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Staci Schwantz
Self artist
San Antonio, TX

I oppose the Redistricting. President trump admitted the purpose is to increase republican seats. The redistricting should be done by a nonpartisan committee.

Brittney Hoch, Mrs.
self
Bastrop, TX

Dear House committee, please reject this unfair redistricting bill! It is wrong and blatantly corrupt to change districts between censuses just because Trump asked Abbott. The people elect representatives by voting. Representatives don't pick how they want their districts to vote. Thank you, please reject this bill.

Christi Moseley
self
Austin, TX

I'm writing to request that you not move forward with redistricting. It is such a blatant power grab that I think it's unhealthy for young people to see that this is the behavior of grown men who have been elected and empowered to protect us. The fact this legislature is so slavishly loyal to the whims of Donald Trump makes them look like cowards... not proud Texas men. I am asking, as an American, as a Texan, as a wife, mother, grandmother and dedicated voter, don't do this!

Valentin Mora
self
San Antonio, TX

About 20 or so years ago, my domestic partner and I attempted to go vote at the local library where we always go vote. We come to find out that was the year that a second location was used depending on whether it was a local or Fed election. We were told to go to the other location to vote and as we exited, a TV reporter asked if we had any difficulty voting that day. I mentioned that I was aware of the redistricting efforts at the time that was causing confusion on election day for people trying to vote after work before the polls closed and the camera immediately went on and I went on to say that since it was only the noon hour, my partner and I had plenty of time to go to the other voting site and cast our vote and that the GOP gerrymandering that went into causing voter confusion, etc was why I insist on voting for Dems. The Texas GOP again isn't even trying to deny wanting to redistrict the voting map again. It's blatant! And it's wrong!

Ramon Chavez
self
Buda, TX

My name is Ramon Chavez, and I live in Buda, which lies in Congressional House District 35. It is absolutely unacceptable for both the House and Senate Redistricting Committees to have drawn up a map that will ultimately be challenged in court because of its blatant disregard of fair elections. The Legislature clearly plans to ignore
public input and pass maps that discriminate against communities of color.
Recent actions by Texas legislators have raised serious concerns about civil rights violations targeting Latino and African American citizens. These are clear violations of their civil rights, reflecting a troubling pattern of voter suppression and intimidation in more recent years. Unfortunately, it also reflects the latest round of bigotry and racism in Texas since its founding as a republic and as a state.
In Texas, where Latinos represent over 40 percent of the population, these actions are particularly worrisome. Texas is now a majority-minority state, with Latinos, African Americans, and Asian Americans together constituting 60 percent of the population. The current attempt to redistrict our congressional districts mid-census is the latest effort at a broader, more concerning strategy aimed at suppressing minority voices. I cite for you the removal of more than one million voters from Texas voter rolls in August 2024 that disproportionately affected citizens and people of color in our state. Thus, it comes as no surprise that the latest redistricting scheme is a further attempt at disenfranchising communities of color. More lawsuits will follow, adding to the legal challenges that already underway. How much will this cost Texas taxpayers? I will join in the legal challenges that are sure to follow in the wake of the currently proposed maps.

Jim Coupal
self
Austin, TX

This bill is an open faced maneuver to explicitly and specifically dilute progressive voting areas. Shameful acts are clearly a point of pride now for the Republican arm of the legislature. Rubber stamping Trump's outrageous and unfair demands apparently has lost all consideration for conscience. Republicans have given up thinking on their own except where it comes to taking away services and liberty for the Texans they are supposed to represent. Stop it. Killing this bill would be at least one small step in the right direction.

Leslie Wentworth
Self, retired
Round Rock, TX

I support redistricting!

Charlene Murphy
Self
McKinney, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

KAREN MACIAS, Mrs
Self
Cibolo, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed districting map! Thank you!

Cashabriun Gary
Self
Dallas, TX

We should be represented in this process.

Morene Podlaski
self
FRISCO, TX

Please let state representative know i am FOR the redistricting in HB4.

Antoinette Locks
Self
Houston, TX

Subject: Disapproval of Congressional District 18 Redistricting

I vehemently disagree with the proposed Congressional District 18 redistricting. This district has a rich cultural and historical heritage, especially for the Black community in Houston, and has long been a voice for marginalized and underrepresented groups.

In addition to undermining decades of civil rights progress, redrawing CD 18's boundaries in a way that weakens these communities' voting power also jeopardizes equitable representation and community cohesion.

Any modifications that weaken the district's historical identity, split communities of interest, or move core neighborhoods need to be reexamined. I implore legislators to uphold CD 18's integrity and guarantee that everyone's opinions are heard in Washington.

Sincerely,
A CD 18 resident
Antoinette L.

Jane Thompson
Self
Dallas, TX

After reviewing the proposed map with my family, we believe that any doubt we might have had about the intentions of this body being a good-faith effort to re-draw a fair, racially unbiased district map have been put to rest. This map is a cynical, racist, voter hating, power grab, done at the behest of the POTUS. I never thought I'd see the day when a Texas governor and legislature would allow the CEO of the FEDERAL GOVERNMENT to tell them how to run this proud state. You are cheating we, the people of Texas, from choosing our preferred representation. I'm a born and raised Texan and have lived in blue, red and purple districts and while the gerrymandering has been going on for some time, this map is about the worst I've seen. I'm especially angry as my community is in TX 32, and your map will allow white majority rural counties to decide who represents my multi-ethnic, urban community. I can tell you that the good people of Anderson County have vastly different concerns, needs and goals from those of my community; I can tell you this because I know the people there. I own property in Palestine that has been in my family since it was built. It is a wonderful community and beautiful East Texas country, but they do not share the same concerns that we do here in my neck of the woods. I ask that you table this redistricting plan at least until the legislation over the current map wraps up and there is more time allowed for citizen input now that we've seen this absurd map proposal.
Thank you.

Joni Carroll
Self
Fort Worth, TX

This should be illegal. This is taking the will of the voters away.

Victoria Hund
Self
Trophy Club, TX

I have been a republican for most of my life. I voted for Donald Trump in 2016. The behavior and cruel policies of this president and lack of willingness of the entire party to stand up for what is right made me vote for a democrat in 2020 for the first time. I keep hoping that one day someone from the party I used to know will have the guts to speak out, but they have all become spineless jellyfish. This bill is just GROSS. You held a special session to review a horrific natural disaster which left children dead, then slipped in a redistricting bill at the end because our "Supreme Leader" demanded more House seats out of Gov. Abbott. This is disgusting. Shame on our Representatives. Shame on our Governor. Shame on our state. Our president feels no shame, so we'll leave him out of this. Our state deserves better, so DO BETTER. Fight this. Say no. Be the elected officials our fine state needs.

LyAnna Johnson, Rev.
Self, pastor
Austin, TX

We should be focusing on the real needs of Texas, especially the flood victims, and not wasting time and resources on redistricting at this time.

Philip Kendlehart, Mr.
Self
Allen, TX

I oppose a complete ban on THC! Many citizens including children and Veterans use THC to treat health and mental illness! A complete ban is unnecessary and harmful to these individuals! Regarding recreational use, I believe that it's better to legalize cannabis and allow the state to control and tax it than leave it to illegal dealers and the underground!

Zoe Bechtel
self
Austin, TX

This bill is shameful, you're stealing citizen's RIGHTS to having representation. Not only are you stealing it, but you're stealing it for a president that doesn't care about you. Instead of focusing on LEGITIMATE issues like the floods, the homeless population, the lack of proper education, nature conservation, access to clean drinking water, or one of the other numerous human rights violations happening in this state, law makes chose to focus on redistricting when it's not even the year to redistrict! AND THEN, the map writer isn't even living in Texas, how utterly disgraceful is that?!? This is a waste of tax payer money and time.

Nona Farris
Self
Austin, TX

This bill was created not to address any inequities in voting districts and representation, but because the Republican president of the US is afraid of the outcome of the midterm elections. It is illegitimate in a constitutional democracy and seeks to remove representation from citizens and voters. It should be rejected out of hand.

Erik Helwig
Self, Musician
Austin, TX

Texas needs to focus on more important things than partisan redistricting at the request of the president. Gerrymandering is a plague that needs to be stopped.

Jen Margulies
Self
Austin, TX

I live in CD 35, where I'm thrilled to be represented by Greg Casar, a former member of the city council i where I live. My representative calls me and other constituents regularly, holding live town halls over the phone where he updates us and hears from us. I've lived in Austin long enough that Lloyd Doggett once represented me, very well, but in the interim – without moving, mind you – I was in CD 25, a gerrmyandered district where I was unrepresented by a Republican rep who avoided speaking to us at any cost, shutting us out of his office, never holding town halls, taking meetings or phone calls, since he didn't need or care about the sliver of Austin jammed into his Republican district. I know what real representation feels like, and what fake representation feels like.

People are talking a lot about democracy these days. One of the things that I hear some folks saying is that we don't live in a democracy, we live in a republic. Well, in a constitutional republic, representation still matters. And redistricting has everything to do with representation. It's disingenuous to pretend that there is any need other than partisan politics for this legislature to take up redistricting this summer. Saying the 2021 map has issues and so we need to build an even more gerrymandered one right now, is like someone messing with the engine of your truck and then telling you, hey your truck's running kinda rough. Let me come in there and just take out some these parts. You don't need that catalytic converter, right? And while I'm at it, I'm gonna just reshape this lock on the door and recode that ignition key too so that if you're Black or Brown or working class or tend to vote Democrat, your key's just not going to work that well anymore. You could maybe still get in the truck or maybe still get it going, even though it's not really configured right anymore for you to access it, but it's sure not gonna slide right in and get you on the road the way it should.

To belabor this metaphor, the vehicle is our democracy. Representation is our collective vehicle to having a voice in our democracy. This uncalled for redistricting effort is trying to steal our truck, with the intention of driving us all down the road of your choice and taking away our say to help determine the direction our communities and our country can go.

I'd like to remind you that you work for Texas, not for Trump. Not for the national Republican party. Stop stealing from Texans, vote no on HB4 and get back to work on what Texans need from you.

Jennifer Thompson
Self
Plano, TX

I do not support redistricting being done at the demand of a president or any other politician or political figure. Texas has more important issues that we need to focus on.

Rachel Powelson
Self
Richardson, TX

This is a shameless attempt to dilute the power for blue voters. Gerrymandering goes against the ideals of democracy. No one wants to live in a state where their vote doesn't matter. This bill is insulting to Texas voters.

Kathleen Hammond
self
Rowlett, TX

I am very much against the redistricting effort the legislature is considering. Since when does Texas take marching orders from Washington. The Republican party already holds the majority in the Texas legislature. Why is it necessary to tip the scales further? People of color deserve representation too. Deliberately breaking up the districts representing the view point of people of color is not fair play. Government works best when all citizens are represented. We already lack this in Texas. Please don't make it worse.

Paul Hedrick, Mr
Citizen
Dallas, TX

Redistricting is a further strangling of democracy in Texas. Are you republicans afraid of trump? Any excuse you make is ridiculous!

Jessica Jolly
Self
Dallas, TX

Dear Members of the Texas House,

I strongly oppose the proposed congressional district maps for the State of Texas. These maps fail to uphold the fundamental principles of fair representation, transparency, and respect for the diverse communities that make up our state.

The proposed redistricting plan is harmful to Texans for several key reasons:

1. It dilutes the political voice of communities of color.
Over 95% of Texas' population growth in the past decade came from Latino, Black, Asian, and other nonwhite residents. Yet the proposed map does not create any new majority-minority districts and, in fact, weakens several existing ones. This denies growing communities the representation they deserve and likely violates the spirit of the Voting Rights Act. Communities that have driven our state's growth should not be sidelined through deliberate line-drawing that splits or minimizes their voting strength.

2. It prioritizes partisan advantage over the will of the people.
The proposed map is engineered to preserve power for one political party, rather than to reflect the real political and geographic diversity of Texas. By creating safe seats and eliminating competitive districts, it reduces accountability, fosters extremism, and gives voters fewer meaningful choices. Texans deserve elections where every vote truly counts.

3. It fragments communities and erodes local representation.
Many communities, especially urban neighborhoods and communities of color, are unnecessarily divided across multiple districts. This makes it harder for residents to advocate for their needs, and harder for elected officials to represent the interests of coherent constituencies. Redistricting should aim to keep communities of interest together, not split them for political gain.

4. It undermines public trust.
The redistricting process has lacked sufficient transparency and genuine public engagement. Maps that dramatically affect our representation for the next decade should not be drawn behind closed doors. Without fair process, the outcome will always be suspect, regardless of party.

Texans deserve congressional maps that reflect our state's diversity, respect community boundaries, and ensure all voices can be heard. I urge you to reject this flawed proposal and create a map that strengthens, not weakens, democracy in Texas.

Sincerely,
Jessica Jolly

Edna Flood
Self
El Paso, TX

I am a registered democrat and oppose the republicans efforts to change the political map in their favor.

Kathryn Whitley Chu, Hon.
self/teacher
Austin, TX

I am opposed to HB4, a mid-decade redistricting of congressional districts. The proposed map breaks up communities, makes it harder for citizens of counties like Travis County to be fairly represented in Congress, and violates provisions of the Voting Rights Act and US Constitution.

alfredo arellano
Republicans of Maverick County
Eagle Pass, TX

I would like for Maverick County to be fully represented by Congressman Tony Gonzales. There is no reason for our County to have 2 representatives and both of them live almost 2 hours away from us. The affected area in Maverick County is primarily Precinct 2 which was Rep Gonzales's best precinct in Maverick County. Other than that I fully support the Map as drawn in other districts to accurately reflect Conservative Latino Districts.

Cheryl Parker, Dr.
Self - retired
Carrollton, TX

As a Texas resident, I respectfully submit this public comment in opposition to House Bill 4, authored by Rep. Todd Hunter. The redistricting proposal outlined in PLANC2308 raises serious concerns about fair representation and democratic integrity.

The proposed congressional map appears to fragment communities and diminish the voting influence of historically marginalized populations. Such outcomes risk violating the principles of equal representation and community cohesion that should guide any redistricting process.

Texans deserve a transparent process that reflects demographic realities and invites meaningful public input. HB 4 falls short of this standard. I urge lawmakers to reject this proposal and pursue redistricting methods that honor the voices and rights of all constituents.

Thank you for considering this comment in the public record.

Nisha Abraham
Self
Austin, TX

Hello, my name is Nisha Abraham. I live in Austin Texas in Congressional District 37. I am testifying on the Legislature's attempt to redistrict our congressional districts mid-census. I am strongly opposed to these efforts. This brazen move by the Governor and the DOJ to increase Republican representation in the U.S. House by taking it away from communities of color is shameful. It is blatant racial discrimination. How districts are drawn affects every political issue, from the economy to healthcare to public education. If politicians are elected from districts that don't reflect the population, you end up with situations where politicians support policies that the vast majority of people oppose, or they won't support policies that the vast majority of people support. When politicians manipulate maps for personal or political gain, it prevents residents like me from having our voices heard on all of these policies that affect us. For example, here in Travis County there are many people struggling to afford healthcare coverage, and the Tax Bill that was just passed by Congress by the narrowest of margins threatens to kick even more people off the Medicaid rolls. Texas
already has the highest rate of medically uninsured in the country. In order for our democracy to function, the public needs to have a voice in the process. It is absolutely unacceptable for both the House and Senate Redistricting Committees to be holding hearings without having maps visible to the public a map. How do you expect the public to actually participate in this process? Therefore, I am asking that this Committee to commit to holding a public hearing after the maps have been drawn but before they pass through committee. You must also give the public a minimum of 5 days notice and capability to review the maps before this hearing. I also want the legislators who draw the maps to explain why they chose to
draw them the way they did, and to not hide any communications they have had regarding drawing the maps. If not, I strongly urge the house to reject the redistricting plan and will keep these decisions in mind as the November elections roll around.

Justin Grifgin, Ssg
My damn self
El Paso, TX

As a 100 percent disabled veteran, this makes me sad. Please allow me to have LOCAL representation that I voted to represent my word to the house. Wow.

Stanley Lehto, Maj.
Self/Retired
San Antonio, TX

I believe the redistricting proposed by the Republican House is a complete sham. The existing mapping is bad enough (25 to 13) and already includes blatantly racist gerrymandering. So this additional process not based on new census information is an obvious political ploy to try to make up for the expected negative impact on Republican voters by the abominable Big Bill recently passed by the U.S. House.

Elizabeth Young
Self
Helotes, TX

You just redistricted about 4 years ago. This action is not representing all of Texas. You are shutting out my voice and my beliefs. I, and people like me are not being represented by making this a right wing radical state.

Alicia Cozza
self, small business owner
Austin, TX

I am outraged at this blatant attempt to silence to voices of millions of voters in Texas. What I want to see is politicians trying to get re-elected by winning the hearts and minds of the voters they represent, by behaving as the representatives they are meant to be. As in, REPRESENT the PEOPLE and the WILL OF THE PEOPLE. Redistricting in this way to solidify the hold they have on the government in the state of texas is disgusting. If the representatives supporting this are so great at what they do, why are they so worried that they will be voted out that they would split up the electorate in this extremely gerry-mandered way? Instead of trying so hard to stay in power in such a corrupt and anti-democratic way, maybe they should instead focus on improving the lives of all Texans. Stop this nonsense and be a representative that people want to vote for, so that you win based on merit instead of clinging to power selfishly so that you can pass laws to harm the vast majority of Texans.

Padmini Jambulapati, Ms.
Self
Austin, TX

As a member of the South Asian American community across Texas, I write to express my opposition to the mid-decade congressional redistricting plan currently before the Legislature.
South Asian Texans are one of the fastest-growing populations in this state. We run businesses, drive innovation, advance medicine, and enrich the cultural and civic life of Texas. We also vote, organize, and contribute to the democratic process.

But this redistricting proposal is not about improving representation — it is about manipulating it. These maps are being redrawn to break up strong, diverse voting blocs and weaken the collective voice of communities of color, including South Asians, who are becoming an undeniable force in Texas politics.

In major metropolitan counties where South Asians live and work — Harris, Fort Bend, Dallas, Collin, Tarrant, Travis, and Bexar — cohesive neighborhoods are being fractured and stitched together with distant rural counties. These artificial districts have nothing to do with shared interests and everything to do with diluting the political power of growing populations.

This is not representation. This is an intentional strategy to silence voters and undermine democracy.

Texas should stand as a model of democratic integrity, where representation reflects the people who call this state home. Instead, this process dismantles the very pillars of democracy — fairness, accountability, and trust.
When maps are drawn for partisan gain, they don’t just distort election outcomes — they tell entire communities their voices don’t matter.
We stand with Texans in Fort Bend, Collin, Dallas, Harris, Travis, Williamson, Bexar, El Paso, Denton, and Tarrant Counties who are seeing their voting power diluted and their representation sacrificed for political advantage.
We urge you to withdraw this plan and commit instead to drawing fair maps that keep communities whole, reflect where people actually live and work, and protect every Texan’s right to representation.
Democracy only works when every vote counts and every voice is heard. These maps break that promise. Texans — all Texans — deserve better.

Brandy Eastman
Self/ Caretaker
The Colony, TX

This plan is nothing but a power grab. The redlining of BIPOC districts to favor white male republicans is so transparent. Do not support the silencing of voices thar disagree with you.

Earl Bishop
Burnet county Republican party precinct chairman
Marble Falls, TX

I support

Shanette Eckols
Self
Austin, TX

I am a fifth generation Texan. My family came here in mid 1800's and established a ranch in Driftwood. I am outraged at this unfair, unneeded redistricting! Our country was founded on the idea that the people vote so they can be heard and have a hand in the priorities of their country. To brazenly dilute our votes, just to make the president happy is a complete betrayal to ALL Texans. I am honestly shocked that anyone even considered doing this. Much less that they're planning it. So so disappointed in the state I was born and raised in! Do NOT make our districts worse and more unfair than they already are.

Gregg La Montagne
Myself
Austin, TX

I am strongly opposed to this redistricting efforts outside. Gerrymandering districts to please the president is undemocratic and clearly un wanted by the majority of Texans.

Melissa Seago
Self - Project Coordinator
Dallas, TX

I am against redistricting just to kiss Trump's a**. Abbott should be ashamed

Mary Stone, Dr
Self, retired physician
North Richland Hills, TX

I agree with redistricting. Texas is Republican +10 and we need a state house that represents that. Republicans are the party of limited government , personal responsibility, prolife. Let's have a state government that represents that. Thank you.

Pamela Campbell
Self
Houston, TX

The Voting rights act of 1965 prohibits Redistricting plans that discriminate against minorities. These plans to redraw districts with intent to appease Trump will dilute the voting power of minorities and is completely illegal. If this goes through we will take this to court and you will lose.

Maggie Leysath
Self
Nacogdoches, TX

This bill is a travesty of justice. Please vote no on redistricting.

Dannielle Bush, Ms
Self
Pflugerville, TX

The new proposed map is a blatant attack on democracy. The map now gerrymanders an already gerrymandered map. It's disgusting that the TX GOP is bowing down to Trump. In court, the state argued that the old map was a fair map (it wasn't either) and then they turn around and make it worse. I strongly oppose this map and all the members of the TX legislature should too. This should be a bipartisan effort to stop this.

Robert Bretsch
Self
El Paso, TX

I am in full support of the redistricting process as proposed for the state of Texas.

Sarah Harte, Ms.
self
San Antonio, TX

Vote against the redistricting bill. It's an unnecessary power grab.

Jessie Portillo
Self - program manager
Austin, TX

Redistricting should be done in alignment with the census. The mid cycle change is a blatant attempt to appease a dictator and abandon constituents.

Joy Casnovsky
Self
Elgin, TX

Dear Committee members,
I'm asking you to respect the democratic rights that our country was founded on. You need to create districts that allow for fair representation of Texans. Your proposed maps are the opposite. They dilute certain voices only to retain power for others. I'm against the proposed maps and proposed districts.

Devin Culbertson
Self
Austin, TX

Illegal vs immoral-
While the legislature as the legal ability to redraw bizarre new districts that defy rational explanation, no one with any integrity could look at these maps and think that these new boundaries are fair to Texans. Travis county can't rationally be included with areas stretching from Aransas to Midland. Please consider your morals alongside your politics and make districts that are fair and reasonable, if you change them out of cycle at all.

David McBride
self
Manchaca,, TX

The people in power change the rules (districts) to stay in power. We need a fair and honest government not one rigged to keep the minority in power.

Ben Nicholl
Self - White collar work
Mesquite, TX

God is ashamed of y'all and you do not represent your constituents.

Commenting to document that I oppose your gerrymandering for later, since we know you don't listen to anything anyone In Texas who isn't paying you via lobbies.

Rodney Craig
myself as a registered voter
Austin, TX

I object to the redistricting maps to facilitate republicans to create a larger percentage of their voters in certain areas. Please leave the voter districts as they are.

Joseph Medina - Sandoval
Self
Pflugerville, TX

As someone who was born and raised in the state of Texas, this "redistricting" is the most abhorrent attempt at gerrymandering that I've ever seen. This Bill aiming to take away the representation from many of us who are already a minority vote is nothing but a bending of the knee to a tyrant. If Donald Trump and the GOP only won Texas by 6% of the vote, how does giving him and the party an even 3 more seats in Congress make any logical sense? The math just doesn't add up. If we let this sorry excuse of a district map pass, we're playing with entire communities not being represented because their vote was tossed around to where they become. minority voters. The last time we had a tyrant in this country that ruled over people who were not allowed representation, we started the American Revolutionary War...I urge our Representatives to do not what they are told to do, but what is right. Do not bend the knee to Donald Trump, and do not succumb to a party that would throw you out the second they don't believe you fit in the picture.

Hunter Bonner, Mr.
Marion County Republican Party
Lone Star, TX

I am the Marion County Republican Party Chairman. In 2024, Americans, and specifically Texans, voted for a change in government. They chose to vote Republican, and expect a Republican mandate in our Texas Legislature. Part of achieving that is having Congressional Representation in Congress that reflects the sentiment and will of the people. It is entirely reasonable for the Texas Legislature to redraw Congressional District lines to reflect that mandate from the people.

This is not a racist ploy, as Democrats have tried to portray. In fact to assume that this needed redistricting somehow affects people of color, is to assume that all people of color vote a particular way, that being Democrat. If the last 10 years have shown anything, it is communities of color are voting more and more Republican.

I support the redistricting efforts to better reflect representation that our Founding Fathers gave up life, limb, and treasure to protect.

Katherine Cox
Self, writer
Austin, TX

I oppose this map. This redistricting is not representative of Texans and disenfranchises millions of them. We deserve representative democracy.

Anna Creecy
Self, finance & insurance
Keller, TX

I strongly oppose the proposed redistricting. It’s clear gerrymandering, designed specifically to favor one political party over the other. Elections should be free and FAIR.

Caroline Staudt
Self
San Antonio, TX

I am AGAINST redistricting (read: gerrymandering). It will only further the divide economically and socially, leading only to our collective detriment.

Stephanie Tassin
Self- physician
Salado, TX

I strongly oppose this bill. This is clearly gerrymandering and cheating by republicans in order to silence Texas democrats.

Janette Minasian Pires
Self
Grapevine, TX

I stand in support of the HB4 redistricting map.

MANUEL JR ANGEL
SELF. VOTER
SAN ANTONIO TX, TX

Against map redistricting. It' unfair and prejudice.

Linus Betz, Mr
self, student
Boerne, TX

Should be illegal, and totally unjustified. All involved should be ashamed of themselves and rethink what it means to want to live in a democracy.

MARCUS HENRY
Self, Data Intelligence
Waxahachie, TX

Vote YES.

Linda Gil
Self retired
San Antonio, TX

This is the state of Texas. This state does not belong to Donald Trump. He is mot governor. Abbott, show some courage. Texas is not for sale. No redistricting. No gerrymandering

Robert March
Self Finance
Austin, TX

I’m reaching out to strongly oppose the current redistricting process in Texas. The use of gerrymandering to draw district lines for partisan gain undermines the core values of representative democracy. It weakens voter influence, reinforces political power structures, and compromises the fairness of our elections. Every Texan, regardless of political affiliation, deserves a redistricting process that is transparent, equitable, and free from manipulation.

It’s also troubling to see any federal executive branch, including the White House, attempting to direct how states manage their redistricting. This kind of intervention steps beyond constitutional limits and risks damaging public trust in what should be an independent process.

At the same time, it's disappointing to see some state leaders, who often advocate for states' rights, supporting measures that sideline local control. Redistricting should reflect the interests of the people, not the priorities of political power. I urge this body to oppose any approach that sacrifices fairness, transparency, or local autonomy.

Rosalyn Peterson
Family - retired
Austin, TX

This redistricting is so bad for our state and eventually our country.

Jaime Waller
Self
Houston, TX

I am opposed to any efforts, actions and further measures the Texas legislature is taking to redraw congressional districts for any reasons other than the results following the 10 year census. This is a blatantly illegal gerrymandering plan to disenfranchise voters and usurp their will. It is a political move to support only the authoritarian takeover of our nation and give more power to Felon 47 Mr. Donald J. Trump. The panel of judges must uphold the law!

Kim Coachman
Self: Bilingual Educator
Houston, TX

HB?4 is a blatant power grab that undermines fair representation in Texas. The proposed map unfairly targets minority communities—especially Latino and Black voters—by cracking urban areas and diluting voting power.

This mid-decade redistricting is unnecessary and politically motivated, designed to boost GOP seats ahead of 2026. It ignores the population growth driven by communities of color and likely violates the Voting Rights Act.

Texans deserve transparent, inclusive, and fair redistricting—not a rushed, partisan scheme. Vote NO on HB?4.

Paul & Mary Jane Aranda, Mr. & Mrs.
Self Retired
San Antonio, TX

One hindred percent!

Kathleen Parsons
Self - freelance paralegal
Houston, TX

Redistricting is a political power and it should be used fairly and to the fullest extent possible by the party in power or the system will not work. Democrats use power to the MAX when they are in control. Historically, Republicans have been cowed and seemingly afraid to use the same power when they have it. Well, the people are fed up with this kind of Republican and this is one of the reasons MAGA is ascendant. We are being crushed by Democrat policies, that are the result of Democrats using the power when they have it. The founders designed a contentious system that's function depends on BOTH sides using power. Republicans MUST meet this moment to use this power to benefit our people (who are racially diverse) and values. Texas is MAGA and trending more MAGA which is a multi ethnic, middle class & working class movement. We must embrace this movement and harness its energy. Country club, pearl clutching, go along to get along, back room colluding establishment temerity does not meet the moment. Bold, righteous and fearless leadership that gains territory and moves the ball down the field is what the people want. Thank you for your consideration!

Lily Yepez
self
Austin, TX

As one of your constituents, I’m writing to urge you to REJECT this corrupt redistricting process and all gerrymandered maps.

Gov. Abbott is letting Trump control him while ignoring the real problems in our lives. Please do everything in your power to fight back and put Texans first!

I strongly urge you: REJECT this process!

Thank you.

Bruce Hurta
Self - banker
Houston, TX

Not interested in helping Trump and Abbott cheat to win a Republican majority.

Sierra Marshall
Bluebonnet’s
San Antonio, TX

This is ridiculous that you are even trying to redistrict and use a tragaty as a scape goat to do so. You should be ashamed of your self’s your not public servants your helpers to a tyrant! And one day you will be remember as such! The people of Texas and the people of America will never surrender to your fascist ways! Your scared of losing so now your trying to cheat your way to a win, well cheaters never prosper and you don’t have the votes you think you do to win those seats regardless of the gerrymandering you do! Your own people are sick of your shit! Be a patriot and stop this nonsense and stop licking the boot heals of a fascist leader!!!

Velma Vela Ybarra, Member Tejano Dems, Familias Unidas, Tx LULAC
Familias Unidas, Texas LULAC, Familias Unidas
Del Rio, TX

I, Velma Vela Ybarra of Tejano Democrats, Texas LULAC, and Familias Unidas, decry the plans underway to redraw congressional district lines in Texas. The proposed bill redrawsp lines that undo all that we as minorities, especially Latinos, have fought for continuously . STOP THREATENING TO FURTHER
NEGATIVELY IMPACT OUR CIVIL RIGHTS. AFTER DECADES OF DISCRIMINATION AND SUFFERING!! Stop doing what is obvious: trying to withdraw representation lines to impact negatively on our civil rights!!
We are here to stay and will not allow you abusers to destroy our civil rights . If the proposed bill is supported further , we will fight back and hold Republicans accountable through our strengthened political power!!! Submitted by Velma Vela Ybarra, 612 W Garza, Del Rio, Texas , Val Verde County.

Alanna Boss
Self - Contracts Manager
Dallas, TX

I am writing as a concerned Texan and constituent to strongly oppose the proposed congressional redistricting plans currently under consideration.

These proposed changes appear to further dilute the voting power of historically marginalized communities and favor partisan advantage over fair representation. As a citizen, I believe legislative districts should reflect the true demographics of our state - not be manipulated to protect incumbents or political parties.

Texas is a diverse, dynamic state, and our congressional maps should ensure that every community - regardless of race, income level, or political affiliation - has an equal opportunity to elect representatives who reflect their interests and lived experiences.

Gerrymandering undermines democracy. It fosters political extremism, erodes public trust, and alienates voters. Instead of redrawing lines behind closed doors to secure power, the Legislature should be working transparently and in good faith to create maps that are representative, inclusive, and equitable.

I urge you to reject any redistricting proposal that does not pass these fundamental tests of fairness and democracy. Texas voters deserve better.

Sincerely,
Alanna Boss
Dallas, TX
Registered voter

Darren York
Self
Wolfe City, TX

I live in Fannin County and CD4. I am completely in favor of the new redistricting plan. For CD4 where I live the represented area is much more compact and represents for the most part entire counties with the exception of where population totals make it necessary to make it partial county. I believe that the new CD4 district represents a geographically similar area and that greatly increases the ability for a Congressman to more easily represent and interact with Constituents. From a CD4 and personal perspective I am in total favor of the new redistricting plan. From a state wide perspective I equally support and am in favor of the plan. With such a vast area to cover and scattered population centers to consider I believe the new plan is a feasible and fair plan of congressional representation. While I am not directly impacted by the broader plan, I am impacted by having a fair and representative plan to select members of our Texas congressional delegation. I am in favor of the current plan as it accomplishes that goal by respecting equal population, distribution of urban and rural populations, and a competitive and representative balance in each district. This plan is a practical, equitable and reasonable drawing of these representative lines as can be. With an infinite number of possibilities this plan represents a just and credible option that meets all the benchmarks of our desire for fair elections. I fully support HB4 in the redistricting plan put forward.

Kristi Swice
Self
Dripping Springs, TX

Dear Members of the Texas Legislature and House Redistricting Committee:

I submit this comment to strongly oppose the proposed mid-decade congressional redistricting plan, unveiled July 30, 2025, which seeks to create up to five new Republican-leaning districts across the state.

1. Violates democratic norms, repeats 2003 abuses.?This plan breaks tradition by redrawing congressional districts years into a decade, a tactic last seen in 2003—also struck down for violating the Voting Rights Act. The current effort mirrors that history and invites similar legal challenges.

2. Dilutes the votes of Black and Latino communities.?The changes disproportionately affect districts in Austin, Houston, Dallas, and South Texas—areas with large minority populations—and critics warn the plan consolidates Democratic voters into fewer districts, weakening minority representation and risking violations of federal voting rights protections.

3. Lack of transparency or meaningful public input.?Although public hearings were held, the proposed maps were released only after the fact, with limited opportunity for substantive feedback. Dozens of speakers described the hearings as symbolic and pre-ordained “power grabs,” particularly noting absence of hearings in crucial areas like the Rio Grande Valley.

4. Politically motivated by national GOP interests.?This plan emerged in direct response to pressure from former President Trump and a DOJ letter targeting four current majority-minority districts. Critics—including Senate Democrats—are calling for investigations into possible Hatch Act violations, arguing the redistricting serves national partisan aims rather than Texas voters.

In summary, this proposed redistricting plan is a partisan power grab disguised as a constitutional fix. It entrenches political advantage at the expense of fair representation, disproportionately harms Black and Hispanic voters, and negates public trust in the process.

I urge you to:
* Reject this mid-decade map.
* Respect the decade-long tradition of redrawing maps only after census data.
* Convene truly independent, transparent oversight.
* Prioritize equitable representation for all Texas communities.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,?

Kristi Swice?
Dripping Springs, TX

Gabriella Galindo
Self
Dallas, TX

I oppose the new map! Republicans need to stop cheating and stealing votes!

Alison Campion
Self, Accounts Director
Austin, TX

I am staunchly against the gerrymandering proposed in this bill. Texans, including those in communities of color, deserve to choose who represent them. This new map reduces our voice and our agency in that process. Please stand for Texans.

Connie Morgan
Self
Amarillo, TX

Advocating FOR redistricting so we have fair and accurate representation in Congress.

Kimberly Knight, Ms.
Self
Whitney, TX

Please leave the redistricting alone and focus on flood safety measures. If you leave it unfixed like the grid… which is a four year surplus disaster as its failure is the second occurrence. Texas doesn't need more Failures… which is dead bodies floating because of the same bad policies.

Kristina Downs
Self
Stephenville, TX

This redistricting is nonsensical. Districts should be drawn in a way that follows some geographic logic. Why not use county boundaries already in place? Why is there a tiny bit of Denton County in District 4? District 10 is another with a particularly bizarre shape. Why are so many not even contiguous? The legislature has a duty to serve all Texans, not just the ones they like. Who is served by this redistricting? Not the people of Texas.

Daniel Minshew, Mr.
Self, Software Engineer
Austin, TX

As a resident of south Austin, I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed redistricting plan that would fragment Austin's communities across districts spanning hundreds of miles.
The current redistricting proposal represents a clear attempt to dilute the voting power of Austin residents through gerrymandering. By carving up our city and connecting disparate communities separated by vast distances, this plan prioritizes political convenience over genuine representation.
Austin is a cohesive community with shared interests, challenges, and values. Residents of south Austin have more in common with their neighbors in central and north Austin than with rural communities hundreds of miles away. We share the same infrastructure needs, economic concerns, environmental challenges, and civic priorities. Artificially dividing us into separate districts that stretch across the state undermines our ability to advocate effectively for local issues that affect our daily lives.
Effective representation requires representatives who understand and can respond to the specific needs of geographically coherent communities. When districts are drawn to span hundreds of miles and include vastly different population centers, it becomes impossible for any single representative to adequately serve such diverse constituencies.
I urge the legislature to reject this proposed redistricting plan and instead adopt boundaries that:

Keep Austin's neighborhoods together in districts that reflect our actual community ties
Respect the principle that districts should be compact and contiguous in meaningful ways
Prioritize fair representation over partisan advantage
Allow all Texans to have their voices heard equally in our democracy

The integrity of our democratic process depends on fair districting that serves communities, not political parties. I ask that you vote against any redistricting plan that fractures Austin and instead support a process that respects the principle of one person, one vote.
Thank you for your consideration of these concerns.

Dan Minshew

Adrian Escalante
Self
Frisco, TX

I am writing as a concerned constituent to respectfully express my opposition to the redistricting proposals currently under consideration by the Texas Legislature.

Fair and representative redistricting is essential to a healthy democracy. Every Texan deserves to have their voice heard and their vote carry equal weight, no matter where they live. Unfortunately, the current proposals appear to weaken the representation of several communities, particularly communities of color, and may undermine public confidence in the electoral process.

I urge you to consider the long-term impact of these maps. They could limit the ability of many residents to elect leaders who reflect their needs and values. We need districts that keep communities and neighborhoods intact, especially those with shared interests, instead of dividing them in ways that lessen their collective voice.

Texans expect fair and transparent maps that reflect the state's growth and diversity. Redistricting should not be used to secure political advantage but should instead focus on equity, accountability, and broad public trust.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask you to vote against the proposed redistricting plans and support a process that upholds the principles of fair representation and inclusive governance.

Thank you for your time and service to our community.

Savanah Shanks
self
Austin, TX

Do not continue gerrymandering Texas. Our districts should represent the population accurately.

Aimee Norton
Self
Rockwall, TX

I support the redistricting map PlanC2308 as presented.

Rod Griscom, Mr
Self
Houston, TX

I m against the attempted redistricting. It is time for the cowards that are in our state senate and house to stand up to trump.Trump.. Win or lose your seats based on pixies for all texans, not to retain your policy power.Trump is a criminal that should have been impeached at the least, you are following him.

Steve Brown, Mr.
Self
Carrollton, TX

Please redistribute as necessary to allow for adequate representation for all American Texas citizens. OnLy citizens. If the population has shifted it only makes sense for the representatives to shift. Don't let people hunting for power over constituents they haven't served since being elected sway you to not redistricting.

John Tongate
self
Austin, TX

As a Texas citizen I ask you to not redistrict until the next census. If you do successfully pass new redistricting maps you are contributing to a failing democracy. If you proceed I interpret it as spinelessness being manipulated by the President while not representing citizens.

K G
Self
Austin, TX

Gerrymandering is unconstitutional and this is ridiculous

Laurie Hale
Self
Amarillo, TX

We need fair representation for Texas. I support the redistricting plan. Also please stop the money for Hollywood and send it back to the taxpayers.

Cindy Simpson
Self
Schulenburg, TX

Please pass the One Big Beautiful Texas Map! We must preserve GOP control of Congress to advance the Trump America First Agenda. Let’s get this done now! Do not adjourn the committee until you have passed the map! Thank you!

kim banda
self
Austin, TX

Redistricting more tfrequently than 10 years is problematic in many ways. I'm firmly against. han every

DONNA LIPMAN
SELF
AUSTIN, TX

I AM 73 YEARS OLD AND A GRANDMOTHER OF 8. I AM AFRAID, NOT FOR ME BUT FOR MY GRANDCHILDREN. I HAVE ONE GRANDCHILD WHO HAS CEREBRAL PALSY. HE WILL NOT HAVE THE ADVANTAGES WITH THIS CONGRESS THAT HE DESERVES. I AM APPALLED AT THE BRAZEN BEHAVIOR OF THIS BODY THAT WOULD CONSIDER SUCH AN OBVIOUSLY JUNJUST, POWER GRABBING MAP AT THE EXPENSE OF OUR COMMUNITIES OF COLOR. yOU ARE DRAINING THE VOTING POWER OF MY BLACK AND LATINO NEIGHBORS WHO HAVE TURORED MY GRANCHILDREN, NURSED MY LATE HUSBAND. THIS IS NO DEMOCRACY - IT IS SOME KIND OF EGREGIOUS ARITHMETIC CRUELTY. I MAY BE A WHITE WOMAN WHOSE ZIP CODE STILL CARRIES PRIVELEGE, BUT WHEN THE RULES ARE BENT TO SILENCE ANY OF US, THEY CHEAPEN THE CITIZENSHIP OF ALL OF US. I AM HERE SO MY GRANDCHILDREN LEARN TO RAISE THEIR VOICES. I ASK YOU TO REJECT THIS MAP AND DRAW ONE WHERE REPRESENTATIVE EARN THEIR VOTERS ON MY BLOCK, YOUR BLOCK AND EVERY BLOCK - NOT THE OTHER WAY AROUND!

Ben Kalenak
Self
CEDAR PARK, TX

Redistricting to find seats upon the direction of the president alone is not ethical, but to do it to stack more for a specific political party and not represent either areas demographics is a blatant abuse of the people. I do not agree with gerrymandering to rig your position, it defeats the purpose of democracy and undermines the state and our republic. I urge all members to vote no on accepting any redistricting before the census and not to allow further gerrymandering in our state. We need to have true representation for the people in a district and not someone spread thin between urban/rural areas or central Texas to other parts of the state.

Kris Moore
Self
San Antonio, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Laura Conany
Self
Austin, TX

I feel that it totally unfair to redistric in order to put Democrats at a disadvantage for election purposes.

Michelle Gilson
self
Austin, TX

You are diluting our voice to support a tyrant! This is unethical and undemocratic. Look at what happens to Travis County--ridiculous!! Is this the only way you can win...because you don't care at all about citizens and are only concerned with your power grab! You are disenfranchising one of the most educated countries in Texas and you KNOW they don't want you and your "conserve" all the money and power for yourselves. I'm still pissed with Gov Abbott for shutting down all but one of the mail-in voting spots during Covid! I DEMAND you give us our voices back!

David Frost
Self
Austin, TX

This bill is nothing more than a blatant power grab a shameful attempt to manipulate district boundaries to serve the interests of politicians rather than the will of the voters. We elect you to represent us, not to rewrite the rules of the game when the outcomes don’t favor you.

Changing district lines to dilute the voices of communities, especially communities of color or historically underserved areas, is not just unethical it’s anti-democratic. It erodes public trust, undermines the legitimacy of our elections, and insults the very people you swore an oath to serve.

If you care at all about the integrity of our democracy, you will reject HB 4 and any similar effort to redraw districts for political gain. Represent your constituents. Respect their voices. Do your job.

We’re tired of the games. We demand real representation not gerrymandering.

Matt Holmes, Mr
Self
Austin, TX

Your job, as legislators, is to work for the citizens of Texas. Emergency response review is way more important. This redistricting legislation has nothing to do with helping everyday Texans. Vote No on the new maps.

Barry Schwab
self and real estate agent
Salado, TX

I am in complete support of the published redistricting map. Move forward with this bill.

Wendy Tamez
Myself
ABILENE, TX

No Redistricting! We don't want cheaters! You need to win the vote fair and square! No Redistricting!!!

Julia Schmoker
Self/ sales
Princeton, TX

I support hb4

Carol George, Mrs
George household
Celina, TX

We support fair redistricting - therefore we support HB4!

Karin Knapp
self
Houston, TX

I'm writing in strong opposition to HB4. This rushed redistricting is not in the best interests of Texans. It isn't based on state needs, new census data or constituent requests. It is solely in the interest of Donald Trump, who has the gall to place his desire for political power above the needs of Texans reeling from the deadly, destructive July 4 floods. In addition, as a resident of Congressional District 18, I have been deprived of federal representation since March 2025 and will remain silenced until January 2026. That is a disservice to almost 800,000 Texas residents and dilutes the power of the entire state. Vote no on HB4 and get back to work for Texans, not Donald Trump.

Jeff Keen
self / self employed
Austin, TX

This proposal is heinous, and shows an unsurprising lack of ethics from a state government seemingly run by Skeletor. Redrawing these maps to tip the odds in the republican's favor at this point is basically just covering your ears and saying "la la la la la la" in an effort not to hear the truth that the real people of this state are screaming.

Katherine Holmes
Self (business professional)
Austin, TX

I disapprove of the proposed redistricting scheme. The map was redrawn and released in haste with little time for careful consideration on this important matter. Seems like an attempt to gerrymander the district where I am a constituent. This redistricting plan should be abandoned.

Stephanie Evola
Self
Dallas, TX

I currently live in the 30th district of Texas and I am writing to express my deep concern and strong opposition to the current congressional redistricting process. This redistricting effort is not only unjust—it is undemocratic and unconstitutional. Instead of reflecting the true diversity and will of the people, these maps are designed to silence communities of color and manipulate political power for partisan gain.
According to the 2020 U.S. Census, 95% of Texas's population growth over the last decade came from communities of color—yet the newly drawn congressional maps actually reduce the number of districts where Black, Latino, and Asian voters have a real opportunity to elect candidates of their choice. This is a blatant attempt to dilute the political power of the very communities that are driving the state's growth and vitality.
Voters should choose their representatives, not the other way around. Fair representation is a cornerstone of our democracy, and what is happening in Texas is a betrayal of that principle. I urge lawmakers and the courts to reject these maps and restore fairness, equity, and transparency to the redistricting process.

Ashlee Shumake
Self
McKinney, TX

I oppose the redistricting since the Republican Party is blatantly gerrymandering and they were the ones that redesigned the districts in 2021. There is no need for district maps to change unless it more evenly represents the citizens of Texas and does not place certain groups of people in a minority where their voices cannot be heard.

Kristi Polodna
Self
San Antonio, TX

The Congressional Redistricting ahead of midterm elections represents the the fear Republicans have of losing their stronghold. This is a cowardly move on their part. If you can't win without stacking the deck in your favor, then you KNOW what you're doing is wrong. This whole notion is shameful.

Craig Newcomb
self
Austin, TX

I'm against the redistricting plans, Texans deserve proper representation through fair and reasonable districts which most of these aren't

cheshta bajaj
Texas Freedom Network
Frisco, TX

To Whom It May Concern,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on HB 4. My name is Cheshta and I live in Frisco, Texas. I am a volunteer with the Texas Freedom Network, in their collegiate program at the University of Texas at Dallas.

I am writing to convey my concerns about House Bill 4. The purpose of redistricting is to secure the appropriate representation of voters across our extremely diverse state. As stated on the “Legal Requirements for Redistricting" webpage on the official capitol website, redistricting is to be completed following the publication of each United States decennial census in order to “equalize population” among electoral districts. It is extremely unusual for redistricting to be pursued mid-decade. More concerning is that this redistricting would effectively dilute the voting power of people of color in contravention of the Voting Rights Act.

I believe House Bill 4 is not only untimely and unnecessary, but if enacted would directly harm your constituents. Texas is an extremely diverse state across every dimension– topographically, racially, linguistically, economically, etc. It is essential that the full spectrum of voters’ voices are represented in lawmaking, and you have been elected, in part, to protect the interests of the people and the democratic principles of this country.

I urge you to reflect upon Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act. The map under House Bill 4 “packs” certain voters of color into a handful of districts, and “cracks” the remaining voters of color between other districts, effectively diluting their collective voting power. It is unconstitutional for a vote in one district to have less of an impact on the outcome of an election than a vote in another district because of the way districts have been strategically drawn.

Please vote NO on House Bill 4, and protect the interests of your constituents as well as your constitutional and legal obligations.

Sincerely,

Cheshta Bajaj

Lacy Male
Self, Public Health Nurse
El Paso, TX

This attempt at redrawing maps mid-decade is illegal and unethical and wrong. Members of the Texas Stste Legislatire work for TEXANS and are not at the beck and call of the federal government. All the districts being targeted are minority-majority districts, and this attempt to to gain five additional House seats for Congressional Republicans, was prompted by Trump’s demand for strengthened control of the House of Representatives.

Texas is still reeling from the July floods. The special session should be focused on disaster prevention and relief, rather than mid-decade gerrymandering. Texas already disenfranchises minorities: 95% of the growth in 2020 came from minorities, yet the Legislature reduced the number of districts representing minorities. It makes no sense to redistrict while we still have pending lawsuits from the 2021 maps. Texas Republicans in the legislature and executive branches have argued in sworn testimony that those maps are legal, and those same Republicans are now arguing that the same maps are illegal and urgently in need of redrawing.

This is such a disingenuous and fake problem. You cannot have it both ways. Texans deserve representation from their elected officials. I live in El Paso—my representative should NOT be someone who lives in San Antonio and has never been here and will never be here. We deserve better than officials who openly hope to gerrymander districts in an attempt to retain their power because they’re too scared of people’s dislike of their unpopular bills.

Shenkwia Jones
Self
Fort Worth, TX

The redistricting of the Texas congressional map is one that is not a fair representation of our state. We the people want to have representation that represents all Texans. All Texans should have a voice when voting season is at hand. Why are we suppressing or diluting so many voices in our great state?

Chantal Perry
Self
Austin, TX

What is happening here goes against our American values. Republicans are trying to seize power anyway they can. They are trying to take away our rights and destroy our democracy. This is unconstitutional, it's illegal and it's disgraceful. This country is turning into a place that I don't even recognize. Republican are destroying our country and redistricting is one more way for them to take away our rights as American. They need to be stopped. Please think very hard about what is happening here and what kind of country you want to live in…because I don't want to live in Russia or China for a good reason. Republicans, Trump and his administration are heading us into an authoritarian government that no one in power seems to want to stand up against, outside of a few dems. I don't want to live in this country the way it is heading. I want our democracy back. Rejecting this bill is a small step towards giving the power back to the people. Please rejected this. If you don't, our democracy is over. It just doesn't exist anymore if people in power continue to take away our constitutional rights. No kings! No oligarchs! No authoritarians! Bring back the country my mother, my mother's parents and I were born and raised in. Just an aside, what is happening to the immigrants in this country is disgusting. Any TRUE Christian would know that and live by their Christian values to love thy neighbor. It's truly terrifying what is happening, at the hands of Trump, Miller, the cosplay girl whose name evades me and ICE, to our migrant population. If you want to solve the issue around undocumented persons in this country, reform our immigration laws. We are not concentration camp people. The cruelty and clear racism against brown and black people in this country needs to end.

Robin Downing
True Texas Project
Bedford, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

linda fogg
self
Houston, TX

I am opposed to the redistricting work and the map proposed. It reduces minority representation when the number of minorities has increased in the state. It violates the Voting Rights Act and is racist.

DAVID Wald, Mr.
Self, Retired
Houston, TX

There is no need for Congressional redistricting at this time. It may be appropriate following the 2030 Census.

Mary-Catherine Breed
Self
Houston, TX

I am strongly opposed to the redistricting and gerrymandering in this bill. It is a blatant attempt the subvert the will of Texans. We will not forget and other states will retaliate. You've already taken so much from us, your constituents. Please stop.

Mary Catherine Holcomb
Self.
Houston, TX

This is CORRUPT beyond measure. Do NOT let this proceed.

Keith Kisser
Self, librarian
Poteet, TX

This bill is a disgrace and an obvious power grab that will further diminish the voices of many Texans in their own government. It should be scrapped and the authors censured for attempting to subvert democracy.

Lauren Kusnierz
Self
Dallas, TX

I am extremely disappointed to see this special session devoting energy to redistricting when we, as a state have no more pressing concerns. Stop pandering to fringe groups and focus on the work Texans needs. Redistricting doesn't serve Texans. Focus your energies on issues like flood relief and better disaster management.

Elizabeth Demarest
Self
Austin, TX

This should absolutely not happen!

Annie Livingston
Self
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose the redistricting of Texas especially with the new map. All Texans want a voice in elections!

Morgan Wilson
Self
Houston, TX

This is racist. You know what you're doing. We know what you're doing. Stop it.

Makenzie Castongue
Self
Austin, TX

Against. District maps should be fair for all Texans, made with transparency, public input, and fair representation. We deserve a process that is transparent and accessible. I demand the legislature draw maps that are maps that are truly reflective of the diversity of our state, without bias of political agenda.

Angel vega
Self
Manor, TX

We should not redistrict the map. It is unfair in representation, limits the voices of citizens and goes against the established timeline for when redistricting.

This is taxation without representation and an example of how we started. Voices not heard, taxed, no support or resources from the taxation, and no ability to do anything but rebel.

We need our representatives to have a backbone and stand up for their constituents and do what is right by the law on what our country was founded on and what the public has demanded.

Nicole Zachary
Self
Houston, TX

As a constituent of district 18, I am appalled at how we currently do not have representation in congress. Moreover, redistributing us to other districts to remove our current seats is a gross overstepping of power. Trying to hurt your political opponents by making the people of this state bear the load of no longer being in a district that actually represents them is cowardly. Do not redistrict us! We deserve to have our votes counted properly and not thrown together as a statistic so that conservatives can make a showing of “owning the libs” or some other ridiculous political stunt that shows that you care not for the people and only care instead about preserving your power.

Stephanie Blakeman, Mrs
Self
Mckinney, TX

We do not need this bill or want this bill!! This is all about partisan politics and keeps voters from exercising their power! This is ridiculous and racist! Texans do not want this bill!! Stop!

Amaris Faith, Miss
Self retired
Gun Barrel City, TX

Please Pass This Bill!

Ruhiyyih Bell, Mrs.
Self - stay at home parent
Austin, TX

There is no legitimate reason for redistricting Texas at this time. It is your job to serve the people of Texas, not the President. Please do the right thing and let voters select their leaders.

Stephanie A
Self - 911 dispatcher
Dallas, TX

The new maps are awful and not a reflection of Texas at all. Why do Republicans feel the need to lie, cheat, and steal their way instead of winning on fair terms? You're on the wrong side of history and it shows you want things to go backwards. It's too late and at the rate we're going, our spineless politicians are going to burn Texas to the ground to prove a point. I've lived in Texas all my life, born and raised, and I am so insanely disappointed. If it continues to worsen being in this state, we're going to lose everything we hold dear. The redistricting is merely fueled by racism and hate, to disenfranchise and silence voices like mine that they just don't want to hear. You don't want to play fair, you just want to be bullies.

Darlene Davenport
Self/Retired
Houston, TX

I am opposed to the biased, unlawful, unconstitutional, unconstitutional, immoral, illegal plan to redraw the lines so that black and brown communities don't have a voice. That is not the right way or right thing to do. Everyone, every citizen is entitled to be heard.
I oppose this plan and stand with those against it.

Jenna Tan
self / engineer
Austin, TX

I do not support this new redistricting map. This change to the Texas congressional map is a blatant example of gerrymandering initiated by the president and Texas Republican congressional members following in line. At the end of day, every state has citizens across the political spectrum, and intentionally changing the map to only favor the Republican party with no justification other than the presidential mandate (which is not coming from the people) is injust. How does it make sense that Austin and surrounding areas will be carved up and sharing representation with cities as far as Odessa? This redistricting prioritizes keeping Republican power in Texas (and U.S. Congress) over actually representing the people, which is simply wrong.

Maria Delauter
Self/Caregiver
San Antonio, TX

Please STOP this racist gerrymandering. STOP being a hand puppet to Trump and serve the People that elected you into office. Do right for All the People of Texas.

Victoria Pina
Self
Kingsville, TX

This is ridiculous and a waste of time. People in the state actively need help, even not taking into account the awful flood that happened in Kerrville, but here the government is, focusing on issues that only serves themselves.

Myra McNellie, Retired teacher
Self retired teacher
Nacogdoches, TX

Dear Legislators,
Thank you for work. We appreciate your efforts. Please do not waste your time and effort to change voting districts. The map is freaky and the cause of silencing the voices if some of your constituents is concerning. Please do not be a part of rigged elections. Thank you.

Rebecca Clark
Self-Teacher
Houston, TX

I oppose the redistricting effort. This is an illegal power grab that will strip the voting representation of many people. This is an obvious power grab by Republicans that will disenfranchise many people and leave them without proper representation. Republicans do not represent the best interest of the people in the 5 districts that are being redistricted. We will do everything in our power to vote out those that support this in November and beyond. We are not going to let you destroy our democracy without a fight at the ballot box.

Johnson Varghese, Dr.
self
Corinth, TX

I respectfully submit this statement for the record in opposition to the proposed redistricting plan currently under consideration by the Texas Legislature.

This bill, as currently drawn, is a blatant example of partisan gerrymandering that undermines the democratic principles upon which our state and nation are founded. Instead of promoting fair and equitable representation, the proposed maps entrench political power at the expense of communities of color, urban populations, and competitive districts.

The proposed maps fragment communities of color across multiple districts, diluting their collective voice and violating the spirit—if not the letter—of the Voting Rights Act. This is particularly egregious given that population growth in Texas over the past decade has been driven almost entirely by communities of color.

The process has lacked meaningful public engagement. Community members were given little notice, limited opportunity to testify, and insufficient time to analyze how the changes would affect their representation. The rushed nature of this bill erodes public trust.

The maps prioritize incumbent and partisan protection rather than ensuring fair and competitive elections. Gerrymandering like this entrenches political power and discourages civic participation by making voters feel like their voices do not matter.

Redistricting should reflect population shifts and ensure that every Texan’s vote carries equal weight. This proposal fails to achieve that, instead favoring specific partisan interests over constitutional fairness.

This redistricting plan does not reflect the will or the makeup of the people of Texas. I urge lawmakers to reject [HB Number] and instead pursue a redistricting process that is nonpartisan, transparent, and equitable, guided by the principle that voters should choose their representatives—not the other way around.

Barbara Adams
self/retired
Roanoke, TX

You should be ashamed of yourself for attempting to gerrymander again. People in this state need to have their voices heard.

Maria Rodriguez
Self
Hurst, TX

Stop doing this for your own personal gains. Us Texans don’t need more gerrymandering. We need more representation of ALL of Texans. We will remember this and everything you’ve done come the 2026 elections.

Penny Weibly
Self
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose the redistricting as blatant gerrymandering and a power grab by that Trump administration that will silence the voices of Democrats. We are a diverse and great state. Please don't allow this absurd redistricting.

Stacey J, Pissed Off
Self
Austin, TX

I urge the Congressional Republicans to stop cheating by redistricting the Texas maps. It’s the only way Republicans think they can win an election is to cheat! STOP IT! Also, Greg Abbott is a puppet to Donald Trump just as Donald Trump is a puppet to Putin. Stop acting like a bunch of Nazis with your fascist acts and start helping the citizens in Texas. You are the most corrupt government next to those in the White House. Texans deserve better! I have and I will continue to vote against each and every one of you fascist Republikkkan cheaters.

Patricia Hartman
Self
Belton, TX

I am asking our Representatives to vote NOT to realign the current (gerrymandered) districts. Not only will this confirm the biased reputation of Texas, it will also set off many other states doing the same thing. We are NOT children who kick, scream and cry, when we don't get our way! Reece needs to represent ALL constituents of ALL economic backgrounds! Stand up to the Facismn and the Gerrymandering going on in our state!!

Lanette Aguero
Self, educator
Fort Worth, TX

I am opposed to Congressional redistricting. It is undemocratic and should be done following a census like usual.

Xavier Fonseca
Self
Corpus Christi, TX

My wife and I are against any redistricting in Texas at this time. It's especially concerning that the proposed changes are based on racial boundaries, so people of color are being divided while increasing whites in the districts. Our Representatives must not help Trump achieve his racist agenda!

Micaela Uriegas
Mysslf
Austin, TX

I vehemently oppose any and all redistricting efforts that the corrupt federal government asked our corrupt state government to do. Black and Brown people are already underrepresented in congress and this heinous act will only make it worse. See you in court.

Christina Boston
Self
Tomball, TX

I am adamantly opposed to the grossly unfair re-districting of our state. Don’t mess with Texas!!!

Christopher Savory
self
Pflugerville, TX

This is a blatant power grab by DJT and his cronies in the Texas leg & governor’s office. How about the republicans stand on the merits of their policies instead of trying to rig elections.

Marie Facini
Self, business professional
Dallas, TX

While gerrymandering is not new, these newly drawn district maps set a troubling and unprecedented standard — and represent a clear violation of the Voting Rights Act. Community begins with the neighborhoods around us. We share local needs, challenges, and priorities that cannot be meaningfully addressed when a single proposed district stretches across vastly different regions — like parts of Dallas extending more than three hours away to Callahan County.

Or, to use another analogy: the H-E-B in Frisco doesn't stock exactly the same goods as the H-E-B in Austin. Why? Because the needs of each community differ. Representation should work the same way: rooted in place, responsive to real people, and tailored to local realities.

If the party advancing these maps truly believed their policies reflected the will of most Texans, they wouldn't need to rely on such extreme tactics. The real path to winning more seats lies in developing bipartisan, centrist legislation that reflects the core value Texans hold most dear: freedom. That will build more trust and lasting support across communities. Thank you.

Jennifer Herbert
Self
Garland, TX

I strongly oppose the redistricting changes. We need maps that truly reflect all Texans and not ones that are created to benefit a particular party.

Jenna Jabara
Self - Attorney
DALLAS, TX

I oppose the redistricting as currently proposed because it is clear gerrymandering and an attempt by a party in power to maintain control. Moreover, it has been pushed upon Texans by those outside our state and is contrary to the will of the voters. Our state leadership is spending time on politics when they should be focusing on things like a response to our recent floods,

Bailey Williams
Self
Kyle, TX

I live in Hays county, Kyle to be specific. I don't know think that if someone is elected in Matagorda they can represent the best interest of those in this area. And just the opposite, how can someone from Kyle be able to represent the interests of the folks in Matagorda. The lines do not need to be redrawn! You just did this in 2021!

Stephanie Vandine
Self
Lufkin, TX

I encourage our elected officials to vote in the best interest of Texas and not bend the knee to politicians in Washington who have no care for us. This proposed redistricting map further marginalizes already marginalized communities, silences voters of color, and is illegal voter suppression. It is intentional discrimination and deeply undemocratic. SHAME ON YOU.

Anna Ramshaw
Self, unemployed
Sugar Land, TX

I am writing as a concerned citizen and former teacher. Redistricting with an aim to increase the number of Republicans in Texas is disingenuous and should be illegal. My district is already horribly gerrymandered, and though my city voted for Kamala Harris for president in 2024, my district stretches to conservative counties that have limited common issues with my city. I have neighbors less than three miles away who are no longer in my district.

Since Republicans in Washington D.C. have shown little regard for the common American by voting for tax cuts to millionaires and billionaires by cutting programs to feed abd provide medical care to children, the elderly, the disabled, and veterans, I don't see the interest in sending more Republicans to Congress if this is what they choose to do.

EM Branagh
self
Austin, TX

OPPOSED! The League of Women Voters said it best:
Here's what's wrong:
Racial gerrymandering is being used to silence communities of color.
Hearings are announced with minimal notice.
Proposed maps are released just hours before public testimony.
Private D.C. lawyers are advising lawmakers behind closed doors.

I'd add that this bill is purely POLITICAL in nature and in response to the siren cry of the President and NOT in the interest of your TEXAS constituents. It is truly disheartening that our ELECTED officials are spending their time not on issues that matter to TEXANS but rather that serve their political aspirations. Texas claims to be pro-life but is the 2nd-worst state for children's health care, highest share of uninsured children. Texas has a food insecurity rate of 17.6%, with 5.4 million people (1 in 6) facing hunger, up from 16.4% in 2022. Texas has a child food insecurity rate of 22.2%, with 1,673,600 children (1 in 5) facing hunger, down from 22.8% in 2022.
The DFW area continues to have the third-highest number of people facing hunger in the nation, with a food insecurity rate of 15.7%, up from 14.3% in 2022.
All of this in light of a background of the destruction of the tragic floods where the state gov't seeks to blame local officials who (gasp!) were asleep at 3am just like their constituents or (gasp!) were away for the holiday weekend (Cruz in Greece, anyone?)
Do your jobs! Focus on what can truly help Texas! We did not elect you to blatantly serve the President and your party, we elected you to serve we, the People.

Joanne McGee, Dr.
Self Retired Psychologist
Wimberley, TX

As representatives of ALL the people of the state of Texas, please oppose HB 4 which is a power grab for extremists who are removed from our state. It is at the expense of those in our state with varied needs and beliefs and perpetuates a shameful part of our history which silences citizens based on race. Our state is diverse and the voices of all our citizens should be heard—it is the basis if our democracy and enshrined in our constitution.

Gloria Quesada
Self
Round Rock, TX

HB 4 I am opposition of the redistricting of our state. There is no reason to enact the creation of new districts. There is no new census data. Republicans are attempting to destroy minority representation through gerrymandering. The minority citizens of Texas are no longer being represented from previous gerrymandering in 2021. Changing the laws for white nationalist to increase control is a crime against the citizens of Texas.

Nicole Watkins
Self / store manager
Austin, TX

These redistricting plans equate to tyranny in our state. This is not in the best interest of the people of Texas, nor does it provide for democratic selection. I am disgusted that our state government is capitulating to Trump rather than focusing on and doing right by its citizens.

One party rule is not democracy and the plans illustrated in this bill would ensure it.

I object to this bill, and find it repulsive that the GOP has sunk so low and has no interest in representing the people who live here in a fair and democratic manner.

You need to focus on the real issues that real Texans are facing, not this divisive garbage that only serves an oppressive national agenda.

Cindy Stohr
Self, teacher
New Braunfels, TX

The blatant attempt by the current administration to cheat their way to keeping dangerous and unpopular policies that the majority of people have spoken out against by manipulating Texas representatives to cheat their way to tipped scales will be a blight on Texas if successful. You are elected to work for ALL Texans, not to be a pawn to an administration with policies so terrible they cannot uphold them without cheating. You were elected to represent Texans, and the fact that this is even happening is a clear indication that your constituents do NOT want these policies.

courtney miller
Self - lawyer
Fort Worth, TX

This isn't redistricting - it is apartheid. Shame on the Republicans for cowtowing to Trump and changing the map to silence minority voices, instead of working for towards solutions to help their constituents. Their only concern is power, not representation.

Robert Sciortino
Self
Austin, TX

This redistricting bill is ludicrous and gerrymandering. Please, reject this bill. The citizens of the state of Texas do not need more gerrymandering. Elections should be treated fairly on both sides of the political spectrum. One vote should equal one vote. This redistricting completely shameful and is an attempt to disenfranchise millions of voters. Please reject this bill and others like it. It is immoral and unfair.

Barbara Ribble
Self - Retired
Austin, TX

Please do your duty and represent all the people of Texas. To gerrymander is un-Americann. Government should be of the people, by the people, and for the people.

Rebecca Weitzenhoffer
self / none
Houston, TX

I strongly oppose the redistricting bill. This is not the time for it. Stop cheating.

Katharine Cline
self
Austin, TX

As a long-time Texan and citizen of Austin, I am deeply concerned about this redistricting proposal. I have experienced the frustration of being lumped together with distant areas, instead of with the citizens that are closest to me and share the same interests and concerns. Instead of making districts more representative of the interests of all Texans, this map blatantly redraws lines for specific party interests. It disenfranchises people of color and citizens of Texas' largest cities. In order to continue to be an attractive place for people to move and work, we must make sure that the voices of all Texans are represented fairly. Our history of partisan gerrymandering is taking away the power and voices of the people and we must not continue with this most egregious next step. As a concerned citizen, I implore you to vote against this redistricting proposal and to pursue non-partisan redistricting plans that allow all Texans to be fairly heard and represented. Thank you.

DEANNA MALDONADO-ROCHA
Deanna For District 3
EL PASO, TX

Submitted Testimony
Deanna Maldonado-Rocha
City Council Member District 3
El Paso, Texas
Date: August 1, 2025
To: Honorable Members of the Redistricting Committee
Subject: Testimony in Opposition to Proposed Congressional Redistricting Impacting El Paso, Texas
Dear Committee Members,
Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony for your consideration. My name is Deanna Maldonado-Rocha, and I am a proud City Council member in El Paso, Texas. I deeply appreciate the important work you do and the time you have taken to review community feedback.
I am writing today to respectfully express my concerns regarding the proposed congressional redistricting that would significantly affect key institutions in our region.
El Paso is proudly known as the Veterans Capital of the USA. Our identity is closely tied to Fort Bliss, our VA medical center, and El Paso International Airport. These are not just physical assets—they are lifelines for our economy, our culture, and most importantly, our people.
Fort Bliss and the VA center serve thousands of military families and veterans, and they provide essential jobs in healthcare and support services. El Paso International Airport drives commerce, connectivity, and tourism. Shifting these crucial entities out of a district with local representation risks weakening the advocacy they deserve.
Our community’s future depends on leadership that lives here, works here, and understands our needs. Local representation ensures timely, informed decisions that reflect the realities on the ground.
I respectfully urge the committee to vote no on the proposed redistricting and to preserve the integrity of El Paso’s congressional representation.
Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration.
Sincerely,
Deanna Maldonado-Rocha
City Council Member
El Paso, Texas

Allie Soileau
Self, Attorney
Austin, TX

This is a clear attempt at gerrymandering and stripping citizens of representation. This disgusting and undemocratic move should be blocked at every possible turn.

Jennifer Castillo
Self/Teacher
Austin, TX

This is gerrymandering and effectively silencing the voice of voters. This is America, a democracy. Let’s please keep it that way by ensuring equity with voting.

Donna Dove
self
AUSTIN, TX

I ,as a Texan and USA citizen do not want this useless redistircting. The time wasted to change already established and decided upon districts. Maybe use some of the time you will save to help the flood survivors.

Yvonne and Michael Tarango
self and spouse retired
El Paso, TX

Re drawing the map to exclude our vote is against the U.S, Constitution and this should not be allowed. Our state reps and senators should do everything in their power to protest and walk out. It is so obvious so to what the Republicans are doing and shameful that they are afraid of the out come of the next elections.

Gabrielle Donley
Self
Arlington, TX

This redistricting map is a blatant disregard for the cultural makeup of the state of Texas. Civil liberties are being stripped when the voices of the constituents aren't represented by their legislative bodies. This map is a slight to democracy everywhere and reignites the embers of racism within this country. Vote NO on redistricting

Liz Belile, Ms
Self-data labeling analyst 3
Austin, TX

This bill is an outrage. I have already spent too many years in Texas without real representation (former constituent of Michael McCaul) to be silent now. I loathe the polarization of our current political system and society. This will only make it worse. I’m also disappointed that any Texas politician feels the need to obey a corrupt administration in Washington DC. Put our families and children first. Stop disenfranchising hard-working, tax paying Texans by taking draconian measures to carve up our voting districts. Fix the flood zones now!

Brooke Donohue
self
Houston, TX

As a lifelong Texan, a parent of elementary-aged children, and an advocate for the Alzheimer's Association who has visited the capitol to advocate for programs and funding, I oppose any mid-decade redistricting that reduces minority voting influence. Our communities deserve fair maps, not political manipulation.

Linda Gladden
Self
Austin, TX

It appears that some of our elected officials in Texas have lost their moral compass. Gerrymandering is wrong, and I am disappointed that some of our Texas elected officials are bowing to national political pressure. If President Trump is concerned about losing the election unless he manipulates the districts, he needs to examine why this might be the case. I have always been a Republican, but the values that are currently being exhibited make me question my political choice.

Laura Ramirez-Mann
Self
Buda, TX

Come and Take it! This is Texas, a state known for its defiant spirit, yet it appears to be ceding ground to what I view as an unprecedented power grab through redistricting. As a Texan, a woman, and a Latina, am deeply troubled by what perceive as attempts by Republican politicians to diminish my voice and the voices of others. While my current residence is not yet directly impacted by Governor Abbott's proposed redistricting, am gravely concerned that my community will be next if we do not challenge these actions, which believe are undemocratic, illegal, and discriminatory.

Max White
Self
Austin, TX

As a lifelong Texan, I am completely AGAINST this redistricting power grab.

This is such an obvious attempt to fix the election and we do NOT SUPPORT these actions.

Leave the DISTRICT lines as is— it’s a midterm election and it is not appropriate to do this!

Bready Johnston
Self - supply chain professional
Dallas, TX

I am writing this to let you know that I moved to Texas in an attempt to get away from federal government overreach. This attempt to re-district Texas would be defined as federal government overreach and is meant to skip the due process in order to consolidate power. I think most people would agree that the federal government ought to keep their hands off of Texas. The state is already Republican so the re-districting is not necessary.

Maggie Hendrix
Self/teachee
Arlington, TX

We cannot allow this fascist regime to take over Texas. We have no new census data and no new need to redistrict. The current districts are already racist and proof of gerrymandering. This will hurt the people of Texas, who are represented by the people on this committee. Make the right choice.

Denise Kotrla
self
Austin, TX

I oppose the proposed redistricting map as it is a blatant attempt at gerrymandering at Trump’s request.
This gerrymandered map will: result in local congressional offices being shut, tariffs to the working people on items such as produce & automobiles, increase ACA premiums by 75%(!), and will concentrate all power in the hands of Trump, bringing us closer to an autocracy, NOT a democracy. These are not the principles our nation was founded on. We were created as a democracy, and we must fight to remain a democracy for the people, & by the people.

Sadie Simmons
Self photographer
Benbrook, TX

I am AGAINST this bill undeniably, redistricting like this is a blatant show of racism and a complete power grab. I don’t know how it’s even on the table as a possibility, please use some logic here and do not do this.

Teri Pisciotta
Self
El Paso, TX

El Paso County is one of the fastest-growing counties in Texas. I strongly oppose the redistricting effort, even though I am a registered Republican. Stripping our county of resources and representation to our veterans, both active and non-active, as well as the airport, is offensive. People in our county need to be represented by someone who lives with us and understands our needs. The ability to gain power and strengthen a political party is one reason I have lost faith in our representation system. Please DO NOT approve this bill.

John Onderdonk
All Texans
San Antonio, TX

Redistricting should only be done after each census. This bill is a blatant move to undermine Democracy by the current administration and the Republicans. This action will result in a new paradigm that will, in the years to come, needlessly complicate and undermine the entire democratic process. I urge the Texas Legislature, for democracy's sake, do the right thing and reject this bill in it's entirety

Ana Rubalcava, Ms.
Self
Buda, TX

This proposal by the governor disenfranchises many voters and we demand that our votes count and not be gerrymandered out. All Texans should have equal representation.

David Booyer
self
San Antonio, TX

Honorable House Commitee Members: It appears clear that the purpose of this bill is to provide for a one party control of the government at the exclusion of the representation possibilities for citizens living in certain parts of our state and who also may be members of National minority groups,ie: Hispanic and African American. I am opposed to such a redistricting plan and demand you should vote against this bill.

Ronald DiPronio
self
Austin, TX

This is a ridiculous and wasteful exercise. If the only way the GOP can win elections is by cheating, then the GOP does NOT deserve to represent Texans at all!

Brandi Conover
Self
Lakehills, TX

Please redistrict to get 5 more Republican seats.

Elliot Trester, Dr.
Self. Physician
Austin, TX

As a citizen of Texas, and the United States of America, I try to fulfill my public service responsibility. As a family doctor, I spend a day during legislative sessions volunteering at the Capitol first aid station. I beseech the senators and representatives to do their public duty and not change configurations in the middle of a decade, when census information is old. We should have just, not gerrymandered, political divisions to give us all equitable power. Changing the rules in the middle of the game is not fair, besides being in this case racist. Let our legislators make up their own minds. This is not the time to do redistricting. Are our senators and representatives going to cave in to the bullying of our President?

Paul Sartory
self/chef
San Antonio, TX

How dare you. You're gloating now but come midterms more people against this grab for power will come out to vote than you ever imagined. Good luck with this illegitimate and greedy redistricting. It is going to come back and bite you in the ass.

Jose Madrigal
Self
Houston, TX

I am totally against this bill which will only benefit Republicans. This bill is silencing the way I want to vote.

Karen Williams
AFT
Austin, TX

How dare you gerrymander Texas voting?! You just rewrote the map a few years ago. Redistricting happens when the Census is taken & population increases. NOT because Donald Trump wants it! Is he a dictator or the Pres? The Executive Branch is only 1 of 3 Equal branches. Stop turning h into a king & destroying our democracy!

Christine Riley, Miss
self, registered nurse (RN)
Austin, TX

I am a private citizen residing in Austin, Texas. I am writing to express my strong opposition to House Bill 4.

This bill is not about fair representation — it is a power grab, plain and simple. It prioritizes political control over the voices and needs of everyday Texans. Our democracy only works when our representatives act independently, with integrity, and in the best interest of the people — not as puppets for party leaders or national political figures.

There is no legitimate reason to redraw district maps at this time. We are not under any new Census mandate, and there is no court order requiring redistricting. The timing and approach of HB 4 make it clear: this is a political maneuver, not a public necessity.

Even more concerning is that this bill is being rushed through a special session, bypassing meaningful public input and transparency. That’s not how representative government should work. Texans deserve districts that reflect the real, diverse makeup of our communities — not lines drawn to preserve power or silence certain voices.

I urge you to stop and actually listen to your constituents. Do not allow yourselves to be used as tools for short-term political gain. We are watching, and we expect better.

Jill Walker
Self
Austin, TX

Let’s call this what it is: an overt, unconstitutional attempt to silence Black and Brown voters and eliminate their elected Democratic representation. These maps don’t reflect the people of Texas — they reflect fear. Fear of a changing electorate. Fear of accountability. And fear of the truth: that representation in this state is meant to serve all Texans, not just the politically convenient ones.
But the deeper issue isn’t just the maps. It’s the silence. It’s the complicity. It’s the fact that Republicans in this chamber — elected by the people of Texas — are refusing to stand up to a president who is dismantling democracy in broad daylight. Project 2025 is not some harmless policy plan — it is a blueprint for authoritarian control. It guts the checks and balances that protect all of us, no matter our party. It calls for mass firings, centralization of power, and open disregard for the Constitution. And let’s be clear: it is overwhelmingly unpopular across the political spectrum.
And yet, not one word of resistance from many of you. Not one act of courage to protect your constituents from this power grab. By refusing to hold President Trump accountable, you are no longer representing the people who voted for you. You are representing him.
And if you're struggling with where you stand, I ask you to pause and consider — What Would Jesus Do? Because Jesus never supported choosing power over the needs and voices of others. He stood with the marginalized, not the mighty. He called out injustice, even when it was dangerous to do so.
This moment demands more than party loyalty. It demands moral clarity. You were elected to serve the people of Texas — not to rubber-stamp a president’s authoritarian playbook.
I urge you: reject these maps. Reject complicity. Stand for democracy — while we still have it.

Scott Herrmann
Self
Rockwall, TX

I am IN SUPPORT of the redistricting map PlanC2308. We need to ensure that the Texas population is accurately represented and not over inflated due to the previous administrations inerrant handling of the border. Redistricting to align with the actual population is needed for our government to align with the will of the people.

Rebecca Miller
self
Dripping Springs, TX

I am deeply concerned about the ongoing practice of gerrymandering in our state and its harmful effects on our democratic process. As a constituent and an engaged citizen, I believe it is essential that every voter’s voice is heard equally and that our elections remain fair, transparent, and representative of the people. To do otherwise is unfair, irresponsible, and unethical, as it undermines the core principles of democracy by manipulating electoral boundaries for partisan gain. This practice skews representation, dilutes voter power, and ultimately distorts the true will of the people. It is not only an injustice to the voters in affected districts but also to the integrity of our entire electoral system. It undermines the public's faith in what we believed was a democratic government, so it is vital that we restore that faith in our electoral system by ensuring that district boundaries reflect the true will of the people, not the interests of a few.

As my representative, I strongly encourage you to stand for fairness and democracy by supporting meaningful redistricting reforms. I strongly encourage you to resist the manipulations and the pressures coming from Gov Abbot an President Trump.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue. I trust you will do everything in your power to ensure that our elections remain free, fair, and representative of all Texans and Americans.

Brant Stead
Self
Austin, TX

I am firmly against and do not support this bill for restructuring. The state already does not accurately represent the inhabitants and their interests and the gerrymandering to support on party over the other has to stop.

Daniel Fernandez
self
CORINTH, TX

I respectfully urge you to vote NO to HB4 and to any redistricting of our state until the next census. The future implications of this action will be felt by all Texans. Not only is it unfair and strips Texans to their right to representation, it will also put the economic future of our state at risk. We will continue to have professionals and corporations move out of Texas based on the rights that have already been lost and the ones that the people continue to lose. The optics of this are detrimental and makes us appear as followers. There is additional scrutiny since the Epstein scandal and as Texans we should do all we can to ensure we distance ourselves from immoral influence. Thank you.

VALERIE HAUSS-SMITH
self
Irving, TX

How is it possible that this redistricting is SOOOOO urgent right now? How about we take care of the actual problems plaguing Texas like the flooding damage, the flooding prevention system. I totally oppose this bill as it smacks of partisan politics and is aimed at dividing our constituants even further. NO to this bill!

M Hernandez
self
Eagle Pass, TX

The proposal to redistrict Maverick County in the newly introduced Texas House bill raises serious concerns for the residents of the county, particularly regarding fair representation, cultural integrity, and access to resources.

First, redistricting Maverick County could dilute the political power and voice of a predominantly Hispanic community. Maverick County, whose county seat is Eagle Pass, has a unique demographic makeup and voting history that reflects specific community interests and needs. By merging it with districts that do not share these same priorities or cultural identity, residents risk being represented by officials who are unfamiliar with or indifferent to their local challenges. This weakens their influence in policy decisions affecting education, healthcare, infrastructure, and immigration-related concerns at the border.

Second, redistricting could disrupt the continuity of leadership. Maverick County's elected officials are often deeply rooted in the community and possess firsthand understanding of its struggles. Redrawing lines may force constituents into districts with new leadership that lacks historical context or vested interest in Maverick's development, undermining ongoing projects and reducing accountability.

Third, this proposal may be seen as an example of gerrymandering—altering district lines for political advantage. Such actions erode public trust in the democratic process. If Maverick County is carved out of a district where it has common cultural, social, and economic ties, and placed into one where it becomes a political outlier, it will reduce residents' ability to elect candidates who truly represent their values and needs.

Lastly, changes to representation may lead to funding disparities. State and federal funds are often allocated based on district-wide statistics and influence. If Maverick County is lumped into a district with more urban or distant rural counties, its distinct border-related issues could be overshadowed, leading to underfunding in key areas such as public safety, border infrastructure, and public education.

In short, this redistricting proposal threatens to silence the voice of Maverick County residents, reduce effective representation, and compromise the allocation of critical resources. Instead of fostering unity and equitable representation, it risks marginalizing a border community with a rich cultural identity and specific policy needs.

Gabriella Goens
Self
Fort Worth, TX

As a concerned citizen, my household strongly opposes the redistricting of Texas. Please vote AGAINST this proposition!

Peter Comer
Self
Austin, TX

Fight the Trump Takeover & Reject this Corrupt Redistricting Process! Texas is being used as a testing ground for the next wave of Trump-style politics — even more extreme, divisive, and dangerous — but it shouldn't be. It's time to remind our leaders that Texans deserve fair maps and real solutions. A new gerrymandered, racist, corrupt congressional district map just dropped, and the Texas House Select Committee on Redistricting will have a public hearing on this map on Friday, Aug. 1. Governor Abbott is using the special session to push Trump's political agenda rather than addressing the real crises Texans are facing.

Claire Flores, Ms.
Self, Nurse
Dallas, TX

This is a racist redistricting scheme targeting communities of color, redrawing lines to silence Black and Brown voters and strip political power from the leaders we elected.

Heather Hartline-Grafton
Self, nutrition policy consultant
Spring, TX

I am disappointed and urge the committee to reject this mid-decade redistricting proposal. Not only is this bill being quietly rushed through the process, but it is a proposal to silence voters, especially in communities of color. To make matters even worse, it is a politically motivated bill to win the favor of the current president, which is, quite frankly, pathetic. The GOP claims to care about election integrity. Many even have made false claims about rigged elections. This gerrymandering effort seems a lot like gaming the system and cheating - where is the integrity in that? This bill is not in the best interests of Texans. Do better.

Jacqueline Lousier Austin, Ms
None
San Antonio, Texas, TX

"As a Texas AFT member and public school educator in Bexar County, I oppose any mid-decade redistricting that reduces minority voting influence. Our communities deserve fair maps, not political manipulation."

Laura Mavericl
self
Austin, TX

Hello! I am in a district being touched by this redistricting. This will make the state of Texas even LESS representative of the people that live here. This is a terrible shame for our state and I hope this will be voted down. It is sad to see our state government so scared of Trump. I expected better from Texas

Jessica Deany
Self, educator
Fairview, TX

I'm concerned about this redistricting and the partisan gains it represents, as well as a lack of fair representation. I'm 100% against this bill.

Josh Posey
Self
Waller, TX

I am for

Matthew Cliff
Self / artist
Benbrook, TX

I am against the mid decade redistrcting of Texas. It is unethical and is a power grab on behalf of a weak president and his weak cronies to silence the voices of Texans especially in minority communities. I am disgusted by this and will not stand for it.

Stephanie Flores
Self
Arlington, TX

Please do not do this redistricting. It is clearly cheating. Even children can recognize this re districting for what it is. Winning should be sought after with policies that people approve of, not with gerrymandering.

Kimiko Gordon
Self
Austin, TX

I am extremely opposed to the gerrymandering redistricting map. It is unfair and takes the voices away from primarily Black and Latino voters and communities. It is also not a census year, so it is unconstitutional and unnecessary. Please do not do this redistricting. Thank you.

Cassandra Bongiovanni
Self
Round Rock, TX

This is a ridiculous political grab, and districts should make sense geographically, not politically. I do not condone this bill and do not think our representatives should be wasting their time on these efforts instead of helping the people who put them in office (re. Flooding victims, energy infrastructure, traffic, etc.)

Mary Keenan, Rev.
self
Austin, TX

As a person of faith, I am opposed to redistricting for two reasons:
1) Racial justice: Redistricting according to the proposed map I have seen will intentionally weaken the political voice and representation of Black and Latino communities, particularly in areas like Houston and Dallas. It will limit the ability of minority communities to elect representatives who advocate for their interests. I urge the Legislature to create and maintain fair and equitable representation for all Texans.
2) Community interest: Recent efforts at redistricting in Texas and nationally have tended to create districts that promote the interests of a political party above the interests of the people in those districts. So, for instance, district lines split communities that have a common interest based on economic, geographic, educational, social, and community commonalities. Or the lines might link communities that have disparate interests. I favor districts that allow communities to elect representatives that can address their specific needs.

Joshua Skrobarczyk
Self - Film / TV Grip
Austin, TX

I recommend No vote on this redistricting effort. Texas is already not proportionally represented and this bill serves to simply further gerrymander our state for partisan gain. The objective should be an actual representative democracy, in which everyone has a voice representing their viewpoint, this bill is the opposite.

Beth McLaughlin
self small buiness onwer
Houston, TX

Whether I'm a Republican, Democrat, or undecided, I DESERVE TO BE REPRESENTED. Texas is already gerrymandered beyond sensibility. STOP THIS BILL NOW! Don't Mess With Texas.

Becky Jones
Self
Dallas, TX

All representatives please vote FOR HB 4. I am in favor of redistricting.

Elizabeth Peterson
Self
Horseshoe Bay, TX

Add more districts

Paula Decanini
Self
Pflugerville, TX

This gerrymandering of the state's districts is a disgraceful and undemocratic injustice that is being done to the people of this state. This is not a game. This our freedom to choose our own leaders blantently being taken away from us. If Republican policy and values had any merit then there wouldn't be need to resort to such dirty, underhanded tactics. It truly is shocking to see how little the party cares about the people.

Florinda Baldridge
Self / Director at a law firm
Houston, TX

This is beyond egregious. Republicans should get elected without having to rig the system. Liars and cheaters.

Michelle Affek
Self
rowlett, TX

Im publicly condemn the radical redistricting process happening in Texas. All state leaders must speak out against the dangerous precedent established by this blatantly partisan gerrymandering.

Sara Kinser
Self
Belton, TX

I am opposed to redistricting. If you want to make Texas Red, give me candidates that have our interest at heart. Earn my votes with policy, not cheating numbers.

Meagan Budic
Self
Kyle, TX

I oppose this bill. This redistricting is not what is needed or wanted for the people of Texas.

Mary Taylor, Mrs.
Self
Angleton, TX

I am opposed to redistricting and new maps. We need to have fair elections with fair representation. This is a calculated form of voter suppression and is driven by outside forces and not by Texans doing what is best for Texas.

Killian Quinty
Self-student
Houston, TX

This bill is made from someone out of state,does not follow the census,silences POC voices,and harms communities. It should not be passed

Claudia Torres-Yanez
Self
Pflugerville, TX

I testified before the house redistricting committee in May 2021, and I didn't expect to be providing comments again so soon, mid-decade. Much of what I said then still holds true: I love my community—its diversity, its energy, its mix of cow pastures and tech campuses. Pflugerville has grown, but what binds us is our shared civic life. And that civic life is undermined by redistricting processes that splits us into pieces, distorts representation, and disrespects our communities of interest.
Back in 2000, Travis County had two congressional districts. Today, we're cracked into five. Instead of being represented as a coherent community, we're now bundled with far-flung regions that share little of our lived experience or local priorities. Currently our district stretches east to outside Houston, under the proposed map that is flipped and would stretch west to Odessa.
Let me put it this way—with a Texas analogy:
If Texas were a barbecue plate, redistricting has become the equivalent of mixing brisket with banana pudding and calling it a balanced meal. It doesn't make sense, it doesn't taste right, and nobody asked for it. Well, only someone NOT from here asked for it. Worse yet, the state wants to claim it's following the recipe while clearly just taking the order, while throwing the cookbook out the window.
You can't on one hand say the maps were drawn race-blind, and then on the other hand carve up those same communities to serve partisan ends. That's not Texan—that's hypocrisy with a side of disrespect. My ask is simple and echoes what I said four years ago:
REJECT racial and partisan gerrymandering in any form and
Follow a FAIR and TRANSPARENT process

Texans deserve better than maps drawn to protect power. We deserve fair maps - like a delicious plate of brisket with a side of potato salad and pinto beans, and a cold german lager.

Theresa Zelasko
Self
Austin, TX

I am fully and strongly AGAINST HB 4.

Paola Howard
Self
San Antonio, TX

I strongly oppose this bill

Pegah Movahed
Self
Plano, TX

I absolutely reject the passing of HB 4.
What the representatives in this state are doing with our tax dollars for this is absolute bullshit. Instead of focusing on the myriad of things the people in this state need, you are debating a map that is already gerrymandered to begin with. Hearing Rep Hunter speaking about this at the opening was extremely infuriating. He explicitly stated this is 1) going to impact minority communities 2) approved the map created from the 2020 census & 3) is being done for political purposes (which he says is lawful).
I do not understand the double standard. How do some of you sleep at night knowing the terror you have caused and continue to? What makes you believe silencing voices different fom your own is the “godly” thing to do. I think every single person that votes for passing HB 4 should be fired by the people. If the members of Congress focused on making life better and more equitable for the people of this state, they wouldn't be wasting our tax dollars to find ways to keep that power. Their actions are pathetic, sad, and undemocratic.
Democracy dies when its power is being hoarded by manipulation and behind-the-scenes deals. The members of this congress know this. The question is whether they will do the right thing for their constituents or solely do what they think is right for themselves because their dear leader asked.
Every person has a line they won't cross. My question to each one of you is this: What is your line? Do you really think the baffoon in office won't turn against you too if he asks that you cross it and you refuse? He could care less about any of you.
Redistricting this state is far more than the 2026 midterms. Approving redistricting in the middle of the decade-- and for no valid reason-- is saying that you are ok with all the things Trump & his goons stand for. You can't think on your own and will blindly follow this man in to the pits of hell. That is what your actions will portray.

Cynnamon Hall
SELF/ Transportation
Fort Worth, TX

I oppose HB 4 and reject the gerrymandered map provided in the 11th hour of this committee. We should be using this special session to address the tragedy on the Guadeloupe River, instead we are wasting resources and time defending our votes from a coward Governor and Felon President. This is absurd. This map effects both D/R voters. Wait until the next census, reject this distraction and vote NO on HB 4.

Who drew these maps, and what is their motivation? Who paid to steal votes?
I am against the proposal to redraw the districts in Texas mid cycle. The voters and constituents have lived and voted under the current maps, which are grossly biased against areas where more non-white Texans reside. The current maps are under review for being unlawful, the maps flaunt the guidance of the Voters Rights Act of 1965 and dilute the votes from my district.

What is Governor Abbott afraid of? The 2024 general elections prove the will of me and Tarrant County voters, my neighbors, in fair and free elections. Voters have elected representatives and supported measures that address our specific needs. Texas is more diverse and capable than Abbott, or even Trump, and his merry band of bigots can imagine. You have poked the figurative bear, and upset your own party members and voters. You have knelt on your knees at the feet of this Administration and handed our State, our districts, and our votes over without our permission. You have shamelessly caused our County to pay your personal choice to redraw and restrict our districts and then taken our tax dollars to pay the SAME firm to defend your deplorable decision.

Tarrant County is not weak, we are highly educated, skilled and capable. We, voters, from whichever party aren't meek nor are we afraid. The Don't Mess With Texas isn't limited to lifted trucks and ten gallon hats.

By attempting to change our congressional districts you are actively eliminating our representatives in the state house. You are silencing entire areas and moving their influence and representation away from their center.

Our property taxes, our fees and and spending goes to make our communities more vibrant. The 2020 census revealed a large growth of Black, Latino and Asian populations in Tarrant County. You noticed, and you noticed that these voters supported strong measures to improve education, law enforcement, health care and commercial growth. Fort Worth is nearing 1 Million in population, the second largest city in the metropolitan, our residents build and continue to pour into the City and County. Taking our voice away, stealing our votes and diluting our power is unwarranted and unacceptable. We will not allow you to take our districts, you may not disenfranchise our neighbors. Keep your hands out of Tarrant County, Don't COME AND TAKE IT. Wait until the next census, wait until the courts rule on the 2020 census drawn maps. Don't Mess with Tarrant County and don't mess with Texas. Reject HB 4. Vote No.

Amy Berry
Self
Cypress, TX

I oppose HB 4 redistricting

Dave Trinite
self
Round Rock, TX

Flood response should take priority over redistricting.

Kitri Stephens
Self
Allen, TX

I am submitting this comment to strongly oppose Texas House Bill 4 and the deeply undemocratic redistricting maps it proposes. These maps are clearly drawn to dilute the voting power of communities of color, urban areas, and historically marginalized groups across our state. This is a direct attack on fair representation and a betrayal of the basic principles of democracy.

Every Texan deserves a voice — not just the politically favored or those who live in hand-picked districts. Gerrymandering robs communities of their right to be heard, to elect leaders who represent their interests, and to hold those leaders accountable. House Bill 4 attempts to manipulate district lines for political gain, not public good, and in doing so, it undermines the very foundation of representative government.

Additionally, I urge this body to halt all hearings and legislative movement on HB 4 until the Department of Justice is present and available for questioning by Texas representatives. The DOJ plays a critical oversight role, especially when redistricting threatens to violate the Voting Rights Act and disenfranchise large segments of the population. Proceeding without their input signals a disturbing disregard for legal accountability and civil rights protections.

Texas deserves a transparent, fair process. Anything less is a failure of leadership and a disservice to the people of this state. Do not move forward with HB 4. Protect the integrity of our democracy, ensure every voice counts, and demand full oversight before any decision is made.

Yim Meyer
Myself
Austin, TX

I am NOT Ok with redistricting at this time. It was done just 4 years ago that we were told it was drawn fairly and without racial prejudice. Now suddenly, it needs a special session for it, spending our tax money on this expensive undertaking and unnecessary issue. I am not ok with it. We just experienced a catastrophic July 4th flood. Taking care and prevent the catastrophic flood impact is the top priority on our Legislation, NOT the unnecessary, expensive re-districting at this time.

Michelle Tanner
Self retired
Parker, TX

I strongly disagree with this unnecessary redistricting that targets minority communities.

Kenneth Fulton
Self
Lavon, TX

I urge all Texas representatives to vote in favor of HB 5

Monica Olvera
Self
Pearland, TX

SAVE TEXAS!!! VOTE HB 4 FOR TEXAS SAKE!! We need to STOP agendas that are hurt TEXANS!!

Zuri Shafer
Self
Austin, TX

Howdy,
This redistricting plan will divide communities and unfairly represent the communities they serve. Please say NO to redistricting

Frank New, Honorable
Rockwall County
Rockwall, TX

I am writing in support of the redistricting map. We owe it to Texas and the nation to redistrict when massive population shifts occur. To not redistrict will allow states that citizens are fleeing to retain power that properly belongs to the states that citizens are fleeing to. Normally every ten years is sufficient to re allocate political power, but the influx of such a great magnitude as we are currently experiencing requires a sooner redistricting effort. Please bring this map to a vote and approve it.

Josh Acevedo
City of El Paso
El Paso, TX

Dear Committee Members,

As this committee works on state Congressional boundaries, I urge you to please keep intact Texas Congressional District 16 as it is. Of major concern to our community and our economy is the loss of Fort Bliss and the El Paso International Airport.

We are gravely concerned that Fort Bliss, the airport, and an upcoming VA Medical Center – which are critical economic, healthcare, educational, and community assets – will no longer be represented in our nation's capital by a local representative. Moving these assets to a congressional district anchored more than 500 miles away would be detrimental to our local economy and will negatively impact our large veteran and active duty community.

Fort Bliss is the largest employer in El Paso with a population of 67,655 soldiers and family members who call El Paso home. The post supports a population of over 158,000 people, including veterans, retirees and family members. Fort Bliss directly contributes to the livelihood of at least one in five people in El Paso and has helped define the culture and spirit of the region. Because of this, our local governments have made significant investments that directly and indirectly impact Fort Bliss. In 15 years, El Paso residents have supported the Army's mission and operations at a rate of $6.8 billion, including:

- $1.5 billion in local school bonds and expanded education opportunities
- $1.5 billion in healthcare expansion
- $700 million in quality of life projects
- $2 billion in transportation and infrastructure, and
- An expansion of housing to meet Fort Bliss and community needs

Further, the El Paso International Airport is vital to the economic health of this border region. We are actively working to add more direct flights to and from El Paso in order to attract new businesses and further grow our economy. New commercial growth is imperative towards our efforts at the City of El Paso to reduce the tax burden on homeowners.

It is paramount that the Congressional Member representing these mission critical assets be from our city and be someone who is well aware of the needs our community faces on a daily basis. As a City Representative who has previously served as a school board trustee, I ask that you please keep Fort Bliss and the El Paso International Airport within Congressional District 16.

Sincerely,

Dr. Josh Acevedo
District 2 City Representative, El Paso, TX

Julian Sumner
self
Temple, TX

My name is Julian William Sumner. I am FOR HB4 Redistricting.

Lendy Jones, Dr.
Self
Killeen, TX

I am adamantly opposed to the redistricting for election of members of the House of Representatives. I am a constituent of Representative Hillary Hickland and I am asking her to vote in opposition to ensure fairness in representation for ALL Texans!

Adriana Bonilla
Myself
New Braunfels, TX

I support the redistricting.

Rogelio Ramirez
Self-Fire Investigator
PFLUGERVILLE, TX

Don't agree with redistricting for the benefit of an individual on his way to dictatorship. District's should serve the people that live there. Redistricting takes power (voice and rights) away from people. no ,No, NO to redistricting.

Desiree Humphries
Myself
Austin, TX

Cause y'all can't win in a fair fight

Stephanie Albert
Self
Austin, TX

I would like to state my strong opposition to this redistricting plan. This redistricting would take away the voices of millions of Texans. Everyone deserves to have proper representation, whether you're red or blue, and this would take away that fundamental American right. The redistricting would be a huge blow to Texans and democracy. Please do the right thing and STOP the redistricting plan.

Melissa Rodriguez
AFT and myself
Dallas, TX

I urge the redistricting committee to reject this current proposal. As a Texas AFT member and public school educator in Dallas County, I oppose any mid-decade redistricting that reduces minority voting influence. Our communities deserve fair maps, not political manipulation. A politically one sided state provides no balance for issues that affect us all. The republicans are already ruining our state and don't need more power to make ethically foul decisions.

Melanie Buhrman
Self
Austin, TX

I am here to testify in favor of this legislation because it is long overdue.

Texas has experienced rapid population growth, especially in the last few years. This is not a coincidence. People are fleeing oppressive, overreaching governments in blue states like California and New York. They're coming to Texas for freedom, safety, and the promise of fair representation.

But right now, they're not getting it.

Our districts no longer reflect the real population on the ground. Urban and rural communities alike are being diluted or stretched thin for political gain. That's not democracy — that's manipulation.

We have a duty to ensure every Texan, regardless of zip code, gets equal representation. Redistricting is not just a legal obligation. It's a moral one.

If we believe in the Constitution — and in the conservative principles that built this state — we must fix these maps and give the people of Texas what they were promised: a government that serves them, not itself. Thank you.

Kathleen Ryan Fernandez
Self/ retired teacher/ mother/ concerned Grandmother
Austin, TX

As I learned about the rise of Hitler and Nazi Germany, I could never grasp how a country could allow it to happen. It was totally incomprehensible to me that anyone would be willing to follow such thoughtless cruelty whether it be through force, trickery or simple ignorance.
I believe I couldn't comprehend because I was fortunate enough to be born in the United States of America. I carried a pride whose source was given to each of that made me know such horrors could never happen here. Our country was based on the ability to live our beliefs and choices in freedom. Gratefully, our living situation is better than any other country because we made it that way and continue to do so.Each of us is important and we are given the chance to make our voices heard.
And yet, here we are now.
I now clearly see how horrors arise within a nation. It's not just because of one big mouthed, thoughtless, power hungry bully. He cannot thrive without all of those enabling him to gather that power, thinking they are "golden" and safe because they're giving him what he wants. We all know a child would never refuse candy no matter how many people continuously offer it to him. It's up to the adults to limit such offerings despite the tantrums they may endure from the unhappy child.
So where are all of the Republican adults? Any Republican adults?
I fully hold you responsible for the rise of our dictator. You are the foolish enablers and you will benefit no more than the rest of the majority of Americans. I hold you personally accountable for the horrors we are already seeing and will continue to witness.
Do NOT REDISTRICT.
All Americans voices must be heard. This nation is better than one bully and his henchmen.

Bob Roberts
Self
Round Rock, TX

I am firmly against redistricting. It is unfair and does not allow me to choose freely my representatives.

Sara Reeves
Self
Round Rock, TX

This mid-decade redistricting with the sole purpose of silencing differing view points is unacceptable. You are disenfranchising your constituents. Win elections because people agree with you, not because you stacked the deck to silence voices.

Paul Breaux
Self
Leander, TX

There is no real need to redistricting texas, except for purely political reasons. Gerrymandering has already caused extreme polarization is our country and contributes to only the most extreme people of both parties getting elected because of the lack of competition.
Please focus on things Texans really need such as disaster recovery and warning systems instead of wasting time and taxpayers money playing political games that will end up being declared unconstitutional anyway.

Dennis Sugden
self
El Paso, TX

Please stop Trump from trying to rig 2026 and 2028 elections. Elections need to be honest and fair.

Maya Sanchez
Myself
San Elizario, TX

My name is Maya Sanchez, and I am a resident of San Elizario, Texas, in El Paso County. During Tuesday's redistricting hearing, it was clear the majority of participants spoke out against the proposed redistricting.
I want to clarify that I am not opposed to redistricting itself—when done fairly and based on data, it is necessary and appropriate. In fact, I believe that if the data were used properly, El Paso, including Fort Bliss, would warrant two congressional districts. However, the way this process is being handled—by this committee, our governor, and the President—is deeply troubling and, in my opinion, an abuse of power. It is not the role of the President to direct this process in search of political support.
Instead of fair representation, I find myself placed in a district that stretches nearly eight hours away from my home. I feel far more represented by Congresswoman Veronica Escobar of District 16, and I have more opportunities to engage her and her office, than what my experience has been with my actual congressman. And the proposed maps only exacerbate this disconnect.
For these reasons, I am strongly opposed to the current redistricting process and the maps as presented. I hope that after the 2030 Census, these wrongs will be corrected, and the process will be conducted as intended—to ensure all Texans receive fair and equal representation.

Emily Fischels
Self
League City, TX

I strongly urge the committee to reject this mid-decade redistricting proposal.
As a lifelong Texan and resident of Galveston County, I oppose any mid-decade redistricting that reduces minority voting influence.
Texans deserve better than blatant manipulation by one party to silence their fair and equal representation in our government. Our communities deserve fair maps, not political manipulation

Marin Croix
self. Student.
Austin, TX

I oppose this redistricting plan. Our government is supposed to serve the people. Our people are not supposed to serve the government. Redistricting to favor more Republican representation is unfair to Democratic voters in Texas. If Republicans do represent the majority of Texas, they should NOT have to play dirty to be the popular party here. You are seriously limiting the voice of minority voters by favoring an already majority party.
Do the right thing. Represent your people. Work for your people. Don't make your people work for you. Don't manipulate the truth to benefit your party. Play fair so others may play fair in return. If you must exploit people to get your way, then "your way" is not a democratic representation of the people you are supposed to be representing.

Sandy Parham
Self
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose the redistricting. This should be planned FOR the constituents not for political advantage. And not just because our president wants more votes. This is NOT what democracy is!!

Bonnie Seelig
Retired Self
Spicewood, TX

With increased population - even not counting Biden's INVASION OF ILLEGALS - we are far underrepresented! We must advance President Trump's Agenda and majority! We need legislation passed to make the Executive Orders lasting!
PASS THE MAP OUT OF COMMITTEE TODAY AS SOON AS TESTIMONY ENDS! YOU WILL HAVE A QUORUM OF THE COMMITTEE! THERE IS NO EXCUSE TO ADJOURN! PASS THE MAP! LET'S BE SMART! THIS IS NOT THE TIME TO THINK YOU CAN DO SOMETHING BETTER!
Texas went for Trump! Therefore, the GOP should have the majority in the US House, not by 2 or 3 votes, but by 8 or 9.
Don't fall for the Gerrymandering blame. Look at the other states that went for Trump. Many are underrepresented in their state by the district lines that squiggle through the heart of every big city!
STAY STRONG! SPECIAL SESSION LASTS FOR 30 DAYS! DON'T DRAG IT OUT AND WAIT FOR A BETTER CHANCE TO "TAKE A STAND."

Tracy Alexander
Self
Midland, TX

We don’t need to disrupt our elections by drawing new maps. Stand up for your constituents and stop cheating the democratic process.

Tao Huang
Self
Austin, TX

I live in District 37 under Congressman Lloyd Doggett. I’m not here today to defend my district—I’m here to defend the reason I chose to become a Texan and an American: democracy.

I spent 30 years of my life under a totalitarian regime. In that country, it didn’t matter whether you voted or didn’t vote. One party always won. The legislature existed only to rubber-stamp decisions already made by the top. If voting didn’t go as expected, sessions were dragged on until the result matched what was demanded.

Does this sound familiar?

That’s not democracy. That’s theater. And it’s chilling to see echoes of it in a state I chose for its freedom, its promise, and its values.

HB4, under the banner of an off-cycle redistricting, erodes public trust. The maps we have now were drawn just couple of years ago and have not even been fully litigated. Why the rush? Why now?

We all have different beliefs, but we must ask ourselves: what principles do we live by? Are we willing to compromise democratic fairness for partisan gain? Are we willing to do what CCP has done?
Texans deserve to choose their representatives. HB4 pushes us closer to representatives choosing their voters.

Please vote no.

Barbara Posey
Myself
Waskom, TX

I’m testifying in favor of HB4

Maura Lyons
citizen
Hickory Creek, TX

Please do not draw new maps for redistricting the state of Texas to not properly represent people that live in those districts. It seems as though Texas does not want to represent its constituents. It seems as though, this is at the behest of those in power who do not want to represent all the people of Texas. It is wrong and corrupt and it's shameful that the state of Texas does not want to have people vote for those that represent them.

Jean Kidd
self / Interior redesign consultant
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose redistricting proposed by SB4 in the 1st special session of the 89th TX legislative session.

Jasmine Jones
Self/student
Austin, TX

This map is insanely drawn, we don't need a redrawing it was done 2 years ago, it's on a schedule for a reason. Also the president openly admitted it was just to pick up 5 seats. That's gerrymandering plain and simple.

Paula Waggoner, Mrs.
My family and Community
Austin, TX

Texas already redrew its congressional maps in 2021- this is a political move announced by the in-office President to retain control of Texas, Governor Abbott called a rushed special legislative session just one week after devastating floods hit communities across the state, choosing political manipulation over disaster relief.

This mid-decade redistricting is not normal. It’s a calculated, anti-democratic power grab. - Focus on helping from the flood disaster/recovery or funding education!

Karen Green
Self
San Antonio, TX

Redistricting is a cowardly move and it is anti-democratic. Any politician that actively works to silence the voice of the American people should be ashamed of themselves. Most of the politicians afraid of losing power now, won’t even be alive to see the consequences of their actions. But their children and grandchildren will suffer. Please do not take our voice away just because you are scared of a fair fight.

Rachel Rosen
Self
Austin, TX

I’m commenting today as a mother, a daughter, a wife, and a very concerned Texan.

I was raised in Texas, and it breaks my heart to witness what’s happening here. Just weeks after historic floods devastated our communities, leaders began redrawing maps to protect their own political power. It’s just wrong.

Here’s the thing- in the aftermath of the floods, I witnessed firsthand what Texas Strong really means. Neighbors showing up for each other—sharing food, clearing debris, offering rides, checking in. Everyday Texans leading with care.

That’s the spirit we need more of—not this.

This process has been rushed, unfair, and deeply disrespectful. And we all know that the harm caused because of this won’t fall evenly. It never does. These proposed maps will disproportionately silence communities already pushed to the margins. That is cruel and unjust.

As a mother, I want my daughter to grow up in a state where fairness matters, where leadership listens, and where power is rooted in service—not control.

Texans deserve better. Our children deserve better. And I won’t stay silent while our democracy is dismantled behind closed doors.

We deserve fair maps. We deserve real representation. And we will keep showing up until we get it.

Because Texans are more than political pawns—we are people, and we deserve to be heard.

Audrey McGehee
Self
Cedar Park, TX

1776 to 1965 voter suppression was the American way of life. New districts were drawn after the 2020 census by republicans suppressing the needs and needs and rights of minority communities. Redrawing the districts in an attempt to further suppress the rights of minorities is illegal and unconstitutional and NOT what the founding fathers intended for this country. trump is NOT the leader of Texas government or should I say should NOT be deciding what is best for our state. The republican party and trump say they believe in states' rights. Obviously NOT. What is happening in OUR state and OUR country is Jim Crow 2.0 and the writing of the Lost Cause 2.0. To lie about history and restrict the truth from being told is going to have seriously horrible repercussions on the state and the country. republicans say they are about small govenment and the rule of law. Yet, they continue to attempt to regulate EVERYTHING about our daily lives. THEY CONTINUE to BREAK the rules of laws without any guard rails. republican law makers are not law makers, they're law breakers just like their ruler djt. Where are the backbones of republican elected to represent the people? They've sold their souls to the devil. They claim to be Christians, yet the lives they live are NOT Christ like. They represent the rich wisthout a care for the middle class and the pour. Texas gives INCREDIBLE tax breaks to big businesses to get them to locate here. Yet the richest man in the world elon musk is NOT paying multi million dollars of bills to Texans that have worked to build his massive businesses. Look at the many small businesses in the Austin area that musk owes multi-millions of dollars and has stiffed and won't pay much like his old friend djt. Yet abbott and his cronies continue to do the bidding of these dishonest men. They're NOT making America great again, they're attempting to make America slavery again. This dastardly redistricting that they're forcing on Texas is not only wrong but INHUMANE.

Justin Harlin
Self
Pflugerville, TX

Redistricting should only be done once a year and not mid decade.

Jennifer Harper
self
Coppell, TX

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the federal executive's demand that Governor Abbott and our legislature redistrict (**gerrymander) Texas districts to flip five Democratic seats. Our redistricting was already performed several years ago after the 2020 census & was drawn up by our then majority Republican representatives & senators. This blatant power grab is beneath our great state of Texas. We Texans do not wish our voices to be further silenced. All Texans, regardless of party, deserve districts drawn transparently and equitably. You serve the people of Texas, not 1 person in DC. I urge this body to reject any plan that compromises transparency, fairness & our local autonomy.

Christina DeStefano
Self
Austin, TX

My name is Christina Destefano and I am a constituent of Travis county, and I am opposed to HB4. What we are seeing right now play out in this room can only be called a blatant power grab.

About a week ago, Trump and Abbott had a discussion, likely not intended for the public.

I need you to find five seats, Trump said to Abbott. And with his magic wand, Abbott jumped, fast tracking redistricting bills. Fast tracking this bill outside of its ten year cadence and fast tracking this bill in front of flood relief bills.

"No maps" republicans said last week. "No maps" then went on to take a scalpel and create an incision through districts belonging to outspoken Progressive leaders, directly punishing them for being the leaders y'all could never be.

Why are we here and not talking about flood relief? There are so many displaced Texans without aid. Why are *we*, Texans the ones rolling up sleeves? Do you understand how heartbreaking it is to be out in Sandy Creek sorting through debris as either scrap metal, wood, brush or "sad"? To find mud caked clothing belonging to a little boy about 5 where his once room stood, then come back to Austin to talk about party lines?

There's only a 35-40 minute drive, heck close enough to take the metro, between the conversations happening in this room about gerrymandering and conversations with a lady who lost three loved ones in the floods at sandy creek.

This redistricting bill is a gross overreach of power and dehumanization of Texans in Abbott's part.

Joshua Kaplan
Self
Dallas, TX

This is such a case of gerrymandering. In no way do these districts even make sense let alone represent Texans. Stop trying to steal our votes away from us so you can continue to abuse the people of this state. We want fair representation!!

Andrew Morris
Self, Proposal Manager
Corinth, TX

One of the founding principles of this country and this state is that the voters select their representatives. This anti-constitutional attempt at redistricting is one of the most blatant examples of representatives chosing their voters that has ever been seen. Our statewide elected leaders should not be at the beck-and-call of the President of the United States, especially over something so critical and something that had been decided not even four years ago. This committee should end its work immediately and wait until after the next census to consider redistricting - as the Constitution commands.

Ignacio Hidalgo
Self
Garland, TX

I’m writing as your constituent to express my strong opposition to the proposed redistricting map currently under consideration in the Texas Legislature. As drawn, the new districts do not reflect the actual makeup and interests of our growing and diverse population. Instead, they appear to be designed to dilute the voices of communities like mine for partisan gain.

The foundation of our democracy is fair and equal representation. Redistricting should be about ensuring that every Texan’s vote counts equally—not about protecting incumbents or manipulating boundaries to favor one political party. The proposed maps are clearly engineered to diminish the political influence of communities of color, especially Latino, Black, and Asian Texans, who represent the majority of the state’s population growth. This is unacceptable.

Here in Garland, we deserve representation that understands and reflects our local priorities - whether that’s education, health care, infrastructure, or jobs. Gerrymandered districts split our communities and reduce our collective voice, making it harder for us to advocate for the issues that matter most.

I also want to voice concern about the process by which these maps are being created. Public input has been limited, and there has been a lack of transparency and accountability. Redistricting should not happen behind closed doors or without meaningful opportunities for communities to be heard.

I urge you to vote against this redistricting plan and to advocate for a map that prioritizes fair representation over partisan politics. Support a transparent process that centers the voices of your constituents—not one that silences them.

Our democracy only works when every voice is heard. I ask you to protect that principle by rejecting this unfair redistricting proposal.

Sincerely,
Ignacio Hidalgo

Lydia Vinson
Self
Mansfield, TX

We DO NOT want the Republicans to redistrict our state. This is an unlawful attempt to silence the voices of Black and Brown Texans who dare to oppose the “presiding” party.

Melissa Ramirez
Self
Manvel, TX

I don’t understand why this redistricting process is going on. Electoral districts are revised every 10 years after a comprehensive and accurate census. This mid-period redistricting is unwarranted, unjust, and unethical. And now, the proposed maps which have just been released are a sham. What a manipulation of voters. Stop this blatantly political effort now.

Jonathan Apolinar
Self
Austin, TX

Already enough gerrymandering as it is, this is a clear attempt to tilt the seats in one party’s favor.

Kathryn Crenshaw
Self, Mother
Rowlett, TX

Good afternoon,

I am writing to oppose partisan redistricting of any kind, but especially in this case. It is exceedingly transparent that this is a move to co solidarity the power of one part and to limit representation. Parties can not be allowed to play part in redistricting. Not only does it move toward creating a one party state- which is the hallmark of communist dictatorships such as the USSR and China- but it limits representation even within the party. Politicians who have rigged an election to get themselves elected through gerrymandered districts not only don't need to listen to their opposition party, they don't even need to listen to their own constituents if they can refrain from being primaries. In the end partisan gerrymandering goes against the fabric of a free society and I urge all politicians to stand against this attempts suppress free speech through equal representation opportunities.

Blair Ault
Self/Brand Manager for Texas Distillery
Houston, TX

I was born, raised, and never left Houston, TX - I'm currently living in Near Northside and have done so for 13 years. I went to both the High School for the Performing and Visual Arts and the University of Houston Honors College, and moved quite a bit between residences all over this city.

The needs and communities of Near Northside do not resonate with the needs of the much more affluent (and incorporated as their own municipalities) West University Place or Bellaire. Near Northside is mostly pier and beam homes built and loved in by immigrant families in the 1920s; we need representation that understands the specific needs we have that our neighbors to the east and north of us more closely resemble than those on the opposite side of 610. This redistricting plan is an insult to the citizens of Houston and my hope is that this topic does not take up more agenda time when Central Texas needs our support and Houston's state takeover is still impacting students and educators.

Brooke Freeland
Drlf
Austin, TX

Oppose house bill 4

Mary Boesen
Sisters of Loretto
El Paso, TX

I cannot believe you are considering removing Fort Bliss and part of our county to other far away districts. El Paso provides s many essential services to the soldiers at Fort Bliss. These men in women have been in motor cycle and car accidents. They go to our hospitals and receive quality care. They are integral parts of our community, they shop in our stores, partake in so many cultural event, go to our schools, How can you remove them and their voices from the community they live in and hope that some legislator in Sn Antonio or even more distant can begin to attend to the needs of the people. There are many infrastructure needs that the federal government does provide for. It feels imperative to me that these citizens have the opportunity make there voices heard locally to a representative whose sessions are not 8 hours away.

Please do not take fort Bliss citizens out of El paso. If feels like you are treating them as cattle and ignoring the fact they each and every one should have local voice.
You remain in my prayers as you deliberate such life impacting moves.
Sr. Mary Boesen, SL

Melissa Berry, RN
Self Nurse
Amarillo, TX

The fact that this redistricting is even a thought is beyond illegal. The government is already breaking all kinds of laws and not following the constitution. Every one of these cruel and illegal things the president is doing is bad enough. The fact that so many people are bowing down to this evil dictator is unbelievable. The fact that the people that we the people to represent Texas and us the people might bow down to the president is absolutely disgusting. They are trying to take away our voices. What will be next ? The more you give in to a bully the more you suffer until one of you are destroyed. That is happening now! The constitution, the laws put in place for centuries are all being taken away until they no longer exist. Which we all should be scared! I know I am! Redistricting is just another ploy to have total control. They do not care about the people only themselves and their wealth. We should be able to trust our Texas representatives to do what the people of Texas want , the people they vowed to stand up for. You are voted for by the people not the government that is only out for themselves. Do the right thing and say no to this bill.

Mary Estrada
United States citizen self
El Paso, TX

As a citizen and person who lives in El Paso , under no conditions whatsoever, should there be any redistricting. It is just dirty politics!!

Peter Varteressian
Self
Austin, TX

Redistricting at this time is blatantly political and unnecessary. The State Legislature is wasting our tax payer dollars on something the majority of Texans do not want. The President may want it but I thought Texans were more independent than is being displayed. The GOP is well positioned here already. This greed for power is sad.

Dave Wolter
Self, retired engineer
Austin, TX

I strongly urge the house to vote down this redistricting effort. It is clearly an effort for the GOP to further gerrymander the districts in an unfair manner. They are taking away the voice of Texans and that is not acceptable. Absolutely vote this down!

michael earney, mr.
self. artist, writer
Utopia, TX

stop rigging the elections.

Sherri Esland
Self/disable cirizen
Austin, TX

Im not in favor of redrawing of maps to favor the Republicans fight to gain unfair grounds. The map should reflect the diversity in Texas. It shouldn't be for the rich to influence laws that are discriminate in nature. Please stop this action Asap.

Gwendolyn Mumford
Self
Austin, TX

You’re going directly against the constitution with these proposed maps. All Texans deserve for their voices to be heard.

Tracy Ferlet
Self
Austin, TX

The current plan redistricting is unnecessary and a blatant attempt at voter repression and dilution of Democratic representation..

Valerie Valdez
Self
San Marcos, TX

The redistricting of the state should be fair and transparent. There should be public input and oversight. Trying to push this item during a special session without the citizens of Texas being able to weigh in is very frustrating. It’s not a good look for our representatives to make decisions that are not in the best interest of the people who voted for them. This seems to be self serving of the politicians who fear they are losing their seats. It is unfair to the citizens whose votes will not be counted. Following through with supporting this bill is proof that the minorities in the state are continuing to be silenced through voter suppression. Vote against this bill and let your constituents decide. The people of Texas deserve better.

Olga Carrera
Self
El Paso, TX

To the Committee,

I am writing to strongly oppose your attempt to redraw our district maps in a clear effort to suppress voter power and rig outcomes in favor of a select few. This is not democracy this is manipulation, plain and simple.

Let me be absolutely clear: the people are watching. We know this redistricting is not about fair representation. It’s about bending the knee to party politics and protecting incumbents at the expense of everyday citizens. You are sacrificing public trust and integrity for short-term power grabs. That makes you part of the corruption, not the solution.

Many of you can and will be voted out. And if you were appointed, we will hold those who put you there accountable. Do not assume you’re safe. The tide is turning. Communities are more informed and more mobilized than ever. You are not acting in darkness. We see you.

Your job is to protect democracy not sabotage it. Stop the redistricting. Do what’s right. Or prepare for the consequences at the ballot box.

Sincerely,

Olga

Alejandro Sills
Self, Training and Quality Specialist
Austin, Texas, TX

I urge the Texas House and Senate to reject any redistricting measures that were done at President Donald Trump's behest. The latest released map is another racist gerrymander that enables politicians to choose their voters, instead of the proper course of voters choosing their politicians.

Kathye Epley
self Retired
FRIENDSWOOD, TX

It is wrong to redistrict areas based on a need to align with party preferences. It should represent the people who live in the districts, and they should have the right to be represented by someone they choose.

Mary Groth, Retired teacher
Democrat
Grapevine, TX

As a Democrat Texan I feel redistricting is completely wrong! It’s unfair and unconstitutional to do it. The only reason Republicans want this is because of fear of not winning the midterms. You are hurting our country and our state.

Greg Allen, Mr.
Self/ retired
El Paso, TX

Leave districts alone, hasn't been 10 years. You Republicans look to anything to silence the masses. Half of El Paso going to San Antonio, nothing more than a power grab!!

Anjuli Herrington
Self. Jopari Product director
Austin, TX

’m a Gen X white and south asian woman, single, and living in Austin. I vote, I stay informed, I show up when it counts—and I’ve never been more disillusioned by what’s happening in Texas politics than I am right now.

Redistricting is supposed to reflect population shifts and ensure fair representation. But in Texas, it’s being used as a political weapon—redrawing the map mid-decade to consolidate power and silence certain voters.

Let’s be honest: this isn’t about reflecting demographic change. It’s about resisting it.

The proposed maps break apart communities that have grown stronger, more diverse, and more engaged—especially Black, Latino, immigrant, and younger voters. It’s a calculated move, one that ignores what Texas actually looks like today.

Even here in Austin, where civic participation is high, we’re watching districts be carved up in ways that make no sense—splitting neighborhoods, weakening urban votes, and making it harder for people to elect leaders who reflect their values. And because this is happening in a special session, the process feels rushed, closed, and designed to avoid scrutiny.

I may not have kids in school or a spouse at the dinner table, but that doesn’t make my voice any less important. Like so many others, I pay taxes, vote in every election, volunteer in my community, and care deeply about the direction this state is heading.

And frankly, I’m tired of the cynicism—of watching maps get drawn to protect the few at the expense of the many. It undermines trust in the system. It tells voters like me, and millions of others, that our voices only matter when they’re convenient.

We all deserve fair representation, regardless of zip code or political affiliation. Texas is changing—and redistricting should reflect that change, not suppress it.

I’m speaking up because silence is complicity. These maps are wrong. And the people of Texas deserve better.

James Dodrill
self, electrical engineer
Dripping Springs, TX

This bill is overtly un-American. Democracy means that every voter should have an equal voice in electing their representatives. This bill is expressly intended to subvert democratic principles by dividing districts in a way that reduces the influence of people whom Republicans disagree with. But all people deserve and equal voice. Thus, anyone who supports this bill is blatantly against democracy, and against America as a country whose founding document states that all people are created equal. Shame on anyone who supports this bill.

Susan Curp
Me
Austin, TX

No to redistricting. This is ridiculous and a total abuse of power. Our governor and our representatives are not representing all of us when they allow this to happen. Texas is going to be the laughing stock of the country if we keep acting like Trump's lap dog.

Kim Caldwell
Self
Frisco, TX

This is gerrymandering, plain and simple. You will hear from your constituents at the next election!!!!!!!!

Kaye Kahlich Kaye Kahlich
Self -- retired
Fulshear, TX

This effort should be completely dropped and the State of Texas should instead use the process of an independent commission for redistricting. Other states have used this process and it has mitigated the detrimental effects of gerrymandering. Texas' leadership (Abbott, Patrick, & Burrows) should review their high school civics lessons and strive to be as fair as possible to ALL Texans. The current redistricting effort does NOT lead one to believe that Texas leadership is trying to be fair. Just because you CAN stack the deck does not make it a good thing.

Susan Peabody, Miss
Self
Grapevine, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Abigail Chaplin-Kyzer
Self, piano teacher
Corinth, TX

I write today to urge the committee to vote NO on HB 4 as well as any further plans to redraw the congressional maps before the established 10 year mark. The proposed maps further gerrymander our state and will leave countless Texans with unfair representation and little voice at the federal level. Texas lawmakers should not be cowed by the flippant demands of a rogue federal administration. Lawmakers must spend this special session focusing on positive changes to school testing and ratings systems and the much needed flood relief and disaster prevention that impact Texans every day.

Sharon Jorolan
DCRP
The Colony, TX

I support HB 4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Kyle Hamman, Mr.
Self
Plainview, TX

Please stop this. It is undemocratic unconstitutional and one step closer to authoritarianism. It is one party rule and strips people of their right to vote and gives the Republicans unlimited power. It must be stopped.

Elizabeth Grimmett, Ms
Self
Wills Point, TX

I support HB 4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Cheyanne Lozano
Self
El Paso, TX

As an El Pasoan and American citizen, I oppose the redrawing of district lines.

Linda Macdonald
Self
Elm, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Lauren Ehrlich
Self, teacher
Weatherford, TX

As a life long Texan and public school educator in Parker County, I oppose any mid-decade redistricting that reduces minority voting influence. Our communities deserve fair maps, not political manipulation

Joe Lebowitz
Self
Boerne, TX

Strongly opposed to this blatantly corrupt attempt to skew results!!!

Yavonne Martinez
Sekf
Porter, TX

We, the people of Texas, have spoken and we do not want our legislators passing a bill to redraw our congressional districts and get rid of those who represent the majority of us. However, the elected Republican representatives and the governor are not listening. The map which was likely supplied by the DOJ is pure racist. What Trump and others cannot handle is the thought that they ‘might’ lose so let’s cheat in advance.
I pray that these maps fail and we keep the maps from 2021. I pray that if these maps pass that God reminds those who passed them of HIS power. In the New Testament, God tells us over and over to care for one another. For those who do not care, whether you believe in God or not, may karma rain down on you or your colleagues for moving towards fascism, theocracy, communism or Nazi ways.

These Texas Democrats are at risk under proposed GOP redistricting maps—-TheHill.com 7/30/2925 by Mueller and Elbein

Whitney Riley
Self
Hondo, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

David Ramos
Self
Harlingen, TX

The state is moving away from the Marxist/Communistic Democratic party to America's MAGA GOP. We should reflect this in our redistricting in Texas. This has nothing to do with race. This has everything to do with right and wrong or American vs UNAmerican. Make our districts RED as many as can be updated to reflect our American Heritage.

Bryan Dausin
Retired citizen
San Antonio, TX

I'm in favor of congressional redistricting! We must get this done for fair representation!

Chloe Mills
Self
Round Rock, TX

This is a blatant power grab. We just redistricted 4 years ago—there is no data that would indicate redistricting is necessary for representation. Please beware of national implications as well! If we gerrymander Texas even more, other states may respond (such as California has threatened to do) which erodes democracy everywhere. Competition is good for democracy—please let us vote for candidates who actually represent us! Say no to gerrymandering.

Stephanie Hoffman, Ms
Self
Austin, TX

I am concerned that in the middle of the decade, state leaders are redrawing congressional maps with no new Census and no public demand. These proposed maps silence the voices of millions. Do not move forward with this!

Kathleen A Kasper, Dr
Self
Keller, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map."

Heidi Hall
Individual
Houston, TX

I fully support HB4 and the redistricting. Population has increased and so has the political landscape. Redistricting is needed!

Jay Towell
Self
Princeton, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Craig Calvert, Mr
Self - retired
Lakeway, TX

Texas is already wildly gerrymandered. Sending the nation back to the 1950's is not good governance. There will be a reckoning in 2026 and voters will remember or be reminded how the members of this body voter.

Laura May
Self- Educator, Public School
Austin, TX

I am AGAINST HB 4 by Rep. Todd Hunter. This bill will silence my voice and my vote. The proposed redistricting is unfair and unethical. Democracy means by the people and for the people. This bill is a form of voter suppression. Please be a true voice for all Texans and do not support this thinly veiled act of racial gerrymandering.

Marise Reynolds
self
Dallas, TX

“I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Judith Combs
Self
Mansfield, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map. Please do not let the Democrats control this narrative.

Erin Moore
Self
Dallas, TX

This is a gerrymander on top of a gerrymander that YOU created. You are capitulating in the truest sense of the word and ceding your autonomy to the Federal government. They are, in other words, yanking your chain and you are being a good dog. The people will choose their representation, not the other way around. These maps will haunt you and you will look at this moment in the future as the moment you lost all integrity. Or has that already happened?

Barbara Stach
Self, retired pharmacist
Leander, TX

I’m not sure why the governor is beholden to the President to call for this re-districting at this time other than pure power. Does the governor not trust Texans with their votes?
Instead we will be allowing politicians to choose their voters. Gerrymandering is a divisive tool and should be unlawful in all states. Or maybe, when districts truly need to be updated based on defined terms, let a bipartisan committee come to consensus on the process and the outcome has a chance of being fair to all voters in Texas. That should be the goal. But then again, politics has a habit of getting in the way. This isn’t good for Texas, but that’s not who Governor Abbott is trying to please.
Thank you for your time.

Isabel Camacho, Resident
Self
Dallas, TX

I am writing to strongly oppose the current redistricting proposals under review. As a concerned Texas resident and voter, I believe that the proposed maps do not provide fair representation and seem to prioritize political gain over the rights and voices of everyday Texans.

Redistricting should be a transparent, inclusive process that guarantees every community fair representation. Unfortunately, the current maps weaken the voting power of communities of color, split cohesive neighborhoods, and erode public trust in our democratic system. These results are unacceptable and go against the principles of fair representation guaranteed by the Voting Rights Act.

Texas is a diverse and rapidly growing state, and our electoral maps must reflect that reality—not be manipulated to serve partisan interests. I urge the committee to reject any plan that continues gerrymandering.

Liz Dundov
Self, retired
Austin, TX

This redistricting of the House seats in TX is amoral and anti-democratic. Lawmakers work for the people. The people choose and elect their representatives, not the other way around. Lawmakers do not get to choose their voters. There are many and real urgent issues that need to be addressed. This is not a game. Gerrymandering is wrong, and should be illegal. This is taking it to the extreme. This is nothing but an egregious power play. It is dangerous and outrageous. Leave our districts alone! I strongly urge all lawmakers to not make these changes to the districts. This is corrupt! And Texans will not stand for it.

Paul Gaddis
Self, Mathematician, Engineer, Modern Polymath
Little Elm, TX

As a Descendant of the Founding Fathers, John Adams 2nd Cousin 8x removed, it is my voice of reason that this gerrymandering is UN-AMERICAN. THE PRESIDENT DOES NOT DICTATE CONGRESSIONAL LINES. THE PEOPLE DO. END OF DISCUSSION.

Linda Knight
Self
Hico, TX

I support HB 4 and the proposed redistricting map. Thank you, Linda Knight

Karen Freeman
Baytown Republican Women
Crosby, TX

As a native Texan and end current residence since 1959. I feel that it is extremely important that day. Values, I'm principals of the Republican party. The husband establish since its beginning, continue to be reflected by our representative districting of the state. The desire to stop such progress, it's a simple reflection. I have an agenda that does not meet the needs or the desires of the citizens of this great state. I implore the members of our party across the state to stand in unison with our elected representatives and maintain new Texas. Not only what it has always been, but what is its future, and that is a state built on principles, morals and values, as is reflectedin the Republican party- not just for the citizens who are residing here now. But for the future generations, you will when they lead this great state in the same path with the reflection of the same. Beliefs and principles.

Shelia Franklin
True Texas Project and self
FORT WORTH, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

James Rigby
Self/student
Hutto, TX

Don't pass this bill. The proposed redistricting is not non partisan nor is it fair

Angela Hudson
Self
The Colony, TX

I am in support of HB 4 by Hunter. Please pass this quickly.

Cheryl Thompson-Draper
self retired
Hallettsville, TX

AS attached as I am to my Congressman Michael Cloud CD 27- I look forward to joining forces with Monica De La Cruz in CD 15 It looks like a great redistricting. I love in Lavaca County which will be her farthest reach, but I know she can do this. I am all for it! Keep Texas- Texas!

Alyssa Ellison
self
Austin, TX

Please do not redistrict Texas. We're adults and adults don't change rules mid game just because it looks like they might not win. If what you are allowing to happen to our country is so unpopular that you're afraid of not getting reelected, perhaps you should start listening to your constituents (who elected you to stand up for their best interests) and stop capitulating to the whims of the current administration. Instead of using your powers to provide checks and balances to our federal government, it feels like you have given up on us. Silently going along with wrongdoing does not absolve you of those crimes. You have been sacrificing not only the ideals of this great nation, but also it's own people: people who will die because they will no longer have access to healthcare, people who will be kidnapped and tortured when they were only seeking refuge, people who will inevitably go hungry because of the economic instability caused by chaotic tariffs, people who will lose everything in natural disasters with no aide. What you have supported, or silently consented to, is not popular. Instead of redrawing the maps, maybe start standing up for democracy and get reelected the honorable way, by doing your job well.

Jane Kurzawa Cravey
Self
Austin, TX

No redistricting when there has not been an identified need because of population changes!!

Daniel Schaetz
Self, Program Manager
Austin, TX

The proposed changes would create inaccurate representation for our community.

Randal Mayfield
Self/retired
Iraan, TX

I support HB4 redistricting

Teddy Loney
self
New Braunfels, TX

This is blatant voter suppression. I'm sick and tired of Republicans putting party over country. Donald Trump is a horrible human being and Republicans are nothing more than sycophants incapable of doing the right thing by voters. Republicans have atrocious ideas so they know they must cheat to win, that's all this is. It's disgusting and you should be ashamed of yourselves.

Lilia Fierro, Mrs
Self
El Paso, TX

This will be a travesty for all areas involved in oppose to the redistricting for the bemefitnofvthebrich and Republicans

Beth Stuyck
Self / clergy
Bedford, TX

I’m opposed to the current redistricting plan. I oppose gerrymandering in any form. Districts should not be drawn for the express purpose of pre-determining the outcome of midterm (or any) elections, which is what this bill is explicitly intent on doing. District boundaries should reflect actual communities. If any candidate (regardless of political affiliation) can’t persuade the members of his or her community that s/he is the best candidate for the job, then they deserve to lose the election.

Lynn Beal
Self
Watauga, TX

This bill and this map is unconstitutional. You are not listening to the people you are listening to those who only want more power. Stop gerrymandering now! Voters are not happy!

Mariela Silva
Self - Tax Accountant
Austin, TX

As a constituent of Texas' 37th Congressional District, I am writing to express strong opposition to the redistricting efforts taking place. This proposed gerrymandering, if it were to succeed, is a clear statement that our government has no intention of representing and advocating for the people who voted for them. This plan would ultimately eliminate congressional representation for a multitude of Texans and effectively make their vote meaningless. Regardless of your party, I strongly urge each member of the legislature to put the people of Texas over the desires of a president who does not care about the democratic process.

Renee Trejo
Self
El Paso, TX

This is occurring right before midterms and immediately after the one-billion dollar funded migrant concentration camp at Ft. Bliss. This redistricting is a power-grab and not reflective of El Pasoans. This is gerrymandering through and through. Our city needs to be represented from someone that actually lives here. It is an absolute disaster to be handed over to San Antonio where they are 500 miles away. We do not approve this change and demand to stay as is. Census data is not even being considered, which is literally the entire point of redistricting.

Faye Dickson, Mrs.
self -- retired
Friendswood, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.”

DeAnna Willman
self- author/artist
Levelland, TX

I support this HB4, redistricting bill. It needs to reflect the voting preferences of those being represented, and not give in to those who can not come up with real, factual reasons why it should not be done.

Jack Beaty, Mr.
ELF - BEATY FARMS (cattle ranch)
Aubrey, TX

Please vote in favor of E1.030 Congressional Redistricting.

Federico Hernandez, Mr.
self, engineering
El Paso, TX

Leave district 16 alone. Our district is properly represented now. Nefarious republican gerrymandering is illegal. it's this kind of system rigging that makes republicans the most untrustworthy party, go get some integrity, stop bowing down to the conman-in-chief and his dictator power grab. Tony Baloney Gonzales doesn't represent me or my values, get him away from district 16. he's a two-face hypocrite, seen him on Sunday morning political shows, he changes his tune to appease his fascist bosses instead of representing his constituents. He votes to cut Medicare, Medicaid, veterans' programs, nutrition programs, infrastructure funding, water and wastewater funding. and a cheesy useless tweet picture at Fort Bliss proves he's more concerned with making an appearance instead of working to proper representation of our city. El Paso doesn't want any of your Project 2025 shenanigans.

Stephanie Walsh
Self, Accountant
Fort Worth, TX

Please vote NO! As a citizen of Texas (and of the USA), I have the right to vote for someone who actually represents me and my family, regardless of which party they're from. This new map does not give me that right. It gives one party control. I'm fed up with representatives not actually working for the people they represent, instead, rigging it to work for their party. Stop the nonsense and get us back to what we are supposed to be, a REPRESENTATIVE democracy, not a gerrymandered democracy.

Pamela Gonce
Self
Amarillo, TX

Stop gerrymandering to steal our votes. You are supposed to be representing your constituents, not working to help Trump become a King. Think of your own children and grandchildren. This is the most corrupt administration in history and you have abandoned your constituents and your duty to the US Constitution. You have allowed the end to any and all guardrails of our democracy. Live up to your oath of office for once and stop this blatant corruption.

Angela Averitte
Self
Dallas, TX

This proposed map is ridiculous. What in the world do counties miles away from DFW have anything to do with each other? How can one person possibly even represent them? Dividing up Dallas to scoop out pieces and through them in with massive sections of rural Texans is a disservice to them both. Please quit serving this undemocratic un-American un-Texan administration. I'm appalled by this map and that we are even continuing with this blatantly racist agenda. I was a dedicated Republican. No more. Shame on you. Shame.

Margaret O'Connor
Self
Carrollton, TX

I vehemently oppose the proposed redistricting of my district 32. It was gerrymandered the last time to ensure a Republican seat and it is being gerrymandered again even worse. My area of Dallas and Denton county needs to have a representative who speaks for those of us who do in fact live in this suburban, well-educated, progressive thinking community. It is reprehensible to try to take away the voice of my community for political gain.

Julia Howry, Mrs.
Self
Austin, TX

I am against this attempt to redistribute by the Governor and the President of the US in an attempt to gain more seats in order to control the US House. It is a blatant power move and will only harm our country and our state if our state leadership bows to this demand from our President. Please stand up for what is right and what is fair and THIS is not - it's a clear political power move. You know it and the voters of Texas know it.

Nate Hemby
Self - Data Engineer
Dallas, TX

As a resident of Dallas, I am strongly opposed to this bill. Not only is this redistricting out of cycle and out of nowhere, but it further dilutes my vote on an already unfair map. I want to see this bill struck, and see the redistricting returned to its normal cadence. Redistricting should be non-partisan, fair, and draw boundaries that are reasonably compact, and provide proportional representation to the population. The proposed redistricting accomplishes none of these.

Samuel Vaughn, Dr.
Self - Professor of Music
Denison, TX

I am writing to express my extreme opposition to the plan for redistricting being considered by the Texas Legislature. I find this proposal to be deeply offensive to the principle of fair representation, blatantly anti-democratic and ultimately racist.

By seeking to insulate themselves and their party from accountability to their voters and taking orders directly from the White House, Texas Republicans are further undermining the public's trust in their government and are moving further down a path of authoritarianism. The fact that this proposal came directly from Donald Trump with the express purpose of stacking the midterm election in favor of Republicans should disgust any American who cares about fair representation. The added insult of pretending that this proposal is being undertaken to rectify racism, while disenfranchising communities of color is truly appalling and demonstrates a complete lack of moral character on the part of every person involved in promoting this lie.

I attended the recent hearing in Arlington this past Monday and heard speaker after speaker express deep opposition and anger against this proposal, with only 2 or 3 people expressing any level of support, only one of which was strong support. The dozens of people who spoke against this proposal were outraged and disgusted and ultimately seemed to be completely discounted by the Republican members of the committee who gave no justification for this proposal and often played on their phones, laughed, and sneered.

It is striking to see a room composed primarily of people of color being completely disregarded by a large number of white Republican men as the people try to assert their natural born rights for self-determination. This echoes the racist history of the south and this bill will, if adopted, move the state of Texas back toward a system of two-tiered citizenship, which will affect any person who does not conform to a white, Christian vision of acceptable identity. I urge every member of the committee to take stock of what they actually believe, to recommit to representing the interests of all Texans, and to vote against the adoption of the new map being proposed. Each legislature can either turn back from the toxicity of power at all costs or drive headlong into the fire of division, but you have the power and you are accountable. I urge each legislator to take this seriously and vote against this proposal.

Jacob Trauger
Self, Solar Manager
Austin, TX

This redistricting is clearly unfair and unconstitutional. It's not a left vs. right issue, is American vs. un-American. Silencing the voices of millions of voters is the opposite direction of who we are supposed to be. Shame. Worst of all, I feel pretty sure my complaint will fall on deaf ears and the people in charge don't care about my vote and pride themselves on ignoring me. Prove me wrong and do the right thing for all Texans.

iuliana ladewig
self
humble, TX

I respectfully urge the committee to oppose any redistricting maps that unfairly favor one party or dilute the voting power of communities across our state.

Redistricting should be conducted fairly and in a way that represents all Texans equally, regardless of political affiliation. Gerrymandering maps undermines our trust in our elections, weakens democracy, and silences the voices of voters.

I strongly encourage the committee to prioritize impartial district lines that reflect the true population and diversity of Texas, and to ensure a public, transparent process where all citizens feel heard.

I urge you to stop this attempt to undermine voters and instead support an independent, transparent redistricting process that reflects the true voice of the people of Texas.

Jill Robinaon
Self
Kerrville, TX

Leave alone. Stop the cheating

James Neal
Self
Irving, TX

There’s no need for this blatantly racist exercise. I’m against redistricting and further gerrymandering Texas districts because this is an intentional power grab to dilute Black, Asian, and Latino voters.

Peter Onyisi, Dr
self, professor
Austin, TX

I urge the committee to reject this mid-decade redistricting proposal. Less than four years after the last redistricting, we are being moved around again, with no justification other than letting politicians pick their own constituents. This violates basic principles of fairness. It is very hard to believe that representatives whose district boundaries change every few elections are going to have any meaningful commitment to the interests of the constituents whose votes are being intentionally diluted. This is an attempt to force many Texans into a case of "taxation without representation," and sets the precedent that if Texans vote the "wrong way," at any time the boundaries can be redrawn to stop their voices from being meaningful.
Once again, I urge you to reject this uncalled-for and un-American proposal.

Jakob Reynolds
Self - Attorney
El Paso, TX

I write in strong opposition to the re-drawing of Congressional Districts 16 and 23 as reflected in House Bill 4.

With a county population of 850,000, the El Paso community straddles the borders of three states and two countries. HB 4 will have a significant detrimental effect of removing Fort Bliss, the Army Medical Center and the El Paso Airport from Congressional District 16 (CD16).

The largest population base of current CD16 is San Antonio, a part of Texas Hill Country, which has its own established tourism and agriculture industries and receives over 30 inches of rain a year. El Paso, in contrast, is the westernmost county in Texas spanning 1,057 square miles of desert. Aside from the significantly different climates which affect key policy realities like availability of water and energy infrastructure, El Paso possesses a unique culture and geographic isolation from the rest of Texas. Simply put, El Paso has unique needs that demand ongoing local collaboration, expertise, and representation.

CD23 already stands as one of the largest districts in the US. An area larger than 29 states and spanning 29 counties in Texas from the western suburbs of San Antonio to the outskirts of El Paso. The proposed map removes local representation of critical El Paso community assets, adding them to an already massive district with competing and oftentimes conflicting representative needs and interests. Shifting Ft. Bliss, the Army Medical Center, and the El Paso International Airport means merging them into a Congressional District with other military installations and another airport 500 miles away. El Paso County will too often rank second in terms of resources and priority and the community will suffer as a result.

El Paso County and Ft. Bliss regularly enjoy strong and long-held ties including a rich military history. The Department of Defense's second largest installation at 1.12M acres, Ft. Bliss is intertwined with the El Paso Community: its 36,086 retirees, 45,000 retiree family members, active-duty survivors, military members and civilians live, work, go to school and engage throughout the El Paso region. And Ft. Bliss provides a significant economic anchor for El Paso's economy. The proposed map wholly removes from CD16 from the purview of El Paso representation for the first time in well over a century, leaving a gaping hole of needed, local representation.

The proposed map cracks communities of interest and dilutes local representation of core economic assets. I urge you to amend House Bill 4 to retain current Congressional Districts 16 and 23 as currently drawn.

Donia Kerrigan
Self
Austin, TX

I oppose this redistricting. This redistricting should not take place.

Jonathan Tovar
Self
Spring, TX

I'm speaking out as a concerned citizen against the continued use of gerrymandering in Texas. Fair representation is the foundation of any healthy democracy, and gerrymandered districts directly undermine that by allowing politicians to choose their voters instead of voters choosing their representatives.

When district maps are drawn to dilute the voting power of communities—especially communities of color or political minorities—it erodes public trust, silences voices, and skews policy outcomes. Texans deserve competitive, representative districts that reflect the actual population, not political manipulation.

I urge lawmakers and the redistricting commission to commit to transparency, prioritize community input, and adopt maps that respect geographic and community boundaries. We must end partisan gerrymandering and protect the principle of "one person, one vote" across our state.

Traci Grossfeld
Self
Austin, TX

This country was founded in representing its people. I urge your to honor individual rights and input! Leave the map alone! My grandparents came to the United States as sole
Survivors of the Holocaust from their families because they believed this was the best place in the world for freedom and a new life to build their family. They succeeded but this state and country are fast becoming reminiscent of the same hateful Nazi nation they somehow survived. PLEASE stop this destruction of our country.

Jackie Hayes, Ms
Self
Forney, TX

As a citizen of Forney, Texas I'm totally against redistricting for the purpose of making fellow citizens not count for racial purposes. This is not the American way!

Lynn Carter
Self
Austin, TX

I am opposed to these redistricting bills. Austin districts should not be split as much as they are, much less split even more. Voters in Austin should be able to choose representatives who match their beliefs. Further, the position that prior maps were drawn by the Republican majority in a manner to discriminate against white people is OUTRAGEOUS!

Anna Pierce
Self
Austin, TX

I am adamantly opposed to this bill. This is a shameful power grab and clear gerrymandering.

Elizabeth Bailey
voting self
Flower Mound, TX

As a Texas AFT member and public school educator in Dallas County, I oppose any mid-decade redistricting that reduces minority voting influence. Our communities deserve fair maps, not political manipulation.

Dante Banks, Mr.
Self
Cypress, TX

I am voicing my opposition to redistricting bill.

Liesl Schmidt
Self, engineer
Austin, TX

There is no ethical reason for redistricting to occur in the state of TX. Unless a new census has been conducted, WHICH IT HAS NOT, to give justifiable cause for the redistricting, then none should occur. The reasons for this attempt at blatant gerrymandering have no basis in law or reason. This is being done with the intent to silence a vocal majority by diminishing their impact. The purpose of elected officials is to work for the people, not attempt to silence us by lessening the impact of our votes. Do the right thing by retaining the current district map and not approving the even more gerrymandered redistricting suggestion.

Sarah Freed
Self
Rockwall, TX

Vehemently AGAINST

Marnie Barnett
Self
College Station, TX

I do not support your efforts to re-draw the maps! Your motivation is only to serve the Republican party, that they may maintain control of Congress. If you do this, you have no regard for the ideals our country was founded on.

Allyson Vaughn
Self
Dallas, TX

This is absolutely absurd and clearly an attempt to solidify power in the most unfair way. I strongly object to this. Republicans have been in charge for the better part of 30 years and if things are broken it's squarely on them. Given the fact that they have already gerrymandered my district away from my representative and I am now represented by people who do not care about the people of this neighborhood or community. To continue this malpractice is in direct opposition to the will of the people and absolutely cheating. Republicans in Texas need to get it together and quit being so selfish and greedy. They like to cast blame on Democrats who haven't had a say in things for a long time because of their blatant cheating. Texans deserve better.

SarahWyatt Stringfellow
Self
San Antonio, TX

I strongly disagree. We should be focused on helping the flood victims.

Susan Casey
Self, retired
Austin, TX

I am very offended by this power grab by retrumplicans because they know how unpopular and cruel their policies and actions. I would like to pick my representatives, rather than have the retrumplicans pick for me! I have been voting for many years and this is disgusting.

Kym Colman
Self, Physician
Austin, TX

Redistricting should not be allowed by politicians. Gerrymandering is not benefitting the interests of the constituents.

Michelle Smith
Self
Austin, TX

I oppose mid-census redistricting. I support compact districts reflecting communities of interest.

Terry Maxwell
Self
austin, TX

For this bill

Misti Scaggs
Private citizens
Longview, TX

Absolutely not! Please do not do this. There is already too much division in the state.

Cheryl Turner
Self/Consultant
Houston, TX

To Whom it May Concern:
I write this public comment in opposite to the proposed redistricting map.

As someone who knows firsthand what it means to fight to have your voice heard - and to be represented by officials who genuinely serve the people - i am deeply concerned by this proposal. Fair representation isn't just about drawing lines. It's about protecting the voices of those who rely on their elected officials to see them, hear them, and respond to their needs.

This proposed map threatens to divide communities that have built power through shared struggle, civic engagement, and collective advocacy. It undermines the principle of "one person, one vote" by diluting the influence of historically marginalized neighborhoods- especially communities of color, working class families, and those who have already had to fight for basic rights and resources.

I urge you to reject the proposed map - not just because of what it does wrong, but because of what it fails to do right. Our communities deserve better. They deserve fairness.

Hope Cervantez
Myself
Ropesville, TX

Stop redistricting! I have experienced problems voting in Hockley County Texas within the last 10 years. STOP REDISTRICTING

Megan Lawrence
Myself
Austin, TX

No no no no and no. This is not representative government when you can redraw the lines whenever you want. The scheme is obvious, hypocritical and racist. Accountability for bad votes is losing reelection.

Michael suarez
Self/ veteran
Corpus christi, TX

I am against the Republican Party trying to vote and take more chairs

Ian Falkenbury
Self, Data Analyst
Austin, TX

This effort is a disgrace to Texans that are still suffering from the aftermath of the floods less than a month ago. It’s distasteful and repulsive that our state government would immediately bend at the knee to an authoritarian federal government and further disenfranchise their own constituents. I urge you to do the right thing and stop partisan gerrymandering in Texas.

Milan Raj
Self Software Engineer
Austin, TX

This redistricting does not represent the constituency of the effected areas. This is a shameful disregard of the citizens right to representation and shows complete apathy for the principles of our nation.

Gail Dickenson
Self - retired
Dallas, TX

I am a native Texan Anglo woman. I am writing in opposition to the proposed redistricting bill of the Texas house of representative. Texas already is racially gerrymandered. The proposed map will add to racial gerrymandering and will only further suppress minority voters in Texas. The Texas I live in stands for equal opportunity and a fair shake for all people. The proposed bill manipulates the state to try to eliminate the rights of minority voters. As a native Texas I believe in honesty and fairness - this bill is not fair and is a dishonest attempt to racially segregate and take away voting power from folks who aren't Anglo.This is a bad bill and I oppose it.

Giana Williams
Self, outreach specialist
Lancaster, TX

I just feel like if you have to manipulate borders and jurisdictions to win, it's not really a win. Please keep Texans at the heart of what you do. Redistricting is not going to help anyone but the budding oligarchy that's happening in this country. We have many other issues going on in this state. Redistricting should be at the bottom of the list of priorities. Please don't waste any more of your fellow Texans' time. Thank you!!

Theresa Johns
Myself/retired RDN
Cypress, TX

Please pass HB4 to favor the GOP vote in 5 districts

Robin Petty
Self
League City, TX

I oppose this measure that further serves to make vote outcomes in Texas even further from public opinion. This bill is shameful, politically motivated, and anti-democratic.

Roger Owens
self
Arlington, TX

We don’t need an off cycle redistricting pause. Especially one with hyper partisan intent. If it needs to be redrawn…do it based solely on population and existing county/cuty borders.

Dennis Livingston
Self
Austin, TX

Redistricting now at the direction of the POTUS is not in the best interests of an independent minded Texas. When did we become a puppet to the whims of Washington. This move is unnecessarily polarizing at a difficult time for our state. Our focus should be on implementation of the new school voucher law, supporting flood victims, and a million other issues effecting Texans.

Allyson Roylance
Self
Conroe, TX

HB?4 isn't a neutral redistricting effort—it’s a push by the GOP to rig the system and diminishes minority voices all so you can make Texas worse. This map is clearly unconstitutional and anti-American. What's worse is that you know this and you are doing it anyway. You are literally stealing democracy.

Claudia Schneider, N/A
Self
Houston, TX

TX’s proposed mid-decade redistricting—while maps are under litigation, there’s no new census data, and no accurate legal justification—is a violation of Texans’ rights. On 7/30/25, TX GOPs released a map to flip 5 Democratic seats, targeting Black and Latino districts in Houston, DFW, South TX, and Central TX.

Claims based on “voting trends” are a pretext for dilution; population shifts must be measured by decennial census data—not cherry-picked turnout models. This sham is capitulation to Trump, who demanded that TX deliver 5 more GOP seats. His comments—“Just a simple redrawing. We pick up 5 seats”—show intent to entrench power, not improve representation.

Reusing Butler Snow—the same out-of-state firm behind TX’s 2021 maps now in court—confirms bad faith. SCOTUS has held that when the same actors repeat discriminatory conduct, it’s evidence of unlawful intent. In 2011, DOJ cited Butler Snow’s Tommie Cardin for moving minority voters from a performing district with political infrastructure to one with predictably lower turnout—suppressing rising minority voting strength. They’re doing it again. These operatives recycle tactics that are neither race-neutral nor good faith. They weaken communities of color, double-bunk Democrats, and entrench white GOP dominance. And TX GOP use “privilege” to block review of how and what data was used. Not to mention, late-stage GOP claims of corrective intent are a pretext.

Trump’s demands show the true motive, and courts have held using race to achieve political outcomes is intentional discrimination. That is shown here: the map uses race as a proxy for partisanship. It dismantles CD-9 and CD-18, weakens Latino influence in CDs 28 and 15, and increases white-majority districts from 22 to 24. CD-18 was already flagged by the Biden DOJ; adding minority-majority districts is meaningless when voters can't elect candidates of choice. A 50% Latino district drawn to favor Trump +12 isn’t empowering—it’s silencing.

As a Latina Houstonian, I’m negatively impacted. My two homes, just two miles apart in CD-18, would be split—one into CD-7, the other into CD-29. My parents shift from CD-38 to CD-2. My sister’s home in Northside Village is on the unclear edge of CD-7, 18, and 29. Our voices—diluted. Our trusted voting infrastructure—fractured.
Public testimony overwhelmingly opposed this process as it follows a national strategy by Trump and the GOP to suppress civil rights, dismantle multiculturalism, and reverse protections for communities of color. It’s not isolated—it’s coordinated.

Generally, this follows decennial census during the regular session; lawmakers get, on average, 12 weeks for the task. As of 8/1/25, it’s only 11 days into this special session. In 2021, there were 16 public hearings. This cycle: 7. The new map—based on the 2021 map—posted just 2 days before the 8/1/25 hearing. In sum, this isn’t a fair process. It’s a race-based violation of the VRA and Constitution—and must be rejected.

Norman Howden
self, retired
Dallas, TX

The current effort that the Legislature has set in motion to redistrict Texas legislative districts is a blatant and unfair partisan power grab that is being done in support of a tyrannical and corrupt “wannabee” dictatorship.

Democracy only works when people are fairly represented in the legislature. From the founding years of our Nation we have guarded that principle. Conservatives want to defraud us – to take away a fundamental right that we own as citizens.

Texas Democrats are already unfairly limited in their ability to have votes count. When there are only 18 Congressional Democrats elected among 38 Districts, it is quite clear that a huge amount of Gerrymandering is in place – because there are about 8 million registered Democrats and only about 6 million registered Republicans.

Using partisanship to shape political participation in support of dictatorship is corrupt and is simply cheating.

Robbie Raker
SELF
Katy, TX

Texas need to stop the redistricting shenannigans. Our state must allow for proper representation of our population. I am against the proposed redistricting map.

Home Home
Self - Pilot
Porter, TX

Strongly oppose

Michelle Berry
Self/Retired
Cypress, TX

I am opposed to HB4 redistricting. It is a blatant attempt at unlawful gerrymandering. This is being done mid-decade right before midterms. We have an entire district that hasn’t been represented since March because our governor won’t call a special election. This is a sad attempt by the Republicans to form districts in their favor as requested by the current President.

Samantha Galindo
Self
Cypress, TX

I want this bill to be rejected by the Texas legislators. My representative should live in my town not two towns away

Ken Rafanan
self
San Antonio, TX

I strongly oppose any redistricting that results in the further disenfranchisement of communities of color.

Vicente Martinez
Self
Brownsville, TX

We need to ensure our districts are representative of our state! These maps will cause so much harm to the communities we exist in. You need to do the right thing and protect our democracy. Shame if you vote to approve these maps! What future do you want to leave to our generations to come? Why don't you care about your legacy! You should ensure you leave the state a better place rather that destroy our democracy. Please vote against this.

Oluwayomi Adefuye
self, student
Garland, TX

Hello,
If Texas wants to really "be for the people" and make this a better state, then redistricting is NOT the way to go.

Elizabeth Morris
Self - Technical Writer
Corinth, TX

There is no rational reason to do redistricting right now unless you're trying to cheat the system into ensuring Texas does not fully reflect the spectrum of its residents. You ought to be ashamed of yourselves. You're not drawing us out, you're drowning us out. Stop this ridiculousness and get back to the real work at hand for ALL Texans.

Meredith Roach
Self
Austin, TX

Members of the legislature and Governor Abbott,

I come to you not as a political opponent, but as a concerned Texan—one of millions who believe in the fundamental principles of fair representation, transparency, and accountability. What we are witnessing in this latest round of redistricting is not a reflection of the will of the people—it is a manipulation of it. It is, quite frankly, a sham.

Redistricting should be about ensuring that every Texan, regardless of zip code, race, or political affiliation, has an equal voice in shaping the future of this state. Instead, what we've seen are maps drawn behind closed doors to serve political power, not public interest. These maps dilute the voices of communities of color, fracture neighborhoods, and undermine the democratic process. That is not representation—that is self-preservation by those already in power.

Let's be clear: this isn't about what's best for Texas. It's about what's politically expedient for those trying to align Texas more closely with the federal administration's power structures, even when that alignment goes against the values and needs of everyday Texans. Our leaders were elected to serve the people of Texas—not Washington, not party kingpins, and certainly not their own reelection campaigns.

We need courage in leadership now more than ever. Not the courage to follow polls or partisan agendas, but the moral courage to stand up for democracy, even when it's inconvenient.

Gerrymandering is not governance. It's a failure of imagination, a betrayal of trust, and a rejection of the diversity and dynamism that make Texas strong. We are better than this. You are capable of better than this.

If you truly love this state, then prove it. Show the courage to resist manipulation, and the conviction to lead with fairness. It is time.

Thank you.

Lorena Dunlap
self
San Antonio, TX

This redistricting map is striking at the heart of democracy and what the colonies fought the British crown over...taxation without representation. This map is a flagrant abuse of power in undermining real representation of one person, one vote. The redistricting has historically taken place after the 10 yr census which is 5 years away. Another abuse of power by the Trump administration and the Republican Party of Texas, courtesy of Greg Abbott.

Shannon Potts
Self
Austin, TX

The special session should focus on urgent state needs like disaster recovery from the Hill country floods, not a politically motivated redistricting effort that undermines voters' rights and diverts attention from critical issues.

The proposed map is a brazen, racially discriminatory power grab designed to suppress Black and Latino voting power, targeting districts where communities of color elect their preferred candidates, which echoes Texas's shameful history of racial discrimination in voting.

I am strongly opposed to President Trump's direct pressure on Texas to redraw maps mid-decade for partisan gain, calling it an unconstitutional interference that encourages other Republican-led states to follow suit and erode democratic norms.

Texas needs to uphold fair representation by preserving communities of interest, ensuring competitive districts, and reject maps that artificially inflate Republican seats from 25 to potentially 30 out of 38, despite only winning 56% of the statewide vote in 2024.

Lauren Bellatti
Self, Teaching Assistant
Austin, TX

As a Texas native who left Texas for 10 years but moved back lst year to pursue my PhD, I oppose any mid-decade redistricting that reduces minority voting influence. Our communities deserve fair maps, not political manipulation.

Elinor Torres, Mrs
Self - Retired
League City, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map

Varun Unnikrishnan
self. Software Engineer
Austin, TX

This is blatant gerrymandering, and is not a sustainable practice. Districts should be grouped geographically so people are represented fairly. No person can reasonably represent both me in South Austin, and also someone living in Corpus Christi, as is the proposed District 27. Please do not allow this redistricting to move forward. Doing this now will just open the door for someone to do this again in the future, and it is best to use common sense and not play partisan games with people's lives.

Tom Campbell
Self, retired school teacher
Lago Vista, TX

This is ridiculous, leave things as they are and redistrict every 10 years. I am tired of changing representatives; I am happy with McCaul. The prior rep was worthless. You are making Texas look like a totally corrupt state.

James Casto
Self, retired
Austin, TX

I am against this attempt to redistrict any part of Texas. This is a blatant power grab by President Trump and he's using Governor Abbott to get what he wants, which is as he said "5 more seats". Don't let Abbott or Trump do this. Leave our voting districts as they are and don't mess with them.

Melva Scott
Self
North Richland Hills, TX

It is imperative this proposed restricting bill pass to rectify the original redistricting found to be unconstitutional as it was based on racial gerrymandering. Texas is a red state yet we have districts set up to purposefully favor Democrat voters and gain an advantage. This is unfair and should have been rectified several years ago. It is past time our districts fairly represent Texas voters. Pass this bill please and correct this unconstitutional travesty.

Juan Morales, Mr
self
Eagle Pass, TX

No county should be part of more than one congressional district. This bill should be voted down and replaced by a bill that updates the map to ensure that every county in Texas only belongs to ONE congressional district.

Annalyn Parrish
Self - homemaker, homeschooler mother, and copy-editor
EL PASO, TX

I am a long-time resident and voter in El Paso, Texas, and am writing to protest the proposed redistricting map proposal. As the sixth-largest city in Texas, home to Fort Bliss, and located 500 miles or more away from the larger city centers in Texas, El Paso would be severely negatively impacted by this proposed map.

Our city is already overlooked by the Texas state government. We need to have local representation - someone who knows the city and its constituents, the unique needs of our border region, and is committed to working for El Paso and El Pasoans. Suppose El Paso is moved to this proposed district that spans from San Antonio to the Borderland. In that case, we will have to fight even harder to access the necessary resources to care for our veterans, military, and general population. I believe that our proposed representative--who votes to cut Medicare, Medicaid, veterans and nutrition programs, infrastructure improvements, and more--will focus on the needs of the constituents who are closer to San Antonio, and El Paso will be neglected. This will be detrimental to the health and well-being of our city and the people who live here. Therefore, I protest this redistricting and ask the Committee to make a better decision for the representation of El Paso. Thank you.

Margaret Whitt
self--retired (also a precinct chair and my constituents by far feel the same way).
Murphy, TX

I strongly urge you to pass this bill because the vast majority of Texans (including those in my precinct, my political clubs, my neighborhood, and my charity organizations) want better/fairer representation than what they currently have, and they believe this is a step in the right direction. It may not be perfect or please all the people (which you can't do anyway), but it is far better than what we currently have and better reflects the voting patterns and voting history of our state. People are moving here from California and other states for what we offer in common sense, restraint, law and order, and mostly good government. Let's keep it that way! Thank you for your consideration and service. Maggie

Kelly Blanscet
Self, Creative Director
Austin, TX

Dear Texas State House,

I am writing to express my deep concern and firm opposition to the recently proposed redistricting maps. These maps are not only deeply flawed—they are a direct affront to fair representation in our state.

As a resident of Austin, I am particularly alarmed by how the maps dilute the voting power of our community. The redistricting process has resulted in gerrymandered districts that clearly favor political interests over the will of the people. This disenfranchises voters, undermines trust in our democratic institutions, and weakens the accountability of elected officials.

What's more troubling is that this redistricting is occurring outside the normal 10-year cycle following the census—an irregular and unnecessary move that appears to be motivated more by national political pressure than by any genuine need to serve Texas residents.

Redistricting should be fair, transparent, and rooted in the principle of equal representation. This process falls far short of that standard.

I urge you to reject these maps and demand a process that centers the needs and rights of the people of Texas—not partisan advantage.

Sincerely,
Kelly Blanscet
Austin, Texas

Bethany Wallace
Self
Austin, TX

I do not support this bill as it is an undemocratic move that doesn't take into consideration the majority of the peoples' views. The fact that redistricting is brought up now, and not at the elected time it is supposed to be done, shows just how biased this bill is and should be considered as unconstitutional. When are we going to stop letting bullies control our state government. Please do not pass this bill as it will jeopardize the future of Texas politics and not in a good way for either side of the political line. Start thinking about the future and not the present.

Jessica Meurer
Self
Georgetown, TX

Hello,
My name is Jessica Meurer and I am in Williamson County, Texas. I strongly oppose the congressional redistricting. This is so clearly gerrymandering to benefit the Republican Party. Texas Republicans are already destroying all public institutions and services for their constituents. When will it be enough? Stop pandering to Trump. Do not pass this bill.

Libby Taylor
Self
Beaumont, TX

DO NOT PASS HB4! I'M SO SICK OF THIS RIDICULOUS LAW THAT YOU REPUBLICANS ARE TRYING TO PASS. DO YOU NOT SEE THAT THIS IS SHUTTING PEOPLE OF COLOR OUT OF THEIR DISTRICTS. I PRAY THAT SOMEONE IN YOUR PACK SEES THE DIVISION THAT THIS IS CAUSING FOR ALL.

Janiece Taylor, Mx
Self
corpus christi, TX

We have much glaring issues in the state of Texas other than that what immigrants are doing to them and put them in already unsafe circumstances not just by our federal officers, but by miscellaneous bounty hunters, we show the rest of our constituents that more important issues don't matter what we have issues with our education with our water quality with our air quality you were worried about unjustly profiling Latinos whom have committed no crime and are no danger to the greater Texas

Jeffrey Kaufmann
Self
Buda, TX

I am commenting against HB 4. This bill would establish a discriminatory map of US Congressional districts. The Republican majority has the votes to pass this unjust map. But they must know it will remove the representation of many Texans and substitute the will of Donald J. Trump. The Texas Legislature did not plan for this bill. Governor Abbott placed it on the special agenda to meet the demand of an imperial and power-hungry president. This map will disenfranchise many Texans in order to allow a massive redistribution of representation to the republican party which is becoming more and more extreme and unrepresentative of Texas. In statewide elections over the past decade, Republican candidates have gotten around 52 to 53 percent of the vote, while Democratic candidates consistently earn between 46 to 48 percent. But this map is intended to give Republicans 79% of our state's Congressional seats. This is a blatant power grab in the service of the president. Do not pass this map and HB 4.

Karen Glina
"self" Bookkeeper
Austin, TX

it is unfair to redistrict when there was no new population count. It is obviously a political party deciding to steal my rights.

Christa Salgado
Self
Dallas, TX

I'm a white Christian lady, formerly proud Texan, and I feel strongly that, agree or not, our government was designed to support difference of opinion and civil discussion. My parents always voted red so I thought I should, too, but over the last few years THIS version of the GOP is not recognizable. As it now stands, I could never vote that way again. One party should not rule the land; the checks and balances built in are there for a reason. All things should have moderation, and our district boundaries need this, too. Difference of thought, perspective, cultural values and beliefs, and diversity of representation MATTER. Our government officials should reflect this beautiful diversity, as well, to best represent the incredible and rich melting pot that is our Lone Star State.
I plead with you, please refrain from redistricting. Please ensure all of our neighbors have true and real representation in our local and state government. Thank you.

Denice Trevino
Self, Business Analyst
San Antonio, TX

Please put a stop to the redistricting

Jennifer Zerangue
Self, homemaker
Nevada, TX

I support the proposed redistricting plan!

Kay Smith, Mrs.
Self—Retired
Houston, TX

This is a bald-faced effort to silence people of color, who typically vote as Democrats. Drawing the lines to deny people the right to elect their representatives to Congress is a cheap play by wanna-be authoritarians. This is not what our Founding Fathers had in mind. I thought conservatism was about protecting our value system, not bowing to the president, whose approval rating is sinking fast. This redistricting effort is clearly illegal.

brenda miles, Mrs
self/ retired
Granite Shoals, TX

i support redistricting

Jennifer Garcia
Self
Austin, TX

As a Texan and a voter living in a district directly impacted by this proposed map, I am deeply concerned by what appears to be a blatant, mid-decade power grab—not a legitimate redistricting effort. Texas' population growth over the past decade has been overwhelmingly driven by people of color, particularly Hispanic and Black communities. Yet the proposed map fails to reflect that reality in fair and proportional representation.

Instead of honoring the will of a changing electorate, this map doubles down on gerrymandering—splitting communities of color, dismantling existing minority districts, and reconfiguring boundaries to favor Republican candidates in areas that have historically voted Democratic. The fact that these changes are occurring mid-decade, outside of the normal redistricting cycle tied to the census, is both unprecedented and highly troubling. It's even more so knowing that this effort was reportedly spurred by political pressure from Donald Trump's team to secure a few more House seats for his party.

This isn't about democracy—it's about entrenching power. Politicians are supposed to be chosen by voters, not the other way around. When district lines are manipulated to dilute voices and secure guaranteed outcomes, elections become performative. That's not representation. That's rigging the game.

What's happening in Texas could set a dangerous precedent. If other states follow suit—redrawing maps based on political strategy rather than constitutional process—we risk dismantling the very foundation of representative democracy.

The proposed map changes also raise serious legal and ethical red flags. The U.S. Department of Justice has previously flagged several Texas districts as unconstitutional racial gerrymanders, and courts have consistently found Texas maps in violation of the Voting Rights Act nearly every decade since the 1960s. That history, combined with the current proposal's clear intent to pack and crack minority communities, suggests we're heading down a familiar—and unlawful—path once again.

Texans deserve better. We deserve districts that reflect our communities, our diversity, and our democratic right to choose leaders who represent us—not serve the interests of a party or a president. I urge others to speak out and demand that our democracy not be carved up for political convenience.

Jordan Bellquist
self
Austin, TX

I’m writing to oppose this bill. Abbott’s proposal to redraw congressional districts mid-decade targets voters of color by attempting to erase their representation and potentially pits two Democratic districts in Central Texas against one another. The sole purpose of this bill is for Texas Republicans to acquiesce to Trump’s demand of creating five more Republican districts so he can control the House. Abbott is following what Trump asked him to do regardless of whether it’s timely, ethical, legal or in the best interests of Texans.

I live in Congressman Doggett’s district 37 which this bill directly affects. This bill proposes combining his district with Congressman Casar’s to create a lone Democratic district in Austin effectively minimizing District 35, which was created as result of a court order to ensure fair representation of that area. Redrawing lines to take away a court ordered district that protects the rights of the people living there is highly unethical, possibly illegal, and reminiscent of Abbott’s attempt to racially gerrymander this same district in 2017. Trump’s acknowledgement that District 35 was illegally racially gerrymandered initially is now his impetus to racially gerrymander it again.

Overall, this is a rushed and unfair redistricting process. It does not give constituents enough time to voice their opinion especially in the aftermath of catastrophic deadly floods in Central Texas on which our lawmakers should be concentrating.

Elizabeth Cullingford
Self, professor of English
Austin, TX

This is a partisan gerrymander designed to follow the instructions of Donald Trump as transmitted to Greg Abbott. It is aimed to disenfranchise people of color in Houston, and to make a mockery of Austin's liberal population by giving us 4 Republicans and only one Democrat to represent us. There is no way this can be justified. But beware: it may have repercussions Republicans won't like.

Mari Garay Caldera
Self
San Antonio, TX

100% ,,I Do Not Agree With This Redistricting Process “

Pravin Kelkar
South Asian Texans
Round Rock, TX

RE: Opposition to Mid-Decade Congressional Redistricting – A Statement from South Asian Texans

Dear Governor Abbott, Lt. Governor Patrick, and Speaker Burrows,

As members of the South Asian American community across Texas, we write to express our unequivocal opposition to the mid-decade congressional redistricting plan currently before the Legislature.

South Asian Texans are one of the fastest-growing populations in this state. We run businesses, drive innovation, advance medicine, and enrich the cultural and civic life of Texas. We also vote, organize, and contribute to the democratic process.

But this redistricting proposal is not about improving representation — it is about manipulating it. These maps are being redrawn to break up strong, diverse voting blocs and weaken the collective voice of communities of color, including South Asians, who are becoming an undeniable force in Texas politics.

In major metropolitan counties where South Asians live and work — Harris, Fort Bend, Dallas, Collin, Tarrant, Travis, and Bexar — cohesive neighborhoods are being fractured and stitched together with distant rural counties. These artificial districts have nothing to do with shared interests and everything to do with diluting the political power of growing populations.

This is not representation. This is an intentional strategy to silence voters and undermine democracy.

What does a tech executive in Plano have in common with a farmer hundreds of miles away? What shared vision for Texas can come from districts designed to split communities apart rather than bring them together?

Texas should stand as a model of democratic integrity, where representation reflects the people who call this state home. Instead, this process dismantles the very pillars of democracy — fairness, accountability, and trust.

When maps are drawn for partisan gain, they don’t just distort election outcomes — they tell entire communities their voices don’t matter.

We stand with Texans in Fort Bend, Collin, Dallas, Harris, Travis, Williamson, Bexar, El Paso, Denton, and Tarrant Counties who are seeing their voting power diluted and their representation sacrificed for political advantage.

We urge you to withdraw this plan and commit instead to drawing fair maps that keep communities whole, reflect where people actually live and work, and protect every Texan’s right to representation.

Democracy only works when every vote counts and every voice is heard. These maps break that promise. Texans — all Texans — deserve better.

Pravin Kelkar
South Asian Texans

Lyman Hardy
self
Austin, TX

The proposed Congressional map is an affront on Democracy and Representative government. It is a power grab meant to silence voices and nullify votes. It is a direct attack on Black and Brown communities. The lines drawn in the proposed map are specifically designed to disenfranchise communities of color, especially Black folks in Houston and Dallas/Ft. Worth areas and minority communities in Austin and South Texas. It will impede the governments ability to serve the people which it governs, and remove the opportunity for Texas citizens to meaningfully participate in Representative government. I strongly urge you to vote against this brazen power grab.

Thank you for your attention.

Art Pronin
Jewish community leader
Houston, TX

I'm Art Pronin a Jewish community leader in Houston. I'm appalled by the maps. You divide Jewish community into parts based on where located north or south of brays bayou. In these times Jews should be under one district to not dilute their voices. The coalitions in these new lines are chopped up. The lgbtqia community is split as well blsck community like acres Holmes. I urge you to place communities together not apart.

Kelley Lawrence
Self
Allen, TX

There is no need to redraw districts at this time. We do not have new census data, and it is NOT what the people in Texas want.

Frank Drenner III
Self
Richardson, TX

Redistricting at this time is a misuse of power and a denial of our constitutional rights. This effort must be stopped before democracy becomes a farce in Texas.

Jessica Villarreal
Self - CAD Engineer
Clarksville, TX

I am a NE Texas resident who opposes HB 4 and I am asking members of the house to do the same. This bill will strip Americans of a voice in the midterm elections and is downright gerrymandering.

Amanda Egan
self, project coordinator
HOUSTON, TX

I strongly oppose this redistricting bill.

Renee Jordan
Self
Plano, TX

I condemn this radical redistricting. I am speaking out against the dangerous precedent established by this blatantly partisan gerrymandering. I do not support it.

Travis Fell
Self, self-employed
Cedar Park, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map. Texas should use recent federal court decisions on the Voting Rights Act to draw federal House of Representatives districts that more accurately reflect the true nature of the Texas electorate.

Penny Messman
Self Teacher
Austin, TX

I am a Democrat in Texas who is increasingly frustrated with the direction the state is going. I am also dismayed that my voice is going to matter less and less because the governor bows to President Trump's whims. Instead of taking the chance and letting everyone's voices be heard, the state would rather disenfranchise a sizable population of Democratic voters because it's more important to appease the almighty Trump and his MAGA followers than to listen to our voices.

We are the ones who live in this state, and many of the Texas citizens are frustrated with issues like the crackdown on immigration, the lack of reproductive health, the lack of protection for natural disasters now that FEMA has been gutted, the lack of health care protection, SNAP benefits, and what about our aging power grid that no one has bothered to fix? This is only a sampling of what we are concerned about. We deserve better, and everyone's voices need to be heard at the voting box. That is the American way.

Why is it okay for Trump to demand a new map to get more seats? Since when has that become okay? Why is this state government bowing to Trump? You are supposed to work for your constituents. The constituents are supposed to choose their representatives because you are public servants. We are supposed to choose who represents us. You are NOT supposed to choose your voters. Why does Texas have this backwards, and why are you afraid to represent the people? You are supposed to represent the people, not Trump. Keep the current maps and redistrict after the next census. Listen to your constituents. Don't disenfranchise us. We want to make Texas, and the country great, and that can only happen if our voices are heard as well. Thank you.

Mark Meredith
Self/Tetired
Athens, TX

This redistricting process is a flagrant power grab instigated by state government officials out of fear of a criminal pedophile president. You should grow a spine and realize you are not serving your constituents, the people of Texas, but a malignant growth on our democratic republic named Donald Trump. Rest assured you will be held accountable by voters.

Rhonda Lorkowski
Self/retired
Euless, TX

You must support HB4. “I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.” Help keep Texas pro constitution and free.

Michelle Onorato
Self
HOUSTON, TX

I am writing to express my opposition to the redistricting plan proposed by the Texas Legislature . The maps aa they are currently proposed will dilute voting power of minority communities in our state's major population centers and amounts to gerrymander..

Cammy Rais
Self, speech-language pathologist
Coppell, TX

The proposed redistricting map is one of the most blatant, brazen examples of political cheating I have ever seen. If republicans believed their policies could stand up to public scrutiny, these types of un-American, anti-democratic games would be unnecessary. Republicans know their policies are unpopular, especially now that they have made protecting a prolific pedophile the official party stance, therefore they turn to mass disenfranchisement-by-dilution. Shame on anyone who chooses to support this deceitful plan over championing true representation of the people.
I oppose this redistricting plan in the strongest possible terms. Honor the spirit of the US: reject political bastardization of Texas districts.

Ashley Narup
Self
Leander, TX

Please focus on the important needs of our state. The families and communities affected by the flood are in need of immediate assistance. There is no reason to work on redistricting when the lines were just redrawn in 2021.

Irene Quintanilla
self
San Antonio, TX

This redistricting effort is an unfair maneuver to disenfranchise thousands of voices of legitimate citizens of Texas for unequal and partisan gain. The clear and biased impetus for this effort is unethical and disingenuous to our state government's articulated beliefs. I urge you to represent ALL the people of Texas as you are sworn to do and reject this clearly partisan power grab.

Robyn McAllister
Self
Houston, TX

I oppose the unfair redistricting! We do not cater to the president. Your job is to serve your constituents!

Taylor Mooney
Self/Director of Outreach
San Antonio, TX

I am a Texan resident and am strongly against this congressional redistricting. It is neither the proper time to look at doing this, nor does it accurately represent the residents in this state.

Jacob Weber
Self - Marketer
Manchaca, TX

Not only is this a blatant power grab, but this is an affront to the very spirit of our democracy. For far too long, Texas Republicans have “cracked” and “packed” the districts to demoralize the voters and keep voter turnout low, to hold on to unearned power. This is the most egregious example of that, and is blatant cheating. There is no rational, nor righteous justification for this. This willful corruption, at the behest of a tyrant whose approval numbers are tanking, will only serve to turn the people further against the Republican Party. Do better for the people you’re supposed to represent.

Diane Tate
Self
Coppell, TX

Do not be a cheater. Be fair in all aspects and let the best person CHOSEN BY THE PEOPLE win

Adele Aboutok
Self
Livingston, TX

Please strike down partisan redistricting in Texas. Districts should be determined by a non-partisan group charged with guaranteeing that everyone eligible has the opportunity to vote according to his or her conscience. If you, our lawmakers, have a conscience, you will see that this is the right thing to do. Have the courage to stand up for the rights of your constituents. Do NOT approve this bill.

Kirsten Murchison
Self
Austin, TX

I am opposed to the redistricting. The maps drawn by the Texas legislature intentionally break up areas of minority and opposition voters, reducing their influence in elections. The districts should represent the people who live in them. Creating districts over 100’s of miles in order to manipulate voters is unfair. It shows the disdain the leaders of Texas have for the citizens by using us as pawns. The time and work of the State government is better spent working on issues that affect the health and safety of the people of Texas - like ensuring the loss of life over July 4th do not occur again.

Kevin OConnor
Self
Austin, TX

Shame on any American that can support this direct overthrow of Democratic values this country was founded on. We are not dumb, please restore our faith in sane government. Please reject this blatantly corrupt redistricting plan.

Rachel Yurek
Self
Fort Worth, TX

I am opposed to HB4. Redistricting is not necessary mid-census cycle, and redistricting to make sure you win control is pathetic, undemocratic, morally reprehensible and just plain lazy. Holding sham hearings to allegedly LISTEN to public comments only to release your map 48 hours later is equally galling. Is there no low to which the GOP won't sink anymore? The limit does not exist.

Rocio Gonzalez
Self
San Antonio, TX

The movement to redistrict Texas is a blatant appeasement to the president and not a representation of the people of Texas. This is not what a democratic republic is supposed to look like. Gerrymandering does not serve the people. An obvious grab for power.

Deb Plante, Mrs
Self
Allen, TX

Stop the steal of our districts. Do not cheat for him. Do not gerrymander. This is unethical behavior and unacceptable

Jennifer Clifton
Self
Dallas, TX

I am completely against the redistricting and gerrymandering of these districts. This is outside of the normal schedule, and its only purpose is to discriminate and place Republicans in power. This is illegal, discriminatory and is wasting valuable time and taxpayer money. Where are the actions on flood relief or protecting the public education of our children?

Barbara Ivy
Self
Leakey, TX

I oppose the redistricting maps currently proposed

Tamira Olbrich
Self small business owner
San Antonio, TX

I believe Texas has bigger priorities than partisan redistricting at the request of the president

Rebecca Lormor
Self
Richardson, TX

I strongly oppose this redistricting bill, intended to unfairly favor Republicans.

Janet Young
self/retired
Houston, TX

My name is Janet Young. I am a resident of Houston, TX 77005, Congressional District 7 in Harris County.

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the redrawing of the Texas Congressional map. It was done by the Republican-led legislature four years ago. Now, at the request of the President, you are making a more blatant attempt at racial gerrymandering so that he will have five more winnable congressional districts in next year's midterm election. Instead, why not consider leaving the maps as they are and honestly working to win votes legitimately— the way it is normally done in a democracy.

The new map of Harris County Congressional Districts makes it clear— You are not only diluting minority votes, but in some cases also eliminating them. Districts 9, 18, and 29 bear no resemblance whatsoever to how they were previously drawn. In CDs 9 and 18, the racial gerrymandering by Republicans is absolutely appalling. Democratic Representative Al Green's District 9 has been moved entirely into conservative eastern Harris County, a loss for both the representative and his constituents who will miss their beloved representative of 20 years. As for predominantly Democratic CD 18, the northern half of the district is completely gone. The racial gerrymandering here could not be more obvious or more illegal.

Greg Abbott is putting the request of a lying, corrupt felon before the rights of Texas voters. We see what Republicans are doing— stealing votes, weakening the strength of minority voters, making greatly underserved communities more so, and trying to win at any cost, even if it means trampling on voting rights, civil rights, and the Constitution.

You should be ashamed of your blatant cheating and power grab. Such unabashedly crooked behavior is a a sign of a weak, desperate, and bullying party. Texas deserves much better.

Amy Recktenwall
Self
Katy, TX

I oppose the redistricting for a number of reasons. First, the current maps are in litigation due to unfair representation of the ethnic mix of Texas. The state has said in their defense under oath that the current maps are in fact accurate representation of all Texans. If this is a true statement, then the current maps are accurate and no redistricting is required. As no new census data has been gathered or any large demographic changes or mass migration has occurred, what is the antithesis of this change? This brings me to my second issue with this redistricting. This redistricting has been undertaken at the direct demand of the President who stated publicly he will have "Texas add 5 Republican seats." The executive branch influencing the state's election processes is illegal. This is blatant vote manipulation by the executive branch and is an illegal act in violation of the US constitution. Lastly, our current maps are gerrymandered and underrepresent our diverse Hispanic and underserved communities. This is the reason for the current litigation in progress. The new maps further exasperate this current injustice in the Texas district maps. This unlawful behavior by our elected representatives is unacceptable. America was founded on the idea that "taxation without representation" is unjust as is clearly outlined in the Declaration of Independence. The basis of this redistricting is not only illegal under the constitution (at request of the Executive branch) but also undermines the basis if our founding principles as a country. Do not allow this injustice to occur and undermine the vary ideals and values our great nation was founded upon.

M Allison MCGUIRE, Mrs
Self
OZONA, TX

I vehemently oppose any redistricting at this time. The last map was approved and voted for by the appropriate body. A new map is not due and should not be even a topic of discussion!

Jennifer Jackson
Self
Richmond, TX

I am opposed to the effort at redistricting currently underway. The districts in Texas are already so egregious as to miss the point of having proper representation for local interests. A complete waste of time when we are still trying to recover from a major flood.

Tyler Markham
Self
Austin, TX

The House should be focused on providing flood relief, affordable housing, and creating transportation solutions. Not doing a last minute redistricting that silences the voices of urban Texans. I strongly oppose this map.

Carrie Ives
self
Richardson, TX

This redistricting mid-decade is supposedly driven by the fact that the Republicans in Texas drew illegal maps the last time they drew them. How about we try drawing maps that actually reflect the makeup of Texas rather than the Republican party? That means that about 15 districts should be likely to be won by Democrats given that 43 percent of Texas voters voted for Harris. Given that the current maps are under judicial review for racial bias, why not set up maps that reflect the racial profile of Texas? So, that would be 15 districts that are majority white, 15 that are majority Hispanic, 5 that are majority black, and 3 that don't have a majority of one race. Or we could actually set up districts based more on geography and cities. I noticed that the proposed map has a little finger sticking into Austin around the governor's mansion.This is the kind of silliness that divides communities. Why is most of the city I am part of, in a completely separate district from me?
I was raised that rules should be fair and discussed before hand. This mid-decade redistricting is a clear sign that the Republicans are only interested in power not actually interested in listening to Texans. I have watched my beloved state fall further and further behind the rest of the nation in quality of life as Republicans worry about culture war issues and not issues that are critical to Texans like good schools, good roads, and good weather warning systems.

Katherine Whatley
Self
Austin, TX

I am totally opposed to this unlawful power grab to redraw the House districts in Texas . This action is unnecessary and attempts to dilute the voting rights of hundreds of thousands of Texas voters. We are currently facing attacks on the rule of law and the rights of individuals. I cannot accept this assault on my rights and the rights of Texas voters

Celina Galvan, Ms.
Self
Austin, TX

The Texas Legislature is focused on President Trump’s power grab. Keep the State of Texas great for all residents not just the few!

Morgan Davis
self
Dallas, TX

If your power only comes through such ridiculous redistricting, are you truly powerful or are you merely pathetic? Anyone with eyes can see that you are cowards grasping at straws.

Herb Kienle
Self
Leander, TX

Redistricting to buy an election is unethical

Michaela Upshaw
Self
Flower Mound, TX

I am vehemently against this blatant attempt to silence democratic and minority voters. I reject the newly drawn maps and hope the legislature will do the same.

Nathalia Delgadillo, Ms
self/ texas dshs
Austin, TX

I am a member of the current 37th district of Austin. The definition of gerrymandering from google is to manipulate the boundaries of (an electoral constituency) so as to favor one party or class.
achieve (a result) by manipulating the boundaries of an electoral constituency. That is clearly what is happening in this preemptive redrawing of the district map. As a brown women, I will not sit here and be silent as this redraw attempts to drown out black and brown voices. If the district map were fair, it would not look like the convoluted mess that is being proposed across our largest cities. As a resident of austin, I reject the proposal of a redraw of the district map that is not meant to occur at this time.

You all look like a fool. The word Gerrymandering is even used by republican politicians, admitting to this unfair practice.

Kathleen Sinnott
Self
Fort Worth, TX

As a lifelong Texan, I have stayed here because I have deep love for this state and its people. All of the people. Black, white, Asian, straight, gay, republican and democrat. I have hope in Texas that WE can stand up for ourselves. I kindly ask that before voting to approve this bill, you ask yourself these questions.
Who is this helping?
Who is this hurting?
What do my constituents want?
How can I truly make a positive change in Texas with this vote?

If you ask yourself and honestly answer those questions, you'd know the only person this helps is our President and it hurts every single Texan. Every single one of us who vote, who take pride in Texas, who take pride in our civic duties.

Please, do not redistrict Texas. Not a single person will get fair representation. This is against every single thing you took oath to when you were VOTED into your seats.

Take a seat, say no. Tell DT that no one messes with Texas. Texas protects Texas. Please have a heart and a soul, not just a fat pocket.

Julie Mitchell
Self
Corsicana, TX

Gerrymandering has no place in a democracy. It’s disheartening that cheating is even being considered. ALL Texans deserve to vote for representation that isn’t rigged. All politicians should work for our vote - not rig the elections.

Shannon Proctor
Self, Registered Nurse
Fort Worth, TX

My name is Shannon Proctor, and I am a resident of Fort Worth in District 12. I am a registered nurse with 19 years of experience, and over the past two decades, I have worked at nearly every major hospital in Tarrant County. I have cared for my fellow Texans through ice storms, blackouts, floods, and pandemics. No matter the crisis, I’ve shown up—because that’s what we do. Texans are known for our resilience and grit.

I am submitting this statement in opposition to the proposed redistricting plan currently under consideration in this special session. I have contacted every one of my elected representatives to express my concerns, and not a single one has responded. Despite the silence, this process continues to move forward—rushed and without justification—redrawing maps that are barely settled.

It is clear to me, and to many other Texans, that this redistricting effort is not about representing the people. It is about preserving political power and protecting incumbents who might struggle in a fair and competitive election. Even lifelong conservative voters are beginning to recognize the pattern and question the motives behind a mid-decade special session like this one.

As a mother raising three children in this state, I want them to grow up in a Texas where representation is earned through ideas and integrity—not engineered through manipulation. Our communities deserve to remain whole. Our votes deserve to count. Our democracy deserves better.

Please understand: we are paying attention. Texans are watching this process, and we will remember the choices made here.

Hannah Kania
Self
Round Rock, TX

I OPPOSE the congressional gerrymandering and redistricting.

Marissa Zepeda
Self
San Antonio, TX

I vehemently oppose this partisan effort to redistrict our state for political gain. Gerrymandering must end and all Texans should be represented fairly, not in such a calculated manner in order for one party to maintain political control.

Cortney Hollinger
Self
Austin, TX

I’m writing to express my strong opposition to HB4. This bill continues the harmful practice of gerrymandering, undermining fair representation and weakening the power of voters across Texas. Every community deserves a voice, and districts should be drawn to reflect the people, not to protect political power.

I urge you to reject HB4 and instead support a transparent, nonpartisan redistricting process that upholds the integrity of our democracy.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Dale Story, Professor
Self--Retired Political Science Professor
Houston, TX

Dale Story, Houston. I live in US House District 18, for which Abbot refused to call a prompt election to replace the deceased Sylvester Turner. I am writing now to strongly oppose HB 4 as an unprecedented and racist bill to redistrict Texas Congressional Districts. I have lived in Texas for 74 years (less 6 spent out-of-state for graduate school). I taught Political Science and US Politics in a large public university in Texas for 38 years. I have never seen or would have ever predicted such an unprecedented and racially biased grab for power. You redistricted in 2021, with two additional seats awarded to Texas due to population growth between 2010 and 2020 (which communities of color provided 95%). Yet you awarded those two districts to white voters. After the end of the regular session, King Trump decides he needs the protection of flipping 5 seats in Texas from Democrat to Republican. He gives Abbott the order and provides maps from a Republican racial gerrymandering expert from suburban Virginia. And here we are. Rather than focus on the important business of flood protection, you are bowing to the personal agenda of Trump. Under your map, the number of districts that elect a candidate of choice will decrease from 13 to 8 (out of 38). This will leave communities of color with only 21% of the congressional seats in the TX delegation despite making up over 60% of the state's population. The State of Texas has opposed redistricting litigation for over four years by claiming its maps were drawn entirely without consideration of race. However, the Department of Justice letter contradicts the sworn testimony of Texas's lead map drawers and its elected officials, and is wrong. Other than taking directions from Trump and his Virginia mapmaker, I don't think you know what you are doing. I have attended two of the recent hearings with public comments in Austin and Houston. I heard nothing but criticism of this process. I did not hear anyone defending it. I am anxious to hear if anyone in the August 1 hearing provides any support of the new map and this procedure. Houston state Sen. Carol Alvarado stated it best on Hello Houston as she blasted the new map. "This is the biggest pile of Texas turd I've seen in a long time and the Republicans are about to step in it," Alvarado said. "This does not pass the smell test."

Margaret Hylton
Self
Belton, TX

I support redistricting for Texas.

Kathy Phillips
self retired
Bulverde, TX

I am in favor of the redistricting map. Texas has had an influx of citizens since the 2020 census. The redistricting map proposed by Rep. Hunter is a good representation of the makeup of those districts. There are arguments that this map affects minority representation. However, this is not the case. As an example, District 35 has long been drawn to ensure a Democrat held that seat

lynda baker
Self
Austin, TX

I beseech you to morally uphold the gift of our democracy and focus instead on the flood crisis -

Sylvia Carreon, President
Mission Valley Civic Association
El Paso, TX, TX

Redistricting !! As president of the Mission Valley Civic Association, I attended all the meeting of our City Redistricting in 2022 because it was the designated time to do that project. We need to do the same with the redistricting of congressional seats which are supposed to be done every 10 years, and it is not that time yet. President Trump is only one human being on this planet who wants to rule like a Dictator and will succeed if we allow this matter to Pass. Please go by the rules set by others with experience who set the rules. PLEASE

Michael Falcon
Self
Austin, TX

Against

Meg Greene
self - Education Consultant
Austin, TX

This redistricting is unconstitutional and undermines the voting power of people of color and democrats in the state of Texas, who deserve to have their votes count and their needs heard and recognized by their lawmakers. As public servants, who are responsible for representing the needs of their constituents, this bill silences the voices of many Texans and promotes a false homogenous majority. Vote no on this redistricting map and uphold Texans' right to democracy.

Susan Wehe
Self, retired teacher
Garland, TX

I oppose this legislation.

Shame on you all for supporting it.

Charles Wagnon
Self
El Paso, TX

Dividing El Paso and ornery communities up just to gain more Republican seats is unconscionable.
This gerrymandering has gone on far too frequently in the past and needs to stop NOW. Do not split our community up.

Michael Mill
self / retired
Austin, TX

I am against redistricting, as it is clearly politically motivated, racist, completely unnecessary, and does not appear to be beneficial to the voters. Thank you.

Denise Wrench, mrs
Self. Retired
Arlington, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Wendy McRoberts
Self
Danbury, TX

This map is an atrocious power grab and does not represent TEXAS VALUES. Texans should not have to spend every session fighting AGAINST their own representatives just to get tax relief, keep safe and regulated THC products to treat chronic illnesses or just live our lives without more bans. If this map passes your next bill should be to ban voting because you’re in for a surprise.

Donna Coker
Self
Garland, TX

Regarding redistricting.

Elizabeth Hightower
Self,D irector of Operations
Richardson, TX

Dear Legislators,

I’m urging you to vote no on HB?4. Redrawing congressional maps mid-decade completely undermines trust in the process and looks like exactly what it is -- partisan gerrymandering. The proposed map weakens minority representation, splits communities, and is being rushed without real public input.

Redistricting should happen after the census, not whenever it benefits ANY one party. Please reject HB?4 and push for a fair, transparent process that keeps communities intact and protects voting rights.

Thank you for your time,
Elizabeth Hightower
Richardson TX

Rekha Shenoy, Dr
Self, Dentist
Plano, TX

RE: Opposition to Mid-Decade Congressional Redistricting – A Statement from South Asian Texans
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In major metropolitan counties where people like me live and work — Harris, Fort Bend, Dallas, Collin, Tarrant, Travis, and Bexar — cohesive neighborhoods are being fractured and stitched together with distant rural counties. These artificial districts have nothing to do with shared interests and everything to do with diluting the political power of growing populations.
This is not representation. This is an intentional strategy to silence voters like me and undermine democracy.
What does a tech executive in Plano, like my husband, have in common with a farmer hundreds of miles away? What shared vision for Texas can come from districts designed to split communities apart rather than bring them together?
Texas should stand as a model of democratic integrity, where representation reflects the people who call this state home. Instead, this process dismantles the very pillars of democracy — fairness, accountability, and trust.
When maps are drawn for partisan gain, they don’t just distort election outcomes — they tell entire communities their voices don’t matter.
We stand with Texans in Fort Bend, Collin, Dallas, Harris, Travis, Williamson, Bexar, El Paso, Denton, and Tarrant Counties who are seeing their voting power diluted and their representation sacrificed for political advantage.
We urge you to withdraw this plan and commit instead to drawing fair maps that keep communities whole, reflect where people actually live and work, and protect every Texan’s right to representation.
Democracy only works when every vote counts and every voice is heard. These maps break that promise. Texans — all Texans — deserve better.
Sincerely,
Rekha Shenoy,
Plano, Texas

Lauren Galindo
Self
Bulverde, TX

It is unconstitutional to redraw this map right now and breaks the norm of our 10 year cadence. Contrary to popular belief, there are a multitude of dems that live in TX and we’d like to be represented as well.

Anita Knight, Ms.
TX Impact, ACLU
West Lake Hills, TX

Besides the wrong and illegal timing for redistricting, based on census in Texas, this plan is unfair, unnecessary, purely politically motivated. This scheme is designed to eliminate accessibility, accountability, and a strong voice for our shared values. Why does Texas need to bow down to President Trump?

Santana Olvera, Ms.
Self
Groves, TX

I have been a resident of the Golden Triangle for over 28 years, and I am a healtchare provider that has served this community for over 14 years. I've already been redistrucred twice in my voting life time, and my US Representative lives in Lake Jackson, Texas with no similarities to me and my region at all. The amount of disconnect my neighbors and I have because we have different Reps to be able to come together to get state resources has been super detrimental to our region following multiple natural disasters we have endured. It is important the maps to be fair and ungerrymandered. This mid decade redistricting violates all precedent and disportionately effects my community which has a higher minority populations that are being gerrymandering out of a voice. All of the republican controlled mapping and redistracting has violated the civil rights voting act of 1965. These maps were okay for the 2024 presidential elections but now all of a sudden they are "racially driven." Please consider the people you are silencing by this MAGA agenda driven control for power they have not earned. The people are tired guys, and you should learn and have moral courage to be on the right side of history.

Linda Royce
self retired
HOUSTON, TX

I don't understand why this redistricting process is going on. Electoral districts are revised every 10 years after the census. This mid-period redistricting is unwarranted, unjust, and unethical. And now, the proposed maps, which have just been released are a sham. What a manipulation of voters! Stop this blatantly political effort now!

Sandy Johnson
Self
Cedar Park, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map

Rebekah Hamner
Self
Round Rock, TX

AGAINST- I strongly oppose. This proposed map is an outrageous and transparent power grab. Let’s call it what it is: racial and partisan gerrymandering at its worst. Redistricting Rep. Jasmine Crockett—one of the most visible, effective Black women in Congress—out of her own community isn’t just political strategy, it’s voter suppression.

Texas Republicans aren’t trying to win voters—they’re trying to erase them by surgically slicing Black and Latino communities into districts they can no longer influence. This isn’t democracy. It’s a desperate attempt to cling to power by dismantling fair representation, especially for women of color who’ve been holding the line for reproductive rights, economic justice, and equity.

Texans deserve leaders who are elected by the people—not maps drawn in secret to silence them. We see what you’re doing—and we won’t be quiet about it.

Jana Stroud
Self
Cypress, TX

I support redistricting and oppose coalition by race districts.

Faith Pizzo
Self
Plano, TX

I am against HB4 and this unusual mid-decade redistricting proposal. The current map is still being challenged in federal court and at least one of the maps drawn by republican control have violated the Voting Rights Act since its inception. We know what you are doing and why you are doing it. This is not what Texans want.

Susan Kelly
Self; Retired Journalist
Austin, TX

House Bill 4 is simply a power grab by Donald Trump to try to preserve his slim majority in the U.S. House of Representatives. Texas legislators and Governor Abbott need to grow a spine and do what's right for Texas and Texans. Redistricting will suppress the vote of many people of color and create an unfair map across our state. Please vote NO to stop redistricting. Thank you.

debbie pepin
True Texas Project - Hill Country
Austin, TX

The proposed redistricting map is fair and representational. I support it 110%. Please vote to support us as constituents and Texans! We need strong political reps who really and truly do what THE PEOPLE want! Do it!

Kevin Pham
Self
Austin, TX

I am writing to OPPOSE the proposed redistricting maps. First I'd like to point the the suspicious timing of the gerrymandering. Typically the districts are redrawn every 10 years, after a US Census and the last one being in 2020. We are only 5 years away from the last redistricting. Second, the proposed maps are inherently undemocratic. They excise and graft largely left-leaning populations into solidly right-leaning districts. This is done to dilute the voice and voting power of the grafted populations. Representative Jasmine Crockett's district has been redrawn in such a way that she no longer lives within it.
These facts point to a blatant power grab at the cost of a democratic society and I vehemently oppose this action.

Carol Milder, County Chair, Republican Party, Leon County
Self
Buffalo, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Emily Singh
Self (Retired)
Austin, TX

I would like to go on record as opposing mid-decade redistricting. The proposed plan seems to be designed to disenfranchise Texans. The map I have seen in no way promotes the goal of communities expressing themselves through fairly elected representatives. Texas legislators should do the right thing and oppose a plan to impose a predetermined preferred result at the expense of the welfare and preferences of their constituents, who overwhelmingly oppose this redistricting.

Devean Toler
Family
Rowlett, TX

The redistricting efforts by Republicans are a blatant example of gerrymandering—undermining the democratic process by manipulating district boundaries to preserve political power, rather than reflect the will of the people. This isn't about fair representation; it's about entrenching partisan control, silencing communities of color, and weakening the impact of voters in growing, diverse areas. Texans deserve districts that are drawn transparently and equitably, not lines twisted to protect incumbents and suppress opposition. Democracy suffers when politicians choose their voters instead of voters choosing their leaders.

Kelly Davis-Burns, Mrs
self
Austin, TX

This is not a good plan for the people of Texas.

Purvi Baron
SAAVETX
Sugar Land, TX

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Sincerely,
Purvi Baron
Sugar Land, TX

Christina Allen
Self, director of children and youth ministries at RPUMC
Richardson, TX

I am a lifelong Texan, a lifelong Christian (a cradle United Methodist to be more specific), I'm white, straight, and a woman. I'm writing to express my discontent at the redirecting happening in Texas. For multiple reasons: for it happening after 5 years instead of the typical 10 years following a census, for the obvious reason of President Trump asking Texas do this so he can have 5 more seats in the House, and for the blatant gerrymandering that will continue to occur. The voices of democrats in Texas will be silenced, with many of those voices being our black and brown Texas who historically have been silenced because of their race. It is obvious the proposed districts are just to group together certain voters and purposely divide others. It makes no sense to group people from both Austin and San Antonio into one district, and some of the other districts almost span the whole state. You know what you're doing and you know that you shouldn't. In 20 years when your grandkids asked if you made a difference with the power you've been granted, will you have to lie and say you did the right thing? Because if this goes through, you WILL have to lie, because this is wrong. We have to stop kissing the ring of Trump and just doing whatever he wants. He is not a God and he is not a King, nor does he even care about the everyday American. He cares about power and how much he can get. Please actually fight for Texas and make sure we are represented fairly.

Regards,
Christy Allen

Janet Pozmantier
self - consultant
Houston, TX

You have seen the outcry from citizens in all the districts you propose to cut up. You are aware that the proposed new Congressional map violates the Voting Rights Act and the Constitution. You know this special session should focus on doing all you can to prevent another horrific flood. 100+ people, more than 2 dozen of them children, should be honored with your actions. Instead, you will vote to rig our elections and take away our ability to fairly choose our representation. You will be complicit in dismantling the democracy our forefathers and mothers gave their lives for.
Please prove me wrong and stop this egregious bill. Do what is right for the citizens of Texas, and not for any political party's power.

Margaret Daniel
self retired teacher
Katy, TX

Please consider accepting and passing into law HB4. It would bring Texas back into compliance and create a fairer representation by adjusting the boundaries of the districts.

Douglas Robertson
Texans
Houston, TX

As a member of a family that held original land grant deeds from previous to the Republic of Texas, I nor my family have never been more disturbed by the actions of our state government. This bald faced attempt to undermine the very structure of our representative democracy only underscores the hypocrisy of the Republican claims of being the party of the rule of law. The fact that my state is complicit in this is horrific.

Travis Upchurch, Mr
N/A
Pflugerville, TX

Don't redistrict

Janice Estill
Self/retired
Meadowlakes, TX

I am for HB 4– I support it

Nan Maines
Myself
Mesquite, TX

Republicans know their policies are so unpopular, the only way they can hope to win elections is by "redistricting". Might I suggest making policies that are actually good for your constituents instead of good for yourselves? That way you wouldn't have to do something you KNOW is wrong in order to win.
Gerrymandering is NOT the way to go!! Stop it. Just STOP.

Michael Daross
self - software engineer
Austin, TX

This blatant gerrymandering is completely unacceptable. Republicans should be ashamed of themselves, although I'm sure they won't be (psychopaths tend to be lacking in that department). But they should also know that this will drive funding toward California's countermeasure.

Roxanne J Evans
Self
Austin, Texas, TX

Thank you, Chairman Cody Vasut and Committee Members.
My name is Roxanne Evans and I'm here to represent myself.
I live in the East/Northeast area of Austin.
My community has grown a lot in the last 10 years, but the growth has not been sufficient to justify a redistricting between censuses. As it now stands, the Black and Latino voting strength in my community is shrinking. Additional gerrymandering would create more harm, not only for people of color, but for longtime homeowners such as myself whose interests may be different from the newcomers moving into our neighborhoods, and newcomers who will see their votes dimished. Communities of interest, a time honored value that had been embedded in redistricting efforts, has already been destroyed. Please don't do any more damage to voters.
No one has been harmed more by map manipulation and voter suppression than Black and Latino communities whose voices have been minimized at the ballot box and in Congress. Do not exacerbate the situation by unnecessary redistricting.
And, since Texas has always prided itself on its independence, it is more than a little offensive that the Lone Star State would do the bidding of the White House in this needless redistricting process. All the slogans such as "Texas Strong" and "Texas Proud" are being reduced to "Texas Weak," "Texas Wimpy."
All Texas voters deserve state leaders who will stand up to them, not bow to the wishes of a tyrant. If you do the right thing for the right reason, all of Texas will be behind you and will defend you in front of the bullies in Washington.
Thank you for considering my comments and doing the right thing by Texas voters.
Roxanne Evans
7300 Meadowood Drive
Austin, Texas 78723

Tina Malone
Self
Dallas, TX

I strongly oppose HB 4 as it fails to provide fair and representative Congressional districts for all Texans. This proposed redistricting plan dilutes the voting power of communities of color—especially Black, Latino, and Asian American voters—despite their significant population growth in the last decade. These communities deserve equitable representation that reflects the true demographics of our state.

HB 4 appears to prioritize partisan advantage over public input, transparency, and the principles of representative democracy. The maps proposed under this bill would undermine public trust in the redistricting process and risk violating the Voting Rights Act by minimizing the influence of historically marginalized voters.

I urge lawmakers to reject HB 4 and instead adopt a redistricting plan that reflects the diversity of Texas, ensures compliance with federal law, and allows all communities to elect candidates of their choice.

Texans deserve fair maps—nothing less.

Dyanna Flanagan
self
San Antonio, TX

Let's do what's right for America and not be selfish in the flesh.

Jamie Hash
Self, DoD
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose this redistricting effort, because it sets a dangerous precedent for gerrymandering without a public demand or new census. This is an obvious power grab driven by fear since the administration continues to see their support plummet. You shouldn’t have to redistrict if your policies and actions are widely supported. If passed, this will send a cascading effect across the nation and further exacerbate the chaos of this administration.

Kenneth Wicks
self - Commercial General Contractor
Fort Worth, TX

I support HB4 and redistricting.

Don Cash
Self
Austin, TX

Just stop. You know this isn’t right. It isn’t fair. It isn’t representing the people of Texas. Such a waste of of time and tax dollars. Do something about flood warning systems instead. Do something right and good for a change.

Leslie Gilstrap
Self/Finance Manager
Houston, TX

Stop gerrymandering Texas. Those who can’t win by the rules, cheat. Stop cheating

Nakia Reynoso
Self
Austin, TX

I am totally opposed to this greedy, racist, and shameful attempt to redistrict. This is a blatant power grab that should not be allowed.

Kyra Edeker
Self, product designer
Austin, TX

Dear esteemed representatives, I am writing to urge you to *reject* the call for redistricting the Texas congressional map. As a moderate voter,Texas has already strayed very far from fair and representative maps that honor communities and common geographies. I urge you to resist the pressure from federal officials to mutate the map even further. Leave the map as it is!

And then -- I encourage you to serve the people of the great state of Texas by changing the way that congressional districts are created and create a non-partisan redistricting commission -- as 13 U.S. states already have in place. Reduce the acrimony, remove this from your plate, come back to the spirit of the law, come back to common sense. Now focus on taking care of the people in Kerrville and Hunt and on the people who make Texas great.

Sincerely,
Kyra Edeker

Monrovia Van Hoose
Self, Clinical Social Worker
Austin, TX

I have been a resident of Austin since 1995, and consider Texas my home. Like most Texans, I value my independence. Like most Austinites, I value our unique culture, and am proud to be the blue dot in the red sea that is our state. I oppose this redistricting that has been imposed on independent Texans by the federal government. As a proud Austinite, I demand to have representatives who reflect my values. Lloyd Doggett and Greg Casar both represent Austin and should continue to have a fair chance to do so. This bill is out of step with how redistricting is traditionally done, and it's out of step with Texas and Austin values. Please do not allow the federal government to control our state and local governance. Thank you.

LEOTIS HIGHTOWER, SFC
Pure Justice
FRESNO, TX

As a United States Army Veteran and a committed member of Pure Justice, I stand firmly against the proposed redistricting plan under consideration.

This redistricting effort not only undermines the democratic principle of fair representation—it borders on unconstitutional. As someone who has served and sacrificed for this nation, I cannot sit silently while communities—particularly those historically marginalized—are strategically silenced through political gerrymandering.

Redistricting should not be a tool for power retention; it should be a process rooted in equity, transparency, and justice. The current proposal threatens to dilute the voices of veterans, working-class families, and Black and Brown communities whose input and needs deserve to be represented, not redrawn out of existence.

Pure Justice and other grassroots organizations will continue to stand watch. I urge you—our elected leaders—to rise above partisan politics and uphold the Constitution. Reject any redistricting plan that prioritizes control over fairness. The people are watching. And as a veteran, I remind you: our democracy is worth protecting—not manipulating.

Allison Peeler Mitchell
Self
Denton, TX

Foolish. This will backfire and I think you all know it. I also don’t think you want this because a) you know no Texans want it and b) you’re only doing it because Trump told you to. Where is your commitment to Texans? To protecting us from big government? This is undemocratic, pure establishment pandering, and a cheap tactic to cheat your way to wins. You know it won’t work in the long run. Find your courage and put an end to this nonsense. You should be focusing efforts on things Texans actually care about: flood relief/ preparedness, insane property taxes, the wilting economy, and protection from big government. FOCUS!

Kathie Tovo, Dr.
self
Austin, TX

Dear Members of the House of Representatives:
Thank you for your service.
As a former elected official, I know that most who pursue public service do so out of a strong commitment to democracy and to the public good. Today, I ask you to honor those commitments by setting aside this unnecessary, inappropriate, and undemocratic redistricting process and the unjust map it produced.
The tragedies our state experienced this month require your immediate full attention. We need leaders who will set aside partisan politics and work together to address flooding and other natural disasters; to ensure that Texans are well-prepared to face the next natural disaster; and to bring resources to the many families who face long recoveries ahead.
Please exhibit that leadership.

Sincerely,
Kathie Tovo, Ph.D.

Ashley Mayo
Self
Austin, TX

Texas HB 4 by Hunter is one of the most un-American and anti-Texas bills I have ever seen. This bill is clearly designed to play politics in a larger political performance and quite literally ignore the needs of those you represent. This is not a right or left issue, this is our elected officials, the ones we voted for, choosing to redistrict communities in Texas that are different geographically, culturally, and population size. Texas is a big, beautiful, and unique state and with that comes different needs for each community. The way this bill is structured it appears the drafters of this bill see Texas as a generic box you can plug and play. As politicians you know the uniqueness of your constituents and the land they call home, you know this bill doesn’t serve the needs of the people that chose you to represent them. I am opposed to this bill and I ask you not to vote it into law. Thank you for listening and respecting the land and communities we call home.

Wesley Warner
Self, financial operations director
Dallas, TX

This bill is racist. It is a clear dismantling of self-governance. If you are not okay with Democrats, then don't do it yourself. Jesus taught us to do unto others as we would have them do. But apparently we dont care about following his teachings if it makes it so black votes don't count. This is absolutely disgusting and if this passes, I hope California gerrymanders so hard that you fascists will never pass another bill in congress again. WE THE PEOPLE run this nation

Hadra Wicks, Mrs
Republican
Lubbock, TX

Pass this bill to

Timothy Cason, Mr.
Self
Arlington, TX

I am writing to express my strong opposition to HB 4 and the proposed redistricting efforts currently under consideration in the Texas Legislature. These maps are neither fair nor representative of the state's diverse and evolving electorate. While redistricting is a legal and routine process, this particular effort is politically motivated rather than based on principles of equal representation.

First, the justification for reopening the redistricting process appears disingenuous. Texas Republicans drew the current maps in 2020 and have repeatedly defended their legality in court. Now, in response to a selective DOJ inquiry, the Legislature is choosing to revise only a handful of districts—conveniently, all Democratic-held districts—while ignoring similar issues in Republican districts. This selective response undermines the credibility of the process and suggests that the true goal is to weaken political competition rather than ensure compliance with the Voting Rights Act.

Second, the proposed changes disproportionately target diverse, urban, and fast-growing areas such as Dallas, Austin, Houston, and the Rio Grande Valley—regions with significant Latino and Black populations. These proposed maps reduce the political power of historically underrepresented communities, which runs counter to both the spirit and the letter of the Voting Rights Act.

Third, Republican leaders have been open about their intent: national and state figures have publicly stated that redrawing these maps is about maintaining Republican control of Congress in 2026. When lawmakers are explicitly saying the purpose of redistricting is to gain a political advantage—not to improve fairness or represent the people of those districts—it raises serious concerns about the legitimacy and ethics of the entire process.

Additionally, the timing and urgency of this redistricting effort so close to an upcoming election cycle raise concerns about transparency and public trust. It appears to be an intentionally rushed process to minimize public input or opportunity for meaningful review.

HB 4 risks deepening public cynicism about the democratic process in Texas. Voters should choose their representatives, not the other way around. This bill undermines the basic principle of fair representation and threatens the integrity of our electoral system.

For these reasons, I urge you to reject HB 4 and instead support a truly fair, transparent, and community-centered redistricting process.

Cile Mccormick, Mrs
Self
Dallas, TX

PLEASE VOTE FOR REDISRICTING !! Also please do not allow THC to be legalized in TX as it cannot be truly regulated and even worse it causes psychosis and schizophrenia. Unlike drinking and driving where you can test with a breathalyzer for over the limit you cannot quickly or accurately tell if someone is stoned and worse it's a gateway drug .

carol willman, Mrs
self
AUSTIN, TX

Please do not allow this mid-decade redistricting to happen. This is so unethical for Texas politics to even contemplate!

Margaret Balin
Self
Sealy, TX

Absolutely we need redistricting!!

Jo Ann Schatz
Self
Austin, TX

The effort to pit Doggett against Casar is shameful! I am a registered voter and longtime TX resident. I will re member this when I vote!

Cecilia Thornton
Self
Jarrell, TX

This map is an ABHORRENT power grab that silences the voices of the people. I oppose this new map strongly, and I urge all my representatives to let my voice, to let the people of Texas' voices be heard properly, and not silenced by new lines meant to split and silence those of us who already are the victims of current ones. We don't need to be silenced further, and doing so is an act of betrayal to democracy and the very premise of equality and freedom that America stands on. You cannot support this map and say you support democracy. I urge you all to support democracy, and to veto this map for your people.

Kristin Smith
self
Denton, TX

I oppose the new map and redistricting

Noel Emmons
Self kohls employee
Garland, TX

Do not perform illegal actions to gerrymander yourself an advantage you fucking cowards. This directly spits in the face of citizens and their rights to self determination.

Daylon Brumfield, Sgt.
Caldwell County 78644
Lockhart, TX

No to redistricting.

Drew Daniller-Varghese
Self
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose the Texas House Republicans' attempt to redistrict our state mid-decade at the behest of national Republican operatives. This move is wrong, anti-democratic, unconstitutional, and an outright betrayal of the people of Texas.

Redistricting is intended to follow the decennial census — not to be manipulated whenever one party fears losing its grip on power. The current maps were drawn and approved just a few years ago. There has been no legal or demographic justification offered to warrant this extraordinary and unprecedented redrawing. This is not redistricting — it is rigging.

It is no secret that this plan was initiated at the urging of Washington, D.C. political strategists who see Texas not as a home for 30 million Americans, but as a pawn in their effort to secure national power. That's not representation. That's exploitation.

This blatant power grab undermines the very foundation of our democracy: that voters choose their leaders, not the other way around. It shows contempt for the will of Texans, especially communities of color and young voters whose voices are growing and deserve to be heard — not diluted by partisan lines drawn in back rooms.

Let's be clear: the U.S. Constitution, as well as the Voting Rights Act, exist to protect free and fair elections. Gerrymandering to pre-empt political shifts, silence opposition, and lock in minority rule is not only morally wrong — it's legally suspect. Courts across the country have ruled that extreme partisan redistricting violates voters' constitutional rights. Texas risks once again being on the wrong side of the law and the wrong side of history.

This isn't about Republican or Democrat. It's about whether we still believe in representative democracy. It's about whether power lies with the people — or with politicians who change the rules to keep themselves in charge.

Texans deserve fair maps, not partisan schemes. We deserve transparency, not political theater. And we deserve a legislature that answers to its citizens — not to national party bosses.

Kill this bill. Stand up for democracy. Stand up for Texas.

Dianne Lott
Self, retired
Broaddus, TX

The districts have already been redrawn per the census. What is proposed now is gerrymandering. All Texans deserve to be represented fairly. We deserve to have elected government officials protect our interests not theirs.

Darenda Klentzman
Self, CPA
San Antonio, TX

As my representative, I expect you to OPPOSE redistricting! Gerrymandering is illegal and I do not support suppression of the Black and Latino vote. SAY NO TO REDISTRICTING!

Stacy Roberts
Self
Cedar Park, TX

This is a travesty of a political party. To do the bidding of the federal government, because it suits your desire to stay in power. You have forgotten yourselves and your actual job. You are here to represent the people - all the people - not just the ones you want to represent. This needs to be done by an independent commission, as TX is already gerrymandered to hell. Shame on you. Vote against this dismantling of our representative democracy.

Jessie Williams
Self
CEDAR PARK, TX

I am AGAINST this proposed redistricting. It is taking away the voices and rights of millions of Texans.

Jesus Barrera
Self
Austin, TX

My name is Jesus Barrera, and I am a lifelong Democrat.

34 years ago, I met my better half, Tim Devick, and that still is the best thing that ever happened to me. 32 years ago, we bought a house in Austin, Texas. 17 years ago, we got married in California, because we could not get married in Texas. For as long as I can remember, we have had Democrat, Lloyd Doggett represent us in the US House and I'd like to thank him for all of his hard work.

Typically redistricting only happens after a census. I do not recall there being a census in 2025. So, the redistricting being imposed by the Texas GOP in this special session is wholly politically motivated. With the new GOP 2025 re-districting plan, my home is being yanked out of U.S. Congressional District 37 and lumped in U.S. Congressional District 10. For the first time, we will be represented by Republican Michael McCaul, a man who has voted consistently against same-sex marriage. His voting record is antithetical to Tim and me. The redistricting of our voting precinct by the Texas GOP and Greg Abbott at the behest of Donald Trump is not just an inconvenient truth to us, it is an existential threat to our marriage and our way of life.

As Texas legislators, it is your job to represent Texans. It is not your job to repress Texans at a dictator's behest in Washington DC, who I quote as saying: "I don't care about you, i just want your vote. All this dictator wants is to aggrandize himself and accrue power. So do your damned jobs and represent the interests of the people of Texas.
Let's stand together now to protect our democracy. Let's demand maps that reflect our state's diversity, not ones that divide us for political gain. My message to the Legislature is that Texas belongs to all of us, and we will not let our voices be erased.

Thank you, and let's keep fighting for a fairer, stronger Texas.

Sarah Taylor
Self
Austin, TX

I adamantly oppose the redistricting map and its blatant attempt to make Texas as less prosperous and weaker state. It goes against democratic principles and qualifies as disenfranchisement. Elected officials that support it will be responsible for the degradation of our state from an economical, political, and wellbeing standpoint. Not to mention you will loose the Christian vote who see this is immoral, unfair, and inconsistent with the teachings of Christ. I oppose.

sara smolens, Ms
self
Austin, TX

I do not want forced redistricting of the State of Texas. I think it is unconstitutional. Just because Trump wants more Republicans is not reason for me not to have a representative. No No No to this bill!!!

Colin Frey
Self, educator and music director
Beeville, TX

I wholeheartedly oppose this partisan and racist redistricting effort. This is a blatant attempt by President Trump and by Republicans in the Texas Legislature to further gerrymander our already gerrymandered districts. It continues Texas's shameful history of racial discrimination against the voting rights of people of color. Furthermore, redistricting mid-decade is not normal, and is not democratic. We do not need or want representatives choosing voters, we need voters choosing representatives. This is not proper governance, this is malpractice on a huge scale.

District lines drawn to favor a political minority violate the Voting Rights Act and weaken the voices of communities of color, which is textbook racism. They also diminish rural and working-class representation. In regions like Southeast Texas, where people are facing hurricane season, this could sever community representation at a time when residents need it most.

I am very disappointed in this ill-directed effort, and I firmly oppose it. Please read, acknowledge, and consider how us Texans feel about these blatantly awful efforts to further ruin our state. Thank you for your time and understanding.

Donna Head
Self
Plano, TX

Redistributing should remain on its 10 year census schedule.

Frederico Geib
Self
Austin, TX

Thank you for your time today. I urge you to NOT go ahead with this bill as it is an affront to all Texan patriots and freedom loving folk. We have put you into office to drain the swamp in Washington but instead, you are bringing the swamp business to Texas. This bill will not lower the cost of my groceries, nor improve our kids instruction and our health care. This bill simply adds distraction and political volatility. It breeds division and hatred while standing in diametrically opposition to American values.

Please, keep Texas, Texas. Don’t bring Washington swamp to our beautiful state. Not to mention, this will have the exact opposite political impact that you hope.

Keep Texas Free from Washington Swamp! Vote No!

Respectfully,

Michael Silva, Dr.
Michael Silva DDS PLLC
El Paso, TX

This is a travesty. That you are proposing to change the representation in the city of El Paso is both unethical and underhanded. These changes will significantly impact the funding and services the city receives. As the only major city in West Texas this will negatively impact the economy and the people. I move myself in my business to the great state of Texas due to the policies and practices of the state legislature, and I can assure you that this does not bode well with me or my business.

William Towry, Mr.
Self
El Paso, TX

The proposed redistricting proposal would further divide the interests of the city of El Paso and a very large portion the residents of our county.. This would devide the support of items of mutual concern and greatly move the center of influence to large disinterest areas many miles away!

Laurie Higginbotham
Self
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose attempts to gerrymander Texas. This bill is denying 5 million Democratic voters of their voice and their choice. This is WRONG - it is at the behest of an authoritarian felon and you shouldn't be redrawing Texas voting maps to appease Trump. DO NOT VOTE FOR THIS.

Kenneth Berumen, Dr.
Self, Emergency Room Physician
El Paso, TX

Please do not move forward on changing the districts in West Texas. The rest of the state is unware of the unique problems in this region. Also leave the Airport and Fort Bliss in our district since they both sit right in the middle of our city and region. We do NOT want to have a change that would negatively affect our area. This is a unique part of the state.

Patricia Rivera, RN
self-Nurse
El P aso, TX

I am opposed to the new redistricting plan that will affect our area of El Paso County, Fort Bliss and the El Paso International Airport. We are in a part of Texas that Austin always forgets about or is not willing to accept us as part of Texas. We are proud Texans and El Pasoans that have a right to oppose plans that would make us even more forgotten. We need our OWN representation in Austin. We need people that are familiar with our unique border culture and that can convey this to Austin. Having this redistricting will affect not only our citizens, but our future generations. We have to be the voice for those that cannot, or will not, speak up. We have a right to be heard. I may be one voice, but please know that I am one of many from El Paso. Please reconsider the plans and leave us alone!

Mark Pae
Self-Retired
El Paso, TX

Redistricting is totally unacceptable. It’s bad enough that El Paso has always been considered a stepchild of Texas, but now wanting someone to represents us that lives hundreds of miles away is unconscionable. Wake up people and govern for the people and not the person.

Andrea Keener
Self retired RN
El Paso, TX

El Paso Airpot IS in El Paso district. Ft Bliss Tx IS IN El Paso and has been for generations the two couldn’t have been created without the other. Republicans cannot change their location by gerrymandering them to San Antonio or any other district! San Antonio is hundreds of miles away. Our city is not up for grabs not so that a corrupt state and administration in DC can garner votes to continue destroying democracy for their own seditious reasons. Neither Abbot nor Trump have any other plans to make the country better. Only their self serving money pocketing and agendas.
No to redistricting. No to stealing our voting rights and equality. No to the theft of our rights. No to our freedoms. No to destroying of out constitution. No.

Robert Williams
Self
Denton, TX

I am Adamantly against the texas redistricting. This is an obvious power grab. Unethical. Immoral. Just plain wrong. If you can't win, then cheat.

Aletha Huston, Dr.
self
Austin, TX

I am opposed to this bill. It is an unfair effort to disenfranchise Democrats and to give even more power to Republicans. A one-party state does not serve the interests of most of the people in the state.

Anne Messbarger-Eguia
Self, Non-Profit Executive
San Antonio, TX

I strongly oppose the redistricting of the state outside of the Census calendar. The proposed new districts would virtually eliminate any opportunity for a competitive race - or need for voting - and the resulting elections, which would overwhelmingly favor one party, would not reflect the nearly evenly split distribution of Republicans and Democrats in this state. Texans deserve to choose their leadership based on a free and fair election. This move would silence the voices of half of the state and result in disenfranchisement and worse, a complete breakdown of civic engagement in Texas.

Texans are fiercely independent, proud and intelligent people who love their state. Why would the governor advocate for a bill that does not trust the people of Texas to choose their own leaders? Again, I STRONGLY oppose this bill and urge all members of the legislature to resist the pressure from the governor and large donors and vote against this bill!

Petrus Yeung
self
Sugar Land, TX

Chair and Members of the Committee,

My name is Petrus Yeung, and I stand in strong opposition to the proposed redistricting plan.

Redistricting should be about fair representation, not about consolidating power or silencing communities. Unfortunately, this map does the latter. By splitting neighborhoods, diluting the voting strength of marginalized communities, and drawing lines that prioritize incumbency over the people, this proposal undermines the core principle of a representative democracy: that every vote should count equally.

Communities that share schools, roads, and local economies should have unified voices in choosing who speaks for them. Instead, this plan divides them, making it harder for them to advocate for their needs and hold elected officials accountable.

This map does not reflect the real growth and diversity of our state. It does not honor the voices of everyday people who deserve to be heard. Gerrymandering is not a partisan issue; it is an attack on the foundation of our democracy.

I urge you to reject this map and instead draw districts that keep communities whole, protect minority representation, and ensure that every voter has an equal say in our future. Do the right thing: put people over politics.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Valerie Houdek
Self, insurance
Saginaw, TX

I vehemently oppose this blatant attempt for Republicans to try to choose their voters and insulate themselves from the consequences of supporting Trump over the opinions of their voters.

Patricia Hall
Self
The Colony, TX

While the Texas Legislature has broad authority to act on many issues, you were elected by the people of Texas to serve us—not a political party, not the Governor, and certainly not any outside agenda. Your duty is to your constituents and to the integrity of our democratic process.
Mid-decade redistricting isn't just a bureaucratic exercise. It reshapes communities, reassigns representatives, moves congressional offices and staff—sometimes from nearby neighborhoods to hundreds of miles away. These changes affect more than just votes; they disrupt people's lives.

I strongly urge you to reject any mid-decade redistricting efforts. Stand up for Texas. Represent your constituents, not those seeking to centralize power and impose authoritarian control. Do not act out of personal political ambition. Instead, lead with integrity—for the good of the people, the future of the nation, and above all, for your fellow Texans.

Gillian Parker
Self
Austin, TX

I do not believe that HB 4 is a sincere attempt at upholding the fairness of the VRA. Proposed redistricting will dilute the voting power of minority groups, sow partisan division in texas, and trigger Democratic states to redistrict in retaliation.

ANA LUISA Salas-Porras
SELF
Austin, TX

Dear Committee Members, My name is Ana Luisa Salas-Porras. I am a third generation Texan. My great-grandparents came to El Paso, Texas as refugees escaping the Mexican Revolution. I am writing to voice my opposition to the Trump Re-Districting map the Republicans are putting forward. There is no basis for Re-districting. No new census information. Nothing, but a command from Trump. You Republicans have made voter fraud a cornerstone of every campaign. Yet, here you are putting forth fraudulent maps that destroy the voting rights of thousands of Latinos, Blacks and Asians. How will you explain this to your own children and grandchildren? Government and the people WE elect are supposed to represent the people of Texas, not a failing president in Washington DC. This Re-districting map has taken precedence over any attention to the damage and loss of Texan lives, homes and businesses during the floods. I wish there were words to influence Republican behavior, but I don't believe there are. For some unfathomable reason, Republicans have become part of a cult. Shame on you. I look forward to the 2026 statewide races.

Allison Estes-Smargiassi
Self, Software Engineer
Austin, TX

Hi, my name is Allison and I’m a constituent from Rosedale.

I'm writing to ask that the Texas House of Representatives vote against the radical redistricting process happening in Texas. All state leaders must speak out against the dangerous precedent established by this blatantly partisan gerrymandering. All Texans deserve government representation that actually reflects their lived experiences, but I have yet to see any legitimate justification for this redistricting except to suppress minority voices and solidify partisan power at the federal level, both of which are a gross overreach of power. I urge you to vote against HB4.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Katherine Henderson
Self
West lake hills, TX

I am strongly opposed to moving forward with this bill. It is clearly a ploy to suppress the votes of Texans to manipulate the balance of power in the US House of Representatives. It is a main foundation of a democracy to allow the people, if they are dissatisfied with their elected officials, the right to vote in the alternative candidate. It is not the right of this legislature to negate their votes by manipulating the outcome of the elections in Texas. This action suppresses my vote. We have the technology so the party in power can ensure the continuation of their power by manipulating the congressional maps to ensure the balance of votes are in their favor. This is not a democracy, this is not the will of the people. Politicians should maintain power by delivering for their constituents not by playing games with how the votes are allocate.
I want to make my voice heard and record my strong opposition to HB4's proposed redistricting.

Yvonne Chapman
Self
Bulverde, TX

We look forward to successful completion of this important work.

Andrew Flowers
Self
Adkins, TX

Dear Members of the Texas Legislature,

Let me begin by stating clearly: HB4 is an absolute disgrace to democracy and a slap in the face to every Texan who values fairness, transparency, and the rule of law.

All statements herein are my personal opinion.

You provided no map during public commentary. You've made every effort to bypass public scrutiny and push through a bill that blatantly serves the GOP's political interests. This is gerrymandering — plain and simple — and it is a shameful attempt to unlawfully steal seats in the Texas Legislature.

As an elected official, you are entrusted by the people to act lawfully and morally. You are supposed to serve your communities — not manipulate the system to cling to power. Democracy is not built on thievery. It is built on accountability, honesty, and representation. This rushed and suspicious redistricting process — held at an unusual time — reeks of outside pressure and immoral influence.

This bill not only attempts to redraw lines in the dark, it strips communities of their representation. It removes sitting representatives from their own districts and severs the connection between voters and their voices. That is unacceptable.

I urge you to vote NO on HB4. I will personally track and record every legislator who votes in favor of this bill, and I will ensure that my fellow Texans are reminded of these votes when your seats are up for re-election.

It is my opinion that HB4 is being pushed as a means to steal power behind closed doors. Our founding fathers would be appalled at this cowardly, un-American behavior. But no matter the outcome, Texans are watching — and we will vote accordingly.

Do better.

Sincerely,
Andrew Flowers
Texas Voter

Daniel Harrison
Self
Hutto, TX

I am vehemently opposed to the proposed congressional re-districting map in HB 4. This mid decade re-districting would take away several minority (non-white) representatives making the effect a racist gerrymandering. African American and Latino Texans would lose representation in a step backwards for their voting rights. Considering that the current Texas congressional map drawn in 2021 are under judicial review for whether it is an unconstitutional racial gerrgerrymandering, the proposed map would be even more racially unfair and inequitable. This re-districting is a blatant power grab by a political party trying to run from the electoral reckoning of voter rejection of their radical policies and corrupt leadership. This power grab shows how scared Texas Republicans are about losing the mid term elections. The legislature needs to reject this map.

Diana Bridges, Ms
Self
San Antonio, TX

There is no reason to have redistricting in Texas five years before the next census. This is very clearly an attempt to disenfranchise Texas voters by robbing them of their chosen representation. This effort is shameful and completely unethical. You work for the people of Texas--not Donald Trump.

Paul Spring
Self
Austin, TX

Redistricting is a tool used by all parties in power. And the Texas legislature has done this not long ago to their advantage. Now it is being done again at the urging of the White House. Let’s ignore that Texans have never responded well to being dictated to by Washington D.C. and go right to the heart of the matter Whether Republican, Democrats or Independent, we live in a representative democracy. Our representives reflect our various points of view and work to pass legislation that will serve as many Texans as possible. The kind of extreme gerrymandering represented by the new map represents only one voice and is drawn to deny the other viewpoints and opinions in Texas. So a large number of Texans will have no voice . . . no representation. That’s not what the Framers had in mind. It’s not Winner Take All in a representative democracy. Outvoting minority opinions is fine; eliminating those opinions by denying them representation is both wrong and undemocratic. Please consider the effect of shutting off millions of Texans from being heard. Does that bode well for the future of our 250-year-old form of government? No matter how fervently you believe in your own vision of the future, maintain the dialogue of all voices by defeating this attempt to give voice to only one viewpoint.

Nikki Browning
Self
Houston, TX

Do not redistrict the lines like this. It is completely unrepresentative of the state and its constituents.

Jane Hawthorne
Self
Austin, TX

This bill is blatant gerrymandering aimed at silencing Texans who do not vote for Republicans. In a state which does not allow referendums, we are already voiceless as it is. I implore you not to further disenfranchise voters across the state, and think critically about who this bill serves.

Eddie Reyes
Self
San Antonio, TX

This is a shameful overuse of power by our elected officials. There is no good reason for this other than a request from our president. This directly targets congressional representatives of color. You assume we not a paying attention but you vote and betrayal of democracy has inspired me and many others to donate to causes and campaigns that will use your vote against you in the midterms.

LINDA Breining
self
Austin, TX

I have lived, worked and raised a family in Texas for over 35 years. What I love most about being a Texan is all the varieties of people who may disagree about different things but can still find kinship as Texans. Re-districting all our districts so you only have Republicans representing all Texans will only weaken us as a state. We are not a state of only Republicans. We have many Democrats and many more Independents. This is a very dirty trick you are playing on Texans and you should be ashamed of yourselves.

Lynda Young
Self , Transportation Coordinator
Jarrell, TX

I am totally against redistricting. The message is clear on the purpose of this bill to create unfair elections. You are elected to listen to the people and the people say no to this gerrymandering.

Susan Raybuck, Mrs.
Self, retired teacher
Wimberley, TX

I am Susan McAfee Raybuck, a Christian, fifth generation Texan, retired teacher, and community volunteer. My husband and I are homeowners in Wimberley in CD-21 where we raised two sons.
With proposed map in HB 4, the number of districts that elect a candidate of choice will decrease from 13 to 8. Communities of color would be left with only 21% of the seats in the TX congressional delegation despite making up over *60%* of the state's population. It's a nakedly partisan power grab to insulate the president from voter accountability.
This extreme gerrymander deprives communities of having all the representatives in Congress they are entitled to – already a serious problem given 2021 maps. Without advocates on committees to tell the stories and speak for the rights, interests, resources, and needs of their community, it becomes an existential threat for Black, Brown, Indigenous, immigrant, and working-class communities. Manipulated maps distort the very foundation of democracy by silencing the voices of those already struggling to be heard, just to cling to power at any cost.

The State of Texas has a very long history of discriminating against voters of color in their district maps. Texas has violated the Voting Rights Act or intentionally discriminated against voters of color in every decade for the past 50 years. The proposed map continues that terrible legacy and is a brazen display of intentional racial discrimination, whitewashed in a false representation of constitutional law – inspired by political greed.

As historian Carol Anderson noted, "The racial gerrymandering in Texas is so institutionalized that, frankly, it has the aura of the apartheid era's 'white minority rule."
It is unfair to all Texans – just wrong – for the Legislature to take up mid-decade
redistricting to further disenfranchise communities of color, especially when the court has not even weighed in on the last round of discriminatory redistricting.

With Texas reeling from the tragic loss of so many lives from recent floods, Texans *should* be seeing caring consideration from their government, not an unjustifiable congressional redistricting intentionally directed at communities of color.

There is no justification for this extra congressional redistricting when the census does not require it. Besides being unnecessary, it will be confusing to voters and will cause the state to waste time and money on a special session – only to later waste more time and money in litigation over whatever maps are proposed. It should be voted down.

Cynthia Williams
Self/Box Office Manager
Austin, TX

It is pretty obvious that the only way for Republicans to continue to win elections is through cheating. Creating districts that do not reflect the will of the people in that district is cheating. It is disenfranchising people. I urge you to oppose these redistricting maps. Let's see if Republicans can win without cheating and subverting the will of the people.

Austin Jimenez
self
Austin, TX

To Whom It May Concern,

I strongly disagree with the actions taken by our state government in regards to redistricting. This effort is an afront to our democracy and strips citizens of their right to be represented properly in congress. The districts proposed in the latest redistricting map are not representative of a community. It's the same song and dance from before. Small little slivers stretch into metro areas to divide the residents within them and pair them with rural communities hundreds of miles away. As a native Texan, I am hopeful that those in our government, have the integrity to stand for what it is right and not bend to the pressure of the executive. With all respect, the executive of the federal government does not have a mandate, he is but a part of the government. I ask that you do your part in defending the rights of your citizens to be represented properly and to not fold to the whims of party and party leader. Roughly 43% of Texans voted for Harris in 2024 and under this new redistricting, only 21% of congressional seats would be held by a Democrat. That is not fair representation. It would be a regression of the beliefs Americans fought for during the revolution and have strived to improve upon.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Wendy Hobbs, Ms.
Self
Austin, TX

Subject: Oppose Unfair Redistricting in Texas

Dear Honorable Members of the Texas House of Representatives,

I write to express my strong opposition to the redistricting plans currently being considered in Texas. This process, which should be a fair and transparent effort to represent the people of our state, has instead become a tool for political manipulation and disenfranchisement of marginalized communities.

Redistricting is meant to ensure that every voter’s voice is heard and fairly represented, but we are witnessing a clear pattern of district lines being drawn to favor one party over another. This gerrymandering undermines the very foundation of our democracy. It ensures that the voices of thousands of Texans—especially communities of color—are diluted and ignored in the halls of power.

By manipulating district lines, the legislature is not only depriving voters of fair representation, but it is also weakening the ability of minority groups to elect candidates of their choice. This is a direct attack on the progress we’ve made toward a more just and equitable society. We should be striving for maps that reflect the diversity and needs of our communities, not maps that serve the narrow interests of a few.

We demand transparency, accountability, and fairness. Every Texas voter, regardless of party, race, or background, deserves to have their voice heard in the democratic process. It is time to end this practice of partisan redistricting and adopt a process that puts the interests of the people first.

I urge you to reject any maps that undermine fair representation and to support reforms that guarantee every Texan's vote counts equally.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter. I implore you to stand up for the people of Texas, not the politicians who seek to manipulate our future.

Sincerely,
Wendy Gordon Hobbs
11604 Sherwood Forest
Austin, TX 78759

Elizabeth Oberg
The people of Travis County
Austin, TX

The fact that gerrymandering is just openly accepted now is disgusting. State reps who support this should be ashamed of their greed and cowardice of allowing the dissolution of democracy. This is not representative of the people you claim to serve. It is self-serving and unconstitutional to its true meaning. It is unheard of to redistrict when it hasn't even been 5 years since the last one. This is further proof that the GOP is joining or succumbing to a dictatorship because once Trump can guarantee another win he will not leave office. He will have the votes to change America and it will tear the country apart.

Jamie Shepard
Self, Interior Design Project Manager
Cedar Park, TX

I strongly urge the committee to reject this mid-decade redistricting proposal.

As a resident of Williamson County and Travis County for nearly 10 years, I greatly oppose any mid-decade redistricting that reduces minority voting influence.

All votes are important and all voices deserve representation. Texans deserve better than manipulation by their civil servants to silence the voices of those that don't fit their agenda.

Evan Borden
self, business leader
Austin, TX

This party politics over the will of the people. Representation is about being representative of the populace, not carving up a map to advantage one party over another. Make Texas representative again!

James Forgey
PCRP Precinct 140 Chair
Springtown, TX

I and my constituents support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.
Parker County Republican Party Chair
Precinct 140

Rita Berry
Self
Austin, TX

I am opposed to HB 4 . We should not be redistricting when there is still litigation on-going on the 2021 maps.

Victoria Villa
Self, engineer
Desoto, TX

To the committee and House at large,
My name is Victoria and I am a lifelong Texan living in 75115. The proposed maps (that were underhandedly withheld from the public before the last hearing) attempt to further pack my home district of District 30 while also raising the prospect of an unnecessary primary between Rep. Jasmine Crockett, Veasey, and Johnson. The GOP has made their disdain for Rep. Crockett clear - she has consistently exposed the dirty politics and hypocrisy blatantly paraded by the Republicans, so now they're trying to further gerrymander the region's Hispanic and Black voters to put her seat at risk. Never mind that this is the second redistricting effort outside of a census year, or that the State Legislature should be focusing on the flood relief/response/rebuilding, or keeping our kids safe (and fed!) as they return to school in a few weeks, instead of acquiescing to the POTUS. It's shameful and not in the best interest of Texans. The GOP has led the State of Texas for over two decades - nearly 25 years of GOP Governors, House & Senate - and they have the audacity to continue to power-grab and disenfranchise Black and Hispanic communities. I oppose the proposed maps in the strongest possible terms and urge my Rep. Jasmine Crockett, along with the rest of the TX State Democrats, to do everything possible to prevent the new districts from moving forward to a vote. Thank you.

Rachael Morales
Self
Abilene, TX

This bill is gerrymandering and not what the people of Texas want. I do not want this bill. Say no to billionaires and represent the people who elected you that you have sworn to represent.

Jessica Jones, Ms.
Self, Bus Operator
Fort Worth, TX

I am a born and raised Texan and I am disgusted that I and people like me are being deliberately disenfranchised by unpopular politicians who care more about clawing every bit of power they can from the system than serving ALL of their constituents. Furthermore, this map, like the last one, is legally dubious and Greg Abbott has admitted as much. This is clearly not a map made to ensure equal representation but to get Republicans a leg up in the next election before being tied up in legal disputes for the next five years.

Melinda Marino, Ms
Self. Retired Texas public school teacher.
San Marcos, TX

Enough is enough. One person, one vote. Period. No more Gerrymandering designed to favor either political party. We the people want our voices heard. Trump is neither God nor King. You should not be Trump's servants. And you should not be serving yourselves. Representatives are elected to serve and represent the people and follow the laws as written in the Constitution of the UNITED States of America.
United we stand. Divided we fall like Ancient Rome. And the walls come tumbling down around us all.

Brandon Bibb
Self / Tech support
Fort Worth, TX

I oppose the currently drawn re-district maps as they are clearly done in such a manner to ensure the Republican Party's current power structure stays entrenched. This is not the purpose of such maps, which should be more representative of the populace than they are.

We have districts where residents of Denton, TX are in the same district as the northwestern most point in the state, clearly drawn to negate the pockets of more Democractic Party voters with more rural, conservative voters.

The citizens of Texas cannot allow this to stand.

Shelby Hicks
Self, Registered Nurse
Austin, TX

I'm writing here today as a nurse and lifelong Texan. I was born and raised in El Paso and have been living in San Marcos and then Austin the last 12 years. I work in the ER and I see first hand the effects that policy, especially when it comes to healthcare, has on this state and your constituents.

Earlier this summer, congress passed the horrific budget bill which will affect millions of the most vulnerable Texans. Rural Texas in particular will be affected, not only because of the lack of healthcare, hospitals closing, infrastructure that will be affected by lack of federal funding with programs like snap and agricultural subsidies, but also because of the ripple effect from the loss of properly resourced schools and education due to the voucher program you all fought so hard to get through.

This redistricting is wrong and you ALL know it –but yet you clamor for whatever your fearless captain and his Mr. Smee–the governor– ask of you. We can SEE that this redistricting plan is your way of trying to skirt the consequences and shield yourself of the detrimental and harmful policy that the current administration has forced through. This map dilutes the voices of the most vulnerable. How can you possibly represent the voices and concerns of your constituents when you're hundreds of miles away? You all may not hear those voices but I will. The ER has become and will continue to be a place that people come to not because they have an emergency but because it is often the only place they can go to seek HELP. I SEE , hear and care for the EXACT people that you all are trying to silence and the same people you all, including Trump, are SCARED of.

The spirit of the lone star state is that we take pride in our independence and uniqueness, but our state motto is also friendship, which should mean that we care about each other and want the best for our state. And you all have wholly misrepresented this– because when Trump says jump, you all clamor and say, "how high!". You don't care about the consequences because you don't care about your constituents. You might have lost your conscience and be able to live with yourselves if you go forward with this, but be sure that we will not let a day go by to let you EVER forget what you all have done to this state.

Hal Schiffman
Self
Harker Heights, TX

I support HB4 for the following reasons:
I support HB4. It is warranted by electoral mandate realized in the 2024 November election. It makes constituent acces to their representatives more efficient by creating representatives districts that are more compact and transactional. Detractors to this bill, while hurling vile pejoratives neglect to acknowledge they would do similarly given the opportunity, so their inventive are merely performative.

McKenna Tanner
Self, editorial assistant
Houston, TX

I am disgusted that the Texas legislature would so willingly roll over to federal leadership and prioritize political gamesmanship over the Texans lost in the recent Hill Country floods. When some 150 Texans lose their lives, the legislature's *only* focus should be on making sure this never happens again. We need real actions to save lives like improved alert systems and bolstered infrastructure. Instead, you are neglecting Texans to create these convoluted districts just because the president told you to. We elected our lawmakers to stand for Texans first; by forcing through this redistricting, you are abandoning us.

The proposed map will disenfranchise Texans across the state, especially in Houston. These new districts lump together areas with very different experiences and concerns, like downtown Houston and its southern suburbs. Representatives must actually represent their constituents, but how can anyone accurately represent a district with such varied concerns? This redistricting will also disrupt efforts underway for the 2026 election, even for Republican lawmakers. Incumbent representatives have been hard at work showing their constituents they deserve another term, while challengers have already begun their campaigns. To reset this work with little more than a year's notice puts incumbent Republicans at risk, as they now must create a new campaign for their new district. For example, I am currently represented by Wesley Hunt, but this map will put me in another representative's district. That means that efforts Wesley Hunt has made at connecting with my area have functionally been erased and—even worse—he will no longer have an obligation to represent me and my family, as he now courts new voters. He'll have to start from scratch, and we will have to take a chance on new to us candidates, rather than the incumbent that we know.

Worst of all, the state's surrender to the Department of Justice letter regarding districts that have been found to be race-based calls into question our integrity and our officials' honesty. Since 2021, Texas has made clear in court and under oath that race was not a factor in the creation of the 2021 map. Now, suddenly, the state has admitted to making race-based districts: meaning that either advocates for the state perjured themselves with false claims of race blindness, or we are admitting to a crime we did not commit: either way, you've branded Texas a liar, and as a proud Texan, that disgusts me. Of course, President Trump has made clear he isn't actually concerned about race, just the extra Republican seats he thinks we'll give him. But since when did Texas give in to the feds? Governor Abbott and AG Paxton have made a career of fighting against federal overreach, and overreach doesn't get more obvious than the president demanding you give him more seats. We elected you to fight for Texas, above all else: stand for Texas, reject this redistricting and focus on flooding. Save lives, don't roll over.

William Dower, Dr
self, retired chemist and professor
Austin, TX

It is a shameful twisting of the nature of the US government ("Of the People, By the People, For the People") to draw lines on districts that intentionally disenfranchise so many people, and deprive them of representation. Those who are pushing this agenda do so for short term gain, but fail to realize the long term cost.
All one-party systems end up in the same place, regardless of their initial intent. A small cadre at the top harvest what they want, and the circle around them grab what they can from what is left over. The rest of the people get scraps. Government workers are chosen only for loyalty, not ability, so governance is inept, except for serving those in that inner circle.

Perhaps the saddest part of this is the simple fact that those who push the 'unitary executive' theory are making their own jobs irrelevant. Once we have a single decision maker, we won't need legislators or judges, only police. And nobody will be safe from them, because as the government loses the ability to provide for the general population, there will be resistance, and the only way to quell that will be with force. Eventually, the population will overthrow the unitary executive, and another will take their place on the top of the structure, unless there is a chance to install democracy again.

Each step taken down the road to one party rule takes us further into that dystopian future. The Republican members of the Texas House and Senate, and the US house of representatives should realize this, and reject the hyperpartisan maps. Instead we need a map that allows the people to select their own representatives. In the long term, the fair map is in everyone's best interests.

Nobody knows the names of the members of the Russian Duma, or the Chinese National People's Congress, because they are irrelevant. Our US legislative bodies will become similarly irrelevant if we continue Gerrymandering ourselves into one party rule, whichever party would be that one party.

Kelley Leintz
Self/SAHM
Austin, TX

I oppose redistricting Texas. This is wrong, and you know it in your core.

Kirk Collier
Self
Austin, TX

I oppose HB 4. This redistricting proposal appears to undermine fair representation by prioritizing partisan interests. Please vote no on this bill.

Cindy Burkhalter
Self/retired
Lubbock, TX

I oppose the Texas legislature's bill to redistrict. It is cheating by the Republicans to try and draw a new map mid-Census. This is a blatant attempt to gerrymander, even further, an already gerrymandered map. NO REDISTRICTING!!!!

Amanda Vogt
Self pdm
Liberty hill, TX

This is a heinous bill that is illegal and goes against what Texans want. This gerrymandering is despicable and does nothing but harm our state and our people. Our representatives should stop this from proceeding at all costs. Do not let this bill go forward. Stand up for what's right and stand up for your fellow Texans!

Shelly Gupta
Self
Austin, TX

"Absolute power corrupts absolutely."

Instead of focusing their energy and time on improving emergency alert systems, fixing the grid; investing in children's health and education; lowering the rate at which mothers are dying - Texas lawmakers dove head first into the pursuit of more power.

This map is insulting.

People of all colors, shapes and sizes are suffering right now, hoping that someone in a position of power will help. But lawmakers can't see that suffering because they are too busy looking out for themselves.

They are focused on their fear of losing an election, enough so that they feel the need to rig it. They can't risk the people uniting and being heard, so they seek to divide and silence us.

How did we get here, to where the those elected to represent the will of the people are not just ignorant or even willfully ignorant, but flat out immoral and so entitled? Why help others when you can just help yourself?

Texas is nobody's kingdom. The USA is nobody's kingdom.

Lesha Roberts, Dr
Self
Hockley, TX

Texans deserve to be represented!!! Fairly!!!!! 2020 census is not representative

Angelica Rodriguez
Self
Manor, TX

It’s wrong for trump to do this. We need our freedom, our peace, and more!

Kaylab Garcia
Self
Austin, TX

My name is Kaylab Garcia and I reside in Austin, Tx in the 37 congressional district. I live in a district that will directly affected by this redistricting since the proposed map will cut directly into my district. This redistricting is not to better represent Texas, but to ensure that Texas only behaves the way the DOJ wants. This is not an accurate representation of the people and it is not an accurate representation of me. As someone who served in the US military I signed my life to the idea that I was defending freedom so that we could all be fairly treated and represented. Do not allow my district and my beloved state to be gutted.

Joel Corte
Self
Mcallen, TX

To the Texas House Redistricting Committee:

I’m writing from McAllen to urge you not to move forward with another round of congressional redistricting.

We just went through this process after the 2020 Census. Nothing has changed in the population that justifies redrawing maps now—unless the goal is to gain political advantage. That’s not what redistricting is supposed to be for.

Mid-decade redistricting feels like a power grab. It divides communities, weakens trust, and sends the message that politicians are choosing their voters, not the other way around. In places like the Rio Grande Valley, where people already feel overlooked, this only deepens frustration and disengagement.

As someone who cares about civic participation and the future of our region, I want to see fair representation—districts that reflect real communities, not partisan strategies. People deserve to know that their voices matter, that their neighborhoods won’t be split apart, and that the rules aren’t being changed just to benefit those in power.

Please respect the process. Redistricting should happen once per decade, with transparency and public input—not whenever it’s politically convenient.

Thank you,

robert thomas
Self
Georgetown, TX

When political figures distort election boundaries to artificially constrain the voices of their constituents by diluting their representation, those politicians lose legitimacy. I suggest to you that strong-arm tactics like Gerrymandering, and schemes to restrict the vote may produce short term political wins, but in the long run, they weaken American’s respect for our system because people can tell when “the fix is in”--when the process is rigged in favor of one side. When this is cravenly undertaken at the direction of a President who, in a previous election personally threatened state officials if they didn’t “find” 11,780 votes, one begins to smell a very bad smell.
Some of you may think that a willingness to engage in cutthroat political tactics, though distasteful, is what it takes to win, and being a winner may be the most important thing to you. Those who engage in these tactics are not winners—they are cheaters who have deprived themselves of the power of real leadership because real leadership requires trust and truth. Leaders must be guided by visions of something greater than the acquisition of power for its own sake.
The stakes are high. The bible tells us that “Where there is no vision, the people perish.” FAIR REPRESENTATION. END GERRYMANDERING NOW!!

Carol Peeples, Mrs
self
Round Rock, TX

This redistricting map is highly unethical and is a blatant attempt to silence the voices of our fellow Texans. It will further the distrust in our government as a whole. Please vote no on redistricting.
Thank you,
Carol Peeples

Audie Bradshaw, `
Self - Electrical Contractor
Royse City, TX

This change aligns with the voting in these areas without homoginizing the districts to prevent those of us living and working here to have a voice!

Dennis Morgan
Self
Anarillo, TX

I am advocating FOR redistricting to assure fair and accurate representation in Congress.

Jennifer Murphy
Self
Austin, TX

I am deeply concerned about the continued gerrymandering in Texas, which undermines fair representation and dilutes rhetoric voices of communities of color and democrats at Trumps behest. Electoral districts should be drawn based on community needs, not partisan advantage. I urge lawmakers to prioritize transparency and equity in the redistricting process.

Margie Arens, Ms
Denton County Conservative Coalition
Bartonville, TX

This bill is important to reflect the growth and representation of all citizens We need these extra five seats

Cynthia Walton, Ms.
self
Austin, TX

I am writing at this time to comment upon the recently released redistricting plan. I am vehemently opposed to this plan. It violates common decency and the autonomy of the great state of Texas. Why on Earth is the legislature of Texas cowing to an administration in Washington that is hell bent on ruining our agricultural and tourism industries? In addition to disenfranchising our fellow citizens by further gerrymandering our districts, why are we spending our tax-payer dollars on this? This is not a cost-neutral activity.
Act like you represent the Texans who built their capitol building to be larger than the building in Washington to make a point. Stand up for the independence of our state and do the right thing: direct your energies and our funding to help the communities and families impacted by the disastrous flooding that occurred here in July.
Thank you.

Philip Bailey
Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Incorporated
Mansfield, TX

My name is Dr. Philip Bailey. I am a constituent of Texas Senate District 22, Texas House District 96, and U.S. Congressional District 24. Just a few months ago, several minority voters in Tarrant County were impacted in what could be perceived as an blatant, racially motivated political action.
Through its redistricting plan, Black, Hispanic and Asian voters were cracked from Tarrant County Commissioners Precinct 2 and packed into Precinct 1. As a result, their political power, acquired over time through population growth and coalition building in the Southern sector, was diminished by elected officials that chose to silence them instead of engaging them politically. That was a textbook example of racial gerrymandering which is illegal. Now at the request of President Trump, Governor Abbott and the Texas State Legislature are seeking to employ the same racially motivated redistricting plan in a attemp to silence minority voters at the federal level to maintain power of the U. S. House of Representatives.

First, I call on members of the Texas House and Texas Senate to vote NO regarding this mid-decade redistricting plan that is nothing more than a racist power grab intended to dilute the political power of Black, Hispanic and Asian voters in large urban centers throughout the state of Texas.

After hearing about the public hearing held in Tarrant County, performing research on the matter and spearheading numerous debates on the matter, it is abundantly clear that I am not alone, and the majority of North Texans have no interest in seeing new maps being drawn. As a fellow Texan, I encourage you to tap into your independent, lone star spirit in this moment. All agendas, whether from Washington D.C or here in this beautiful state of Texas, the main goal of ANY political individual is to hold the voice of the people high. Hold that responsible with honor, dignity and courage. To muffle the voice of the hopeless through political actions is a move no citizen of this great state should allow. I encourage you to reconsider this action and believe in the great people of Texas.

Benjamin Grimes
self
Austin, TX

The proposed redistricting is unacceptable and overall not representative of the desires of Texas or its citizens. It is clearly designed to undermine democracy and must be rejected.

Karen Cummings
Self
Rio Vista, TX

This is a BLATENT ATTEMPT to keep Republicans in office, and their "very ugly acting" leader. I am finding it harder and harder to sleep at night! How can THEY sleep knowing they ARE the problem?

Elka Murphy
Self
Amarillo, TX

Advocating FOR redistricting. Texas citizens deserve fair representation!!

Steven Wright
Congressional Candidate TX CD 35
Spring Branch, TX

I, as a Congressional candidate for #tx35 in 2924 and currently I've heard nearly 740 complaints about the current gerrymandered district 35 that was created with a Democrat voting base of 70% . I have as well been to that the current congressional representative does not and will not engage with constituents that do not have his political policy views. I have been given specific examples of complaints that Casar will not allow opposing views or comments on his Tele Townhall video conferences. I've been shown specific questions that were submitted for these events and were rejected by Casars office.
I have had at least 600 in person complaints and over 300 emails and social media messages that explain how their voices are not being heard and the district does not represent their interests currently.
I am receiving a large amount of positive messages and contact for the newly released district map and potentially getting representation in the district from.

Amy Steinberg, Mrs.
Self
Round Rock, TX

This map is absolutely ridiculous. Why would San Antonio's district include parts of El Paso including a military base? I can answer- it's to dilute their votes since many vote Democrat. This is UNdemorcratic and corrupt. Politicians shouldn't be able to pick and choose their voters in order to fix their own elections. It's currently gerrymandered enough. Of the Democrats we're doing this, y'all would be infuriated and call them out for cheating. Please do better.

Kristi SoRelle
Self
Waco, TX

I'm totally confused that the Republicans feel they have to do things like gerrymander in the middle of this decade - so they can try to assure they can win. Each representative should respect and value the will of the people and each person's vote. To attempt to assure their win by twisting the law speaks to their recognition that they are not determining laws and statutes according to what is good for the people of the state of Texas. I am totally against this bill and any good, righteous representative should be to.

Tammy Wolfe
Self
Lubbock, TX

Vote Yes

Kari Grant
self
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose Texas' proposed congressional redistricting map, which undermines fair representation and disproportionately harms communities of color. This plan is a transparent partisan power grab, designed to silence voters by dismantling competitive districts and diluting minority voting strength—especially in Austin

The map intentionally fractures communities of color, packing Black and Latino voters into fewer districts while spreading Republican voters into Democratic-held areas. These changes violate the Voting Rights Act, prioritizing political gain over equitable representation. The fact that 30 of 38 districts would now favor Trump by double-digit margins—despite Texas' rapidly diversifying population—exposes this as an undemocratic scheme to rig future elections.

I ask that you reject this discriminatory map and commit to a transparent, nonpartisan redistricting process that respects all Texans—not just one party's agenda. Our democracy deserves better.

Norma Reveles
Self
San Antonio, TX

I am against redistricting as it will make it even more difficult for us to have an equal and fair election of representatives that truly look after our interests.

Karen Wagoner
Self, housewife
Emory, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Victor Castillo, Constituent
Self
Canutillo, TX

I do not want my city of El Paso to be redistricted.

Jessica Nunley
Self
Highland Village, TX

I would say it's shocking, but in the year of 2025, it's actually not, but it is DEEPLY disappointing you are doing everything you can to suppress the voters and voices of Texas. As a life long Texan I don't know a single person who wants to see the state totally controlled by Billionaires like Tim Dunn. We are tired, and expect our representatives to do what you were voted to do - represent the people, not just a Billionaire funding your campaign and lifestyle.

Elise Gentry
Self
Austin, TX

Good afternoon,

I respectfully submit this comment to propose a rejection of HB 4. I strongly oppose Texas House Bill 4 and urge state lawmakers to reject this deeply unjust redistricting proposal. This bill represents a blatant attempt to manipulate congressional district boundaries for partisan gain at the expense of fair representation — especially for Texas' Black, Latino, and other communities of color.

Texas is a richly diverse state, and its legislative maps should reflect that reality, not erase it. The proposed map under HB 4 intentionally weakens the voting power of minority-majority districts, including long-standing districts in Houston and South Texas that have been critical to ensuring that people of color have a meaningful voice in our democracy. This redistricting effort dilutes that voice by packing and cracking communities of color to serve partisan goals, rather than honoring the principles of equal representation.

Redistricting in this way undermines the Voting Rights Act and disrespects the racial and cultural makeup of Texas. It sets a dangerous precedent and moves us further away from fair elections, accountable leadership, and racial justice. I call on our elected officials to uphold the integrity of our democracy by rejecting HB 4 and committing to maps that protect — not suppress — the representation of all Texans.

Thank you.

Donya Movahed
Self
Austin, TX

This proposed redistricting of the Austin area and Texas as a whole is nothing short of an assault on the very foundation of our democracy. The Constitution guarantees representation by the people and for the people - not engineered districts designed to silence voices and rig outcomes. Carving up communities to dilute their political power is a blatant violation of the principle of “one person, one vote”. It's undemocratic, unethical, and unconstitutional.
Gerrymandering doesn’t just redraw lines on a map—it redraws the future of our cities. It strips citizens of meaningful representation and turns elections into foregone conclusions. When political power is hoarded through manipulation instead of earned through accountability, democracy dies. The people of Texas deserve to choose their leaders, not have their voices drowned out by partisan schemes. This redistricting proposal is a betrayal of democratic values, and it must be challenged.

Philip Crabtree
Self / HR
Dallas, TX

I am strongly against this attempt to redraw the Texas electoral map.

Tanya Gauthreaux
Self
Georgetown, TX

This republican plan is just an effort to cheat. You can’t win; change the rules. Focus on protecting people from flooding, electric grid outages, and ensuring children don’t get shot in schools. Stop wasting the public’s money on this nonsense.

Elizabeth Rogstad
Self - retired
Dickinson, TX

Opposed to this mid-decade extreme gerrymandering leaving Texans unrepresented.

Ashley Turner, Mrs.
Self
Houston, TX

Chair King, Vice Chair Creighton and the Senate Special Committee on Congressional Redistricting:

My father is the late Congressman Sylvester Turner. During his career he served as a Texas State Representative, Mayor of the City of Houston, and Congressman for the Historic 18th Congressional District. Throughout his time as a public servant his mission was to be a voice for the voiceless and to speak truth to power. Due to his untimely death, the constituents of the 18th congressional district are not only mourning his loss, but also the loss of the honorable Sheila Jackson Lee. It is unconscionable that they have been forced to wait 10 months before having federal representation due to a prolonged election. But to add insult to injury, now the district is at risk of being dismantled all for the sake of appeasing Donald Trump.

As a child, I walked the halls of the Texas State Capital with my dad, sat in committee hearings, and listened to debates from the gallery. There were times when elected officials voted across party lines to accomplish their own agendas, but what I appreciated most were the times when representatives would work across the aisle to negotiate a solution that worked for Texans and that is what I am asking for today. Dismantling districts, weakening the voices of people of color and manipulating political outcomes should not be our focus.

Regardless of the position that my father held, he was steadfast in being the conscious voice, steady hand, and the people's champion. If he was alive today, he would not only be in Austin voicing his concerns but he would be organizing, rallying and empowering his constituents.

I am asking that you put Texas first and stand up for Texans.

Sincerely,

Ashley Turner

Duncan Brown
Self
Canyon, TX

Reject this bill. It is a blatant attempt at gerrymandering for a power grab. There is no other explanation.

Lauren Hannan
Self
Cypress, TX

Sending this to oppose the new map

Nick Hance
Self
Dallas, TX

Absolutely no to mid-decade redistricting. This is a power grab plain and simple. This is what dictatorship looks like. How are Texans going to listen to a morbidly obese orange idiot out of New York of all places tell us what to do. Texas know best, right Greg? Stop with the kowtowing to these MAGA nazis. What are they so worried about that they need to gerrymander for if their platform is so good and they're the "big tent" part. Pure hypocrisy.

Jesse Klatt
Self, Mother
Austin, TX

I am a mother of four living in East Austin in a thriving and close knit community. Our US House Representative is well known and well regarded in our community. It is important to me and to my family to have an honest, accountable and transparent government, and one way to make that happen is to allow Texas voters to work together geographically. My neighborhood is strong because we share common goals and struggles. We feel enfranchised, like democracy is working as it should, when we are represented in government by people who work for the best interests of our community and who respond to our needs. Redrawing the maps for Texas' districts so that some districts stretch across the state means that many of the people in that district will lose touch with the people who represent them. Our state is vast geographically, and no representative will be able to cover bizarrely large areas with efficacy. As someone who grew up in rural west Texas, I know what it feels like to be far from the action. I am opposed to the new gerrymandered maps that will disenfranchise me and my neighbors and which will likely leave my friends and family in rural west Texas in an even worse position of being ignored and undervalued. I hope that Republicans in Texas will show that they have the gumption and fighting spirit to win fairly by governing well and working for Texans so that they can earn votes. This rushed move to dismantle districts that are not currently under Republican control looks cowardly to me. And I wonder how long Texans will stand for and with any party that bows to outside power at the expense of our own friends and neighbors. Any redistricting should be done on the traditional 10 year timeline with plenty of time for a fair, honest and open plan to benefit Texans.

Wendy Harvel
Self
Austin, TX

Against this bill. Do not draw new maps

Bobby Shi
Self, graduate student
Austin, TX

This method of redistricting is an affront to democracy and the will of the people. Grow a spine.

Rhonda Anderson
Myself
Longview, TX

I'm testifying in favor of this bill .

Bobby Gallana
Self
Rockwall, TX

I am writing in support of HB4. Redistricting as proposed would closer align Texans in these areas with actual historical voting records creating more representative districts.

John Mata
Self
Bandera, TX

Much needed!

Leanna Cavazos
Self, Civil Engineer
Austin, TX

Unfair to the people of Texas.

Timothy Davis
Republican precinct 307 (Chairman)
NEW BRAUNFELS, TX

Please support this bill and help keep Texas run by conservative leaders that better represent the constituents here. Thank you and may God bless Texas!

Catherine Wagner Calderaro
Self (attorney)
Buda, TX

I oppose this gerrymandering!

Cristina Ramirez
self, lawyer
Austin, TX

I am writing to strongly oppose Texas House Bill 4.

This bill is a transparent power grab designed to undermine our democracy by diluting the voting power of communities of color. Instead of ensuring fair representation for all Texans, HB 4 manipulates the system to serve political interests—particularly those aligned with Donald Trump, who does not represent the values or will of the people of Texas.

The Texas House is supposed to represent Texans, not carry out the agenda of any one politician, especially not someone who has repeatedly sought to erode trust in our elections. HB 4 fails to uphold the principles of fairness, equity, and democratic integrity that our state and country are supposed to stand for.

We demand fair representation. That means protecting the voices of all communities—not suppressing them. HB 4 is about consolidating power at the expense of the people, and it must be rejected.

Jill Mccord
Self professor
Allen, TX

There is no reason to redraw maps that were approved 5 years ago because DC needs more votes for midterm elections. It should seem quite obvious that this is an attempted power grab. If Texas does this now, other states will follow. We do not need midterm maps. Focus on the important issues about Texas during this special session.

Jason Story, Mr.
Self Captain
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose this bill. I will vote against any elected official who votes for this corrupt redistricting.

Kendra Cook
Self
Austin, TX

I fully oppose redistricting. This is an effort to diminish the voting power of non-conservatives, or anyone opposed to the current administration

Debra Schulze

Texas citizens

Live Oak, TX

This is unconstitutional, immoral and discriminatory bill!! THIS IS BLATANT POWER GRAB!, All communities deserve a say in this bill. And You work for US! Texans do not want this! The state should be voting on the tragedy of the flooding in Texas. This is egregious! Governor Abbot is now is not fulfilling his oath to support the constitution! He needs to step down! You are allowing the destruction of Texas! You will be on the wrong side of history! And eventually will have to pay for allowing this suffering to continue. Lives are at stake!! This facism will not last!! The people will survive and your coo will not be victorious! You will End up in a court of laws! The people will fight back!

Derek Ensign

self, software engineer

Austin, TX

I think everyone knows that this bill is anti-democratic and illegal. The president ordered you to do something illegal and it is up to you, to stand up for the people of texas that you represent, even if they are of a different political party. This crosses further and further into territory none of us want this country to go into and I hope some of y'all will have the courage to defend our democracy. You know too that even if you pass this, it will cause a cascade of gerrymandering across the country, and will only cause harm for more and more people. Do not steal away my representation by removing TX 35. If this bill passes, it will truly be the first time this life long Texan will consider leaving the state, and it will be soley because my rights are being taken away from me.

Steve Richardson

Fort Worth Residents

Keller, TX

The great state of Texas has always been about unity amongst its neighbors, not division. Let all voices be heard from both parties and cancel the redistricting.

gregory gilson

SELF

austin, TX

END THE LAWLESSNESS

Robyn Honig
Self/Aide
Austin, TX

Thank you for the opportunity to share my opinions on the mid-decade redistricting attempt in this online forum.

It's hard to tell which is worse:
- The capitulation of the state government to the federal
- The unwillingness of the proposed map's beneficiaries to perform their duty as a "check" on the other branches of the federal government
- The reason for the redistricting push being legally tenuous at best
- The proposed boundaries exceeding the scope of the nominal reason for the redistricting
- The audacity of the map, which would split my neighborhood into four congressional districts, including a few little isthmuses between more rural areas
- The massive amount of government assistance that some of these politicians need in order to win their elections
- The boundaries bisecting multiple streets in my neighborhood, all to help said politicians win
- The cost to the state and municipalities, in both time and money, to make all the changes that a mid-decade redistrict would entail
- The cost of this special session, which was called not to improve emergency preparedness but to disenfranchise Texas voters, even after a horrific disaster in central Texas
- The callousness required to do the above
- The fact that the incumbent politicians who are the intended beneficiaries of the proposed maps (all Republicans, of course) did not vote to release the Epstein files to the public (https://newrepublic.com/post/197987/house-republicans-vote-block-epstein-files)

Judy Roberts
Self/family therapist
Round Rock, TX

Deeply oppose redistricting and limiting my choice of freely choosing my representatives. Mat Texas rally against this unfair process!!!

Becky Ralston
Self, Retired Public School Teacher
Rogers, TX

I urge you to reject the demand from the current administration to redistrict. Redistricting should only be done in a thoughtful, appropriate manner. Texas should maintain its constitutional powers. This redistricting plan is designed to manipulate our elections. It will strip some Texans of their voice and representation.

Kaitlin Colegate
National federation of republican women
New braunfels, TX

Please consider passing this.

The people of Texas want this and we are urging you to pass this.

Dawn Hampton
Self
Cedar Park, TX

Is there nothing the Republicans won’t stoop to? Maybe if you chose better candidates you wouldn’t have to resort to this. You lost me as a voter. This type of thing continues to show me I made the right decision.

Carol Moya
self
Austin, TX

I am vehemently opposed to this effort to FURTHER gerrymander these districts. We already have Austin lumped in with the Texas coast from the previous redistricting, and this is a blatant effort to further dilute the votes of cities and minorities.

Melanie Mendez-Gonzales
Self
San Antonio, TX

I oppose this bill.

Kayla Lucas
Zeta Phi Beta
Forney, TX

Please do the right things and follow justice and don’t diminish the voice of the people

Sondra Primeaux
Self
Austin, TX

As a citizen and voter in the state of Texas, I am against this unfair redistricting proposition. We did not agree to this, we do not want it.

Cynthia Levinson
self
Austin, TX

Do NOT--I repeat: DO NOT--gerrymander Texas any more than it already is! Do NOT--I repeat: DO NOT--engage in mid-cycle redistricting!

Jennifer Parker
self, interior designer
Grapevine, TX

Election outcomes should be determined by the intentions of the voters, not predetermined by creative districting of citizens by politicians. Act with courage and integrity to win fairly and not stack the cards in your favor.

Stephen Greever, Mr.
Self
Round Rock, TX

Greetings
There is currently no need to re-district Texas. This is a grab for power to the exclusion of what our state actually needs. In no way will this help return the money removed from out state treasury to pay for the border wall. Nor will it install sirens or enhance early warning systems on the Guadalupe river. The current districts already isolate several ethnic groups from political power. That should be enough.

Madisen Riley
Self, Tech Worker
Georgetown, TX

This bill is a farce. It is entirely about limiting my democratic power as a voter, and not at all about helping Texans receive true representation in any meaningful way.

This bill will further discourage Texans from going to the polls and continue to support the reign of ignorance powered by the minority who have stolen power.

Curtis Cameron
Self - retired
Garland, TX

You have a responsibility to the citizens of Texas to make sure that everyone has a voice in our government. Gerrymandering districts that are advantageous for one party isn't the spoils of winning the latest election, it's an abdication of your responsibility to your constituents.

What kind of legacy do you want to leave after this term? One that you can rationalize by explaining that politics is cut-throat and whatever you can temporarily get away with is A-OK, or one that you can tell everyone that you did the right thing?

HB 4 may throw obstacles in the way for those on the other side of the aisle, but be assured that it will energize the voters to do everything they can to right this wrong and throw you out. This is not just a typical political question of who has the votes, it goes to the heart of whether we have a government where all citizens are represented.

RONALD COCCARO
Self
Katy, TX

There is no need to redraw the district lines in Texas. Especially because it is only being done because Gov. Abbott is caving in to pressure from Donald Trump to gerrymander more districts to the Republican Party than is rational. The district lines that have been drawn are complete nonsense. It only proves that the GOP has morals in their willingness to kowtow to an immoral president.

Susannah Winslow, Mrs.
self, marketing services
Austin, TX

To the Honorable Members of the Committee:
My name is Susannah Winslow, and I am a resident of Austin, Texas. I submit this testimony in strong opposition to the proposed redistricting maps currently under consideration.
Redistricting is meant to follow the U.S. Census to reflect population changes fairly—doing it now, mid-decade and without new census data, is not only unjustified but undermines the principles of fair representation. The maps presented fail to reflect the diversity and demographic growth of our state—particularly among Black, Latino, and Asian communities. Instead, they diminish the political voice of the very populations that have fueled Texas's growth.
In Austin, the proposed changes would strip Austin of one of its two congressional districts by merging Representatives Lloyd Doggett and Greg Casar into the same district. This change would silence the voices of a growing and diverse population, reduce access to vital constituent services, and diminish our city's influence in Washington. Austin deserves fair representation that reflects our size and values—not a political power grab that weakens our vote and fragments our community.
We deserve maps that keep communities together, reflect the changing population of our state, and ensure that every vote counts equally—regardless of race, income, or zip code. I urge you to reject the current maps and commit to a transparent, inclusive redistricting process that prioritizes the voices of the people, not the interests of the powerful.
Thank you for the opportunity to submit my testimony.
Sincerely,
Susannah Winslow
Austin, TX

Nancy Porter
Self
Austin, TX

I oppose this bill. It is a blatant attempt to redistrict along partisan lines, not to fairly represent the citizens of Texas.

Kathy Hughes
self
Houston, TX

I am writing to express my strong opposition to HB 4 and this redistricting process. Redistricting should occur when there is new census data, not mid-decade. It is not following democratic process to do it just because the President wants it done. When it is time for new maps, these should be drawn by an independent body, not the legislators, to ensure fair representation for all. Stand up for all Texans and stop this unjust process.

COURTENAY VERRET
Self/Content Marketing
Austin, TX

I am discouraged and angered by the blatant and illegal attempt to silence Texas voices and cheat in elections because the president's policies are so unpopular. Furthermore, it is a scourge on the independence and spirit of this state that our legislators are simply bending over to do the president's bidding, regardless of the ethical or moral implications. This redistricting is a blatant violation of the Voting Rights Act and will silence Texas voices, particularly those in cities and people of color. You should be ashamed of yourselves.

Debra Felder
NONE
San Antonio, TX

TEXAS Voting Districts must represent the PEOPLE of Texas not only WHITE Men, WHITE Women who PRETEND to be christians BUT hate Diversity to such an extent they are willing to engage in RACISM, BIGOTRY, AND Pure HATE of those not like them no matter what.

Jenny Nicola
Self
North Richland Hills, TX

I stand and support of the HB4 redistricting map.

Rodrigo Gozalo
self
Temple, TX

Last week I went to Leander to help with the flood recovery efforts and it took two hours for a group of thirty people to clean the debris of one house. We wore gloves, masks, and layers to protect us from whatever the flood waters may have brought to the area. This cleanup started on July 5th and it's almost two thirds complete... In one neighborhood.

This week there was an article posted about recovery efforts in Kerrville, two senior citizens are among the last of the volunteers left consistently providing aid. Where is the state? Where is the recovery effort? It got old? Wasn't playing favorably in the media? No one bought you actually "cared" when you called them losers?

The only losers I and the rest of the people writing a public comment and making a testimony see are the representatives aiding those that need no aid. We see you for what you are: losers trying to cheat the people of Texas while its people suffer from a preventable tragedy done on YOUR watch.

You want to keep your majority so badly that you don't care about the cost. The real human cost. Hell, the MONETARY cost. You know people being, I don't know, ALIVE is good for the economy right? People doing well is good for business and incentivizing travel to the state; give people at least one reason to stay here instead of adding to the list of reasons to flee.

And representative Hickland. Miss "Freshman", if your children that you care so deeply about are ever in a camp during a preventable disaster, I expect you to ignore your feelings about that and stare at a map instead so that you can give them the same grace you, your top donor, and colleagues have given to the children lost in this preventable disaster.

Kisla Jimenez
Self
Austin, TX

I am opposed to congressional redistricting in Texas at this time. It is not the will of the people. Thank you.

Joshua Bostick
Self
Cypress, TX

Why are you so scared of your own voters? I’m a 5th generation Texan and Texas is supposed to be about looking out for your neighbor not isolating them because they are different from you. If Texas is supposed to be Red than you shouldn’t have to steal seats.

David Grant, Dr.
Self
Texarkana, TX

I am for redistricting. Get it done!

Vivian Lee
self, consultant
Austin, TX

My name is Vivian Lee, and I live in Travis County, with strong ties to neighboring Williamson County. I'm writing to express my deep opposition to the current redistricting plan because I believe it violates the spirit of our democratic process.

As a Texan, I believe in representative democracy. That means our elected officials should reflect the people—not protect partisan power. But this proposed map tells a different story. It merges districts like TX-35 and TX-37—two distinct, diverse communities with their own needs—into one, essentially forcing two Democratic incumbents into a single seat. It doesn't expand representation. It erases it.

Texas has a long, documented history of racial and partisan gerrymandering. In 2011, a federal court concluded that Texas lawmakers drew maps with intentional discrimination against Latino and Black voters. At the federal level, the Supreme Court made clear in Shaw v. Reno (1993) that racial gerrymandering—even when disguised as political strategy—is unconstitutional when race is the predominant factor. This redistricting plan not only ignores these precedents—it intentionally splits and dilutes communities of interest, and continues the legacy of silencing rapidly growing and diversifying communities like those in Central Texas.

This should not be a partisan issue. Whether Republican or Democrat, we should all agree: elected officials should NOT get to choose their voters. It must be the other way around.

I urge you to reject this map. Central Texans deserve representation that reflects our growth, our diversity, and our needs—not a map designed behind closed doors to preserve power. We need a fair and equitable process—one that reflects the real Texas, respects communities of interest, and ensures that every voter has a voice.

We are paying attention. And we will hold our elected officials accountable.

Sincerely,
Vivian Lee

Daja Gegen
Self
Austin, TX

Demanding the cease of restricting activities intended to eliminate progressive voices for Texas in Congress.

Sandra Ozigbo, Ms.
Health IT / Self
Houston, TX

I am strong against this bill to further redistrict the state of Texas and disenfranchise thousands of voters. This is an attack on democracy and open and fair elections. Please vote against this bill and let every politician regardless of party run a fair election and campaign to people base off policy. Again I strongly oppose the new map and want it on the record this is being proposed against the will of millions of Texans who want our voices heard and a fair and transparent election process.

Anne Jackson, Mrs.
Citizen
Tyler, TX

Correct the census errors that caused Texas to be under represented. Approve HB4.

Molly Hodges
Self - Travis County Employee
Austin, TX

I oppose the new redistricting map.

Andrew Gephart
Self
Cedar Park, TX

AGAINST

Max Christiansen
self
Austin, TX

I unequivocally oppose this map. This is a state where republicans control the state house, senate, and governorship. As a registered democrat residing in this state, I feel disenfranchised enough without this plan for republicans to grab five more seats in DC. We need a redistricting by an unbiased third party to properly reflect the purple hue our great state has taken on in the last 15 years. I've been a voter since 2012 and I still have hope for this state, despite republicans best efforts to make voters like me feel hopeless. We need a map that will make Texas a more competitive state, because that's good for everybody. More competition can mean more choice available to the people, more bipartisanship, more consideration for everyday Texans. I urge you in the strongest terms to utilize an independent committee to redistrict in a manner that represents the diversity of thought in this large and beautiful state.

Parul Desai, Dr
Self
Austin, TX

Please, please do not initiate this process. Texas has always been independent. This session was called after recent catastrophic floods to help Texans. Please focus on Texans and do not have your agenda sidelined by Washington DC. This is an historic moment and if you initiate this midterm redistricting, you will set off a cascade nationally which in the long run will harm our democracy. Today it is the Republicans and another day it will be another party forcing their will. Is this what we want?

Please stand up for what is right and veto this extremist bill and focus on the needs of all the suffering Texans. Thank you.

Ami Lynn Kane
Self
Austin, TX

The Republican's new proposed map merely creates districts even more gerrymandered, and voter suppressed than we currently have. And the ones we currently have already in a state of great shame and inequity. Anyone who cares about the power and truth behind the Texas voting block will allow us to FREELY VOTE and have districts which do not Specifically suppress our true views. Please do not support this disgusting, unconstitutional act that will only hurt the Texas population.

Reagan Herr
Self; Program Manager-Meta
Austin, TX

I’m reaching out to strongly oppose the current redistricting process in Texas. The use of gerrymandering to draw district lines for partisan gain undermines the core values of representative democracy. It weakens voter influence, reinforces political power structures, and compromises the fairness of our elections. Every Texan, regardless of political affiliation, deserves a redistricting process that is transparent, equitable, and free from manipulation.

It’s also troubling to see any federal executive branch, including the White House, attempting to direct how states manage their redistricting. This kind of intervention steps beyond constitutional limits and risks damaging public trust in what should be an independent process.

At the same time, it's disappointing to see some state leaders, who often advocate for states' rights, supporting measures that sideline local control. Redistricting should reflect the interests of the people, not the priorities of political power. I urge this body to oppose any approach that sacrifices fairness, transparency, or local autonomy.

Jane Chamberlain, Ms
Self, retired publisher
Austin, TX

It is heartbreaking to see my country undergoing an unprecedented and unbelievable assault on our rule of law, our citizens and immigrants, and the very structure of our government that has kept us from killing each other for almost a quarter century. The increasingly unpopular leader responsible for this travesty has ordered his minions in Texas to fix it so that people here can’t fight back at the ballot box. And the governor who joked about waking up and suing the federal government is eagerly kowtowing to this one.

And y’all are the grunts charged with doing the dirty work. We’ve watched some of you who represent small town or rural areas fighting to keep control of your public school, the principal community center for a scattered or small population. Some of you resisted heroically the push to exchange that autonomy for a profit-based education system, until this governor showed you what happens if you persist.

So they’ve put you in a sticky spot with this order to once again, mid-decade, after the 2021 effort got an “AOK” from the powers that be, to disfranchise some of the folks who have had the hardest journey in this country. I think what you need here is a moral principle. If we’re going to place Texas under Christianity, let’s augment your Old Testament version of the “Ten Commandments” with Christ's’ actual update from Matthew 22: “Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.” And y’all know from Sunday School that your neighbor’s not so much the guy who wears your same hat as those others over there, the ones most in need of help.

We’ve tried to build a consensus of decency and respect for others that with the rule of law helped protect our pursuit of happiness. In this special session I ask you to think deeply about what lasting benefit you could possibly gain from participating in the loss of this precious legacy. And please . . . don’t ever forget to love your neighbor.

Brittany McWhorter
Turtle Island Restoration Network
Texas City, TX

HB 4 is a harmful proposal that would allow the state government to redraw congressional districts in a way that benefits one political party, specifically, the Republican Party, at the expense of fair representation. This redistricting effort unfairly targets areas like South Texas, Austin, Dallas, and Houston, with the clear intent of undermining Democratic members of Congress and influencing next year's midterm elections.

This is not a new tactic, similar efforts have repeatedly aimed to suppress the voices of voters in diverse, heavily Democratic communities and tilt the political landscape. These actions not only erode trust in our democracy, but also violate the principles of the Voting Rights Act by discriminating against Black and Latino voters.

We need a redistricting process that puts Texans, not political power, first. Maps should reflect the diversity of our state and ensure that every voice is heard, not manipulated to benefit a single party. HB 4 moves us in the wrong direction, and we should oppose it to protect fair representation for all.

Lorna Randle, Dr.
Self
Houston, TX

I do not understand why anyone would blatantly disregard the law. The law is that the districts are developed because of the census, not because the president of the United States says he needs seats in the House. Texas Governor discusses that the Ten Commandments should be placed in the classrooms for guidance. Yet, Jesus summarized the Ten Commandments by giving all of them in two commandments. One is to love God with all of your mind, soul, heart, and strength. Then he said, "Love your neighbor as you love yourself." Do not discuss God anymore because you are not following his commandments. Loving God and your neighbor means to do the right thing and follow the law. Jesus says that you don't have to worry about the law as long as you follow him. He means that if you do the right thing for everyone, you will be following anyway. Doing right means to respect what is in the law right now! Do not follow anyone but the law. The right thing is to leave the district boundaries alone. I believe what you sow, you will reap. God is in control, and he will have the last word.

Tracy Cordova
self
Austin, TX

This proposed map would fragment Austin, placing many residents into districts represented by Congressmembers based in distant cities like San Angelo, Victoria, and Waco. This is not about fair representation; it is about severing the vital connection between constituents and their elected officials. By diluting our local communities into vast, geographically disparate districts, this plan will severely diminish our ability to access our representatives and hold them accountable.It will make it incredibly difficult for our shared values and local concerns to be effectively heard and addressed in Washington. Voters should select their leaders, not the other way around. I urge this committee and the Texas Legislature to reject this plan. Instead, I ask you to support maps that reflect the true will of the voters and ensure fair, accessible, and accountable representation for all Texans.

Cheryl Bakhtiari
Self
AUSTIN, TX

I am 100% NOT for redistricting, unless of course the great State of Texas wants to change the district currently represented, or should I say, dys represented by Chip Roy. The design of this district has ensured the Chip Roy could care less about my vote. We DO NOT NEED any more districts like this. I have no voice. I have no representative, at least not one that cares, 'cause his district is drawn so that he doesn't have to.

Kristin Rojas
Self
Pearland, TX

I urge the committee to reject this mid-decade redistricting proposal.
This proposal aims to limit voices like mine who want to not only be heard but have representation that reflects my values as well. Every community in this state deserves fair voting maps, not political manipulation.

Helen Lueders
Self, Librarian
Houston, TX

The idea that you should be able to redistrict/gerrymander with the clear intent of trying to shape elections is disgusting and goes against the very basis of "the will of the people." We know you are running scared, given the closer elections in recent years. I'm not surprised Texas Republican politicians are acting like this, but I am surprised that my fellow Texans are willing to put up with fascist tactics to "win" at any cost. This kind of maneuvering is pathetic and does absolutely nothing for every day Texans of any party. I look forward to seeing how history treats the representatives pushing this bill for the benefit of the few.

Steffani Frideres
Self
Spring, TX

Please stop the redistricting of Texas. This is a unnecessary and waste of taxpayers money. Democracy is at stake in our country and this should be what is being looked at, not methods to destroy it.

Alexis Gross
Self, teacher
Fort Worth, TX

My name is Alexis Gross and I am a resident of Fort Worth Texas. I oppose this bill to redistrict us mid decade. I have taught middle school history and government in this community for over 20 years. Every year, I explain the basics of how our government works to the future voters of our country and help them to realize the rights and responsibilities they have as citizens. It is increasingly difficult to instruct young people about how our government works when our representatives continue to violate the rules established by our national and state constitutions. How can I answer their questions with a straight face when they ask why our representatives are allowed to violate their sacred trust and refuse to follow the same rules all of us are required to follow? Be true to your oath. Uphold the constitution. If you represent us well, you should have no need to redraw boundaries in order to keep your seats. Thank you.

Rodney Brown
Myself and thousands of people I know! Former Teacher
Austin, TX

This bill which shows our legislature caving in to a criminal president, is so wrong. You are now complicit. Shame on you! Don’t do it ! Stand up to the criminal. Or resign and go home. SHAME! if you do not!!!

Sabrina Ball
self
Fort Worth, TX

As a native Texas mom, I have watched Republicans slowly erode and destroy our public school system, deny the civil rights and autonomy of people, and make life hard for working families. MORE of that is not the answer. While partisan gerrymandering may be legal it doesn't make it right. In fact, I find it immoral. Free and fair elections should be the right of every citizen. This is not playing fair. If you were so sure of your "amazing" policies, you wouldn't need to do this. This is UNTexan and UNAmerican. Drop this crap and get to work for Texas families.

Rosa Aguilar
Self
El Paso, TX

I don’t understand why the change. I need to be seen and heard. As a community we need to be represented by someone that understands our needs. Someone that will fight to make our community better and stronger. Our service men and women in Fort Bliss deserve all the help and opportunities to better serve them and their needs. We have so many Veterans not receiving the medical help the they earned while keeping our country safe. What will happen to all of them if no funding is secured to keep Beaumont hospital open accessible to them. Will they have travel to other cities in order to receive the medical care they need? Please don’t make changes that will affect our community. We someone that grew up in our city and understands our needs. For so long we have been in need of someone to represent us and now that we have Ms. Escobar representing us we finally feel seen, heard and represented.

Michael Cockrell, Captain
Self
Hockley, TX

We need Fair representation in Texas that was misrepresented by the 2020 census

Jeremy Sheffield
Self (ASL Interpreter)
Austin, TX

I oppose the current plan for redistricting in the state of Texas. This is an obvious power grab to disenfranchise the people of Texas for political gain. The proposed redistricting groups people with nothing in common politically, socially, or geographically. Not only are these new lines illogical, they are a waste of time. There are other matters at hand far more important than the game our representatives are attempting to play. One party has been in power in Texas for the last 30 years; the wrongs they are trying to right are the ones they made by sacrificing their duty to their constituents in exchange for personal gain. Stop wasting the people of Texas’ time, money, and resources and focus on matters that actually benefit us: access to healthcare, disaster relief, public education. For once, put the people of Texas first.

Lisa Smith
Self
Plano, TX

I am FOR the redistricting of the US House of Representatives of Texas. And I would like to ask that my state reps vote in favor of this bill.

Jacqueline Baynard
Self
Austin, TX

I am AGAINST gerrymandering. I believe that the maps are only being redrawn to alienate certain groups and this is illegal. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

David Woodward
Self
Three Rivers, TX

Texas has needed to have redistricting done for a long time, the present districts are set up to favor democrats. Long overdue.

Carol Williams
Self/retired
Dallas, TX

We should not be focused on redistricting years ahead of the once a decade time frame. The obvious political games being played at the request of Trump is embarrassing. You're supposed to be representing the best interests of the people of Texas. Shame on you if you move forward with this sham.

Jules Morris
Self
Cypress, TX

I strongly support HB 4.

Krista Herrmann
Self
Rockwall, TX

I am in support of the map as presented. PlanC2308 is the map #

Marissa Gonzalez
self
Houston, TX

This is not democracy. You are cutting out black and latino communities. Y'all have already shut down a good amount of voting polls in those same communities. Trump is not king and should not be bowed down to. You are in the position you are in because the people of Texas voted you in. Listen to your constituents. WE DO NOT WANT THIS ILLEGAL GERRYMANDERING!

Zack Whitley
Self, nurse practitioner
Austin, TX

It is a shame that political strategy is the main focus of our state level government. Long gone are the days of advocation from government (both state and federal) for the needs of its people. Now government is a sword to be grabbed against its will, and wielded by a thoughtless criminal in office. Often at the people's expense. Truly, shame on this bill and shame on the so-called conservatives who are allowing this. If continuing to align with this immoral demagogue is in line with your moral compass, your constituents are watching and taking note. And if that mattered at all to you, I would not need to write this.
Be better. Be American. Fight this obvious political pageantry. Conservative ideals are needed, as are liberal ideals. Stop playing games and govern.

Sherry Graham, Human Being
Self
Crandall, TX

We are supposed to be a democracy and stealing votes is not democratic. It is so apparent that Republicans don't think you can win otherwise WHY DO IT? And I thought Texas was about states rights but it's also apparent that you are just toting the line for trump.

Ashley Reed
self
Austin, TX

These maps were voted in by a Republican majority, why is there suddenly a problem? We are Texans, members of a vast state with varying political views. We should not take direction from DC. There is no reason major cities should be primarily represented by rural areas. Our issues and needs as urban and rural constituents differ, I beg you to respect that and fight to fight for democracy.

Matthew Brown
self
Sugar Land, TX

I support this bill. We need common sense district boundaries on every level. Please vote to support HB 4.

Rita Robles
Self
Houston, TX

Texas residents deserve better. There is no reason to redraw redistricting maps. It is not time and just bc the current administration wants to do illegal things gs doesn't mean Texas has to be a part of it. Republicans are committing illegal activity. This needs to stop. Special sessions are for serious items. Go after Kerrville law enforcement and higher ups who did nothing to warn Tx residents to of the coming floods. Fox our electricity grid by connecting to the rest of USA grid. Stop taking AIPAC money. Stop corrupted corps from polluting our air ground and water. Give belfry fines not slaps on the wrist to habitual offenders and shut them down if they don't comply. Better yet do not renew their permits. Reinstate Medicare and Medicaid to underserved and marginalized people who need free lunches in schools. Who need transitional housing to get off streets and so much more. DO BETTER TEXAS

Brandy Bumpus
Self, Texas public school educator
Spring, TX

I am not in support of the redirecting of the state of Texas. It will do damage to representation to our black and brown communities. Vote no to redistricring!

Tara Bowman, Mrs.
Self
Austin, TX

Do not do this. Do not redraw district lines. This is wrong and you know it.

Katherine Denison
Self
Houston, TX

I am firmly opposed to this redistricting effort. The Texas Legislature should focus on establishing the necessary regulations and support to prevent the horrific flooding and deaths which just occurred in Central Texas. You should not be making a mockery of democracy with these shameful, gerrymandered voting maps. They are a disgrace to the notion of democracy. Stop these maps now.

Lauren Correll
Self
Austin, TX

As an Austin resident, I strongly oppose HB 4 and PLANC2308. The proposed congressional map undermines fair representation by gerrymandering districts to favor one party, particularly targeting Austin, Houston, DFW, and South Texas.

This map merges Representatives Lloyd Doggett and Greg Casar into one district, silencing voters who elected them independently. It also creates districts that favor partisan outcomes over community representation.

HB 4 lacks transparency, repeals prior redistricting laws, and introduces vague legal language that invites manipulation. Texans deserve fair, inclusive maps—not power grabs.

I urge lawmakers to reject HB 4 and prioritize a redistricting process rooted in equity and democracy.

Jordynn Vaughn
Self
Mansfield, TX

I am writing as a concerned constituent—and one of 3 registered voters in my household—to express our strong opposition to the current efforts to redraw district maps in Texas. Redistricting should serve the public interest by ensuring fair and equal representation—not by manipulating boundaries for political gain.

Gabriel Camacho, Mr.
A citizen of El Paso
El Paso, TX

I am against this gerrymandering nonsense. You know it is wrong. In your heart, you know it is wrong. Leave the boundaries of District 16 as they are!

Eloisa Rodriguez, Mrs
Self
El Paso, TX

Please do not change this in the middle of the decade. Changing the process at this time of political divide only hurts our state. El Paso is always treated like a stepchild. I am very happy with the representation we receive from our current rep. I ask that you vote against this change that has no rhyme or reason other than political gains from those who do not represent me. Fort Bluss , the airport and VA should remain in our district, why the change and competition for funding. Our Veterans deserve better , they must stay with district 16. Thank you.

Dorothy Shelley
Self,Retired School Teacher
Austin, TX

I am writing to express my feelings on the redistricting that Governor Abbott is trying to foist on the people of Texas. Redistricting should be done only after a state census where the data shows accurately where,if any,changes in the district maps need to be made. Greg Abbott is trying to fast track these district maps at the direction of the president in a blatant attempt to create 5 new representative seats in Congress in next year's November elections.These 5 districts he wants maps redrawn for target communities of color and are a way to silence the Black and Hispanic voters in these areas, and therefore not allow the people to elect who they want to vote for in a fair election.This is not how a fair and just system should work.And I don't want Governor Abbott to be allowed to do redraw these districts. Shouldn't he be spending this precious time on making our state ready for the next catastrophic flood and not by trying to steal votes?

Alene Sartwell-McDaniel
Self
White Settlement, TX

A blatant attempt to silence minorities, people of color, and any independent political mind, i firmly opposed the redistricting proposed and see it for what it is: gerrymandering. Stop this ridiculous bill!

Dorothy Scraggs, Mrs
Retired teacher
Abilene, TX

As a Texas retired teacher and public school educator in Taylor County,I oppose any mid-decade redistricting that reduces minority voting influence. Our communities deserve fair maps, not political manipulation."

Mark Johnson, Major US Army Retired
Self US Army Retired
El Paso, TX

I'm a disabled veteran who has lived in El Paso over forty years. I graduated from UTEP in 1977 with a Bachelor of Science degree and an ROTC commission as 2nd Lieutenant in the US Army. My father was a Korean War veteran and Chief Warrant Officer 3 stationed at the US Army Air Defense Artillery School at Ft Bliss. My stepfather was an NCO and WWII, Korea and Vietnam veteran. He and my mother were homeowners in El Paso for over forty years. They are both now buried at Ft Bliss National Cemetery.

The proposed redistricting bill is a slap in the face to myself and family. It would unequivocally have devastating impacts on the economic well-being of the El Paso/Ft Bliss communities. It would force El Paso to compete for federal funding with larger cities like San Antonio resulting in reduced funding for vital infrastructure and quality of life programs. It would surely slow or even stop the construction of the sorely needed new El Paso VA center. This is grossly unfair for the large retired veteran community in El Paso. Being a border city with a large military base, El Paso has unique issues, concerns and needs that other Texas cities just don't have. For example, low wages and rising costs of living have made it much harder to make ends meet for many El Paso residents, young and old. Federal and State programs like Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, Food Stamps, Meals on Wheels, etc are absolutely vital for people. To reduce or cut funding for these humanitarian programs is immoral and un-American. But this is exactly what this re-districting bill would do: more homelessness, more hunger, more unhappiness. Is this the American Dream?

Please have a conscience and don't pass this terrible, politically biased re-districting bill

Anne Mashek
Self
BELTON, TX

I oppose this new map of congressional redistricting. It's not time to do this, and since when does our great state of Texas fall to the whims of the president?

Kristin Warthen, Reverend
St. Andrew's United Methodist Church
Arlington, TX

I am a constituent and pastor from Arlington, Texas, and I write today to urge you to refuse to accept the redrawing of districts for the election of members to the U.S. House of Representatives from the State of Texas. Please vote "no" on any redistricting plans before you. The plans before you unfairly silence black and brown communities in Texas. These communities are already underrepresented in our state, and to silence them further is to give Jim Crow his power back by robbing them of their voice in who represents them by drowning it out. If our Republican representatives—at both state and federal levels—truly believe they have a winning platform and policy, then please let them both stand on their own merits without the aid of redistricting the state. The redistricting plans before us undermines the core tenets of democracy by essentially allowing Republican leadership today to choose their constituents rather than allowing the people to choose their representatives. It will lead to an "elected" leadership that does not truly represent the diversity of the great state of Texas, and this lack of representation will end up deepening the seeds of distrust amongst the people for their government. Instead of affirming redistricting , please take the time to listen to your constituents, to all Texans. There is great wisdom here: if only you'll listen to it instead of bypassing it.

Thank you,

Rev. Kristin Warthen

Kimberli Martinez, DR
Self -Registered Nurse
Rowlett, TX

I am opposed to the efforts to redistricting the way they're redistricting. I find it to be immoral I find it to be gerrymandering to minimize votes of its constituents for political gain

Lara DeGhelder, Mrs.
Self
Pflugerville, TX

I am writing to express my opposition to redistricting the state of Texas outside of a census cycle. This is pure politics to try to rob Texans of their voices.

The proposed map places my home in Pflugerville, Texas in its THIRD Congressional district in the last 18 years, and each district has been vastly different.
? In 2008, I was in CD 10, which covered in the northeastern portion of Travis County and went all the way down to outside of Houston.
? In 2011, I was moved to CD 17, which covers a tiny sliver of north Travis County goes up through Waco and then over to Lufkin and Nacogdoches.
? The proposed 2025 map moves me back to CD 10. But this is not the same CD 10 - this one takes a tiny, fingerling sliver of Travis County and attaches it to a huge rural district that spans all the way past Midland/Odessa.

With this new map, you are intentionally trying to silence my voice as a Texas citizen. My growing urban community's concerns could not be more different than the ones of the oil, gas, and cattle ranchers of the new CD 10, and there is no doubt that this is a gerrymandered district for the benefit of one political party. In turn, the district will be effectively won in the primary election, ensuring that my community's voices will never be heard or considered by our elected representative. Instead, we will be represented by the most extreme candidate, and Texas will continue to plunge itself into the depths of conspiracy theories and falsified moral panics instead of focusing on issues that actually help its citizens.

But outside of my own sphere, the maps of Harris, Tarrant, and Dallas counties are very likely illegally drawn according to Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act. Drawing lines that discriminate are illegal. Period. And this standard has been tested and reaffirmed by this US Supreme Court in 2023 in Allen v. Milligan. Allowing these districts to move forward is in violation of the law.

The Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment is in place for a reason, and you simply cannot draw electoral districts in a way that discriminates against racial or political groups.

I urge you to stop this redistricting farce and focus on the issues that are actually of utmost importance to Texans instead of wasting our tax dollars on these politically motivated stunts.

Paul Alvarado
self
Austin, TX

This is an obscenity. Voters are supposed to choose their representatives, not the other way around. But this bill would hand Republicans control of nearly 80% of Texas Congressional districts even though only about 52% of Texans vote Republican. This is anti-democratic, un-American, fascistic evil. How dare you even think of doing this. Carving up majority Democratic cities so we don't have any Democratic representatives is indefensible madness — as is carving convoluted districts like the one that would put the Capitol in the same district as Texas A&M, over 100 miles away. (And I say this as a proud Aggie.) Shame on any and all of you who crafted this, and I implore you all not to vote for it, if only to avoid triggering an arms race of radical gerrymandering nationwide. Think through the consequences, and be careful what you wish for. History is watching you.

Vonciel Hill, Dr.
Self
Dallas, TX

This process is unfair, undemocratic, and unnecessary. I strongly oppose.

Edwardo Gomez, Mr.
Self. Lawyer.
Houston, TX

I write in opposition to the proposed redistricting bill that would allow the current Republican majority to redraw district lines mid-decade for apparent partisan advantage. I believe this move is not only unnecessary but also undermines democratic norms, violates basic fairness, and risks disenfranchising voters.

Redistricting has long followed a once-per-decade tradition based on the U.S. Census. This system ensures consistency and is rooted in constitutional and federal law. Mid-cycle redistricting—especially without any court order or major demographic change—departs from these norms and appears to serve only political interests. Courts have sometimes struck down redistricting efforts that prioritize partisan gain over legal and constitutional principles, including those that dilute minority voting strength or disregard communities of interest.

The proposed bill does not reflect any genuine need. The current maps already disproportionately favor Republicans. There has been no legal mandate, no dramatic population shift, and no public demand justifying a new redistricting effort. Instead, it looks like a strategic attempt to secure more power ahead of upcoming elections.

Redrawing districts now would disrupt representation. Constituents would be reassigned to new districts and lawmakers mid-term, damaging continuity in constituent services and local advocacy. It would also increase voter confusion and further erode public trust in the fairness of elections.

This kind of maneuver sets a dangerous precedent. If the majority party redraws maps whenever it sees political opportunity, it invites a cycle of retaliatory gerrymandering. That kind of instability corrodes faith in democratic institutions and reduces electoral competitiveness.

Many states have moved toward independent redistricting commissions or stronger safeguards to avoid exactly this kind of abuse. Rather than manipulating the system for temporary gain, lawmakers should work to strengthen impartial redistricting practices and preserve democratic legitimacy.

For these reasons, I urge you to reject this bill and commit to transparent, legally sound redistricting aligned with census data and long-standing democratic norms.

Faryce Macon, Mrs
Self Retired City Planner Manager and current Realtor
Corpus Christi, TX

Hello Congress
It is with great disappointment that this Bill has been brought forward to consider. Our nation is already under attack in so many areas that this proposed redistricting just piles on the insanity more. Why would you destroy years of trying to make the voices all heard and return to the years of selfishness and being wrong. No matter if you agree with a group of people or not they have the right to be heard and to select someone that speaks for them. These are sad times that we could be entering. An era that cautious is being thrown to the wind. I ask that you stand on the principle of doing what’s right for those who have a small voice and vote against this bill. We all have to atone for so much we have done in life already. Let’s not add to the list that will be set before us one day.

Jaiden Tucker

Myself , Precinct Chair #4203, Teacher

Argyle, TX

BLUE STATES NEED TO FOLLOW SUIT TO OFFSET THIS BLATANTLY RACIST AND ILLEGAL GERRYMANDERING SCAM!! THE NEW MAPS ARE RACIST! PLAIN AND SIMPLE! THEY Disenfranchise HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF VOTERS ALL ACROSS THE STATE. THIS WAS AN OPEN DECLARATION OF WAR ON OUR CURRENT DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM AND I WILL NOT BE SILENT AND COMPLICIT IN THIS SCAM BEING FORCED THROUGH AGAINST THE WILLS OF TEXANS! FOR TOO LONG OUR WILL HAS BEEN IGNORED AND THE INFLUENCE OF OUTSIDE BILLIONAIRES AND LOBBYISTS HAVE DICTATED THE COURSE OF TEXAS POLITICS. I SAY THAT THIS IS A TIPPING POINT. WE THE PEOPLE ARE TIRED OF ABBOTTS BULLSHI* and WILL FIGHT BACK WITH EVERY RESOURCE AND TOOL AT OUR DISPOSAL. IF THIS MEANS CALLING OUR REPRESENTATIVES AND DEMANDING THEY BREAK QUORUM, WE WILL DO WHATEVER IT TAKES, WE WILL THREATEN THEM WITH OUR VOICE AND OUR VOTE. ANY DEM THAT REFUSES TO BREAK QUORUM WILL FACE THE POSSIBLY OF BEING Primary'd in THEIR NEXT ELECTION CYCLE. DONT DO THIS FOR TRUMP. HAVE SOME INTEGRITY FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND FIGHT BACK AGAINST THIS FASCIST POWER GRAB. I am a simple constituent, however we the people give you power! WITHOUT OUR VOICE AND OUR VOTE, YOU ARE NOTHING OTHER THAN A NAME ON A DESK, a simple lame duck stepping stone in the Passage of time, I IMPLORE YOU, BE REMEMBERED FOR DOING THE RIGHT THING, NOT FOR BOWING DOWN TO YOUR ORANGE OVERLORD TACO MAN.
Sincerely, your Honorable Constituent Jaiden T.

Annette Johnson

Self/retired Socual Worker

Tomball, TX

The proposed redistricting map for Texas is blatantly partisan and if enacted, will deny millions of people of color a voice in their own representation. Current maps were drawn after the last census and there is no reason to create new maps with no new population data. Texas population is minority majority and our current districts already are drawn to deprive non-white voters of a voice in elections. Leave the maps alone! Stand up to Donal Trump's demands and do what is right for Texas. Spend this special session on working on emergency preparedness.

Daniel Martinez

Self

Dallas, TX

Do not change the districts! Gerrymandering should be illegal. Using it to consolidate political power from the citizens goes against the constitution and the ideals America was founded on. The Republican party changing the districts to remove democratic leaders is a form of tyranny and goes against the will of the people!

Ashley Danley, Mrs.
Self/speech language pathologist
Austin, TX

Dear Members of the Committee,

My name is Ashley Danley, and I am a resident of Williamson County. Though I cannot be present in person today, I feel strongly compelled to submit this statement in firm opposition to HB 4.

I am a mother, a speech-language pathologist, and a lifelong Texan. I spend my professional life helping others find their voices—children and adults who cannot speak for themselves. As such, I cannot remain silent when I see yet another attempt to silence the voices of everyday Texans through strategic gerrymandering and partisan redistricting.

HB 4 is not a neutral proposal—it is a deliberate effort to entrench political power by diluting the voting strength of communities who already face systemic barriers to being heard. As a citizen, I've watched my voice—and the voices of my neighbors—become increasingly disregarded with each successive map that prioritizes party loyalty over fair representation.

This is not about ensuring fair elections. This is about choosing your voters instead of letting voters choose their representatives. That is not democracy. It's manipulation. And it undermines everything public service is supposed to stand for.

We all know this push is happening not because it is right, but because it is politically expedient. But the job of a public servant is not to follow orders from party leadership—it is to represent your constituents, all of them, regardless of party, race, or zip code.

As a mother, I worry about the future my child will inherit if we continue down this path—one where elections are decided before a single vote is cast, and communities are carved up to benefit a few at the expense of the many.

Texans deserve better. We deserve fair maps. We deserve leaders who are brave enough to reject corruption and choose democracy.

I respectfully urge you to oppose HB 4.

Sincerely,
Ashley Danley
Mother, Speech-Language Pathologist, and Voter

Jackie Strong
Self
Austin, TX

Here's an idea: Instead of embracing your lying, cheating and unethical redistricting plan to win elections pivot to doing your jobs effectively (ie actually help Texans have better lives) and then you would get reelected in an honest democratic manner. If you would do ANY work that helped people, they would support you. Instead you're obsessed with 10 commandments in classrooms, striping healthcare rights from all women and destroying the state for a buck in your pocket. This bill shows the world that all Texas republicans are weak, whinny, crooked little babies. You are a cult of losers. You and this bill need to go away. We are disgusted.

Elizabeth Piner, Ms
self, retired
Austin, TX

I object to this unnecessary, rushed and clearly partisan redistricting with little time for the public to even see the maps in a timely fashion. This redistricting will further disenfranchise non-white citizens even though the incoming Texas population has been increasingly less white. The gerrymandered districts will make it more difficult for constituents to reach their representatives in person because of the odd shapes and increased distances. The Voting Rights Act needs to be respected.

David Faidley
Self
Plano, TX

Redistricting was a responsibility that legislators took seriously and our Supreme Court ruled was critical to ensuring that minority voters were represented.

This bill is a perverse power grab by the President which you are enabling. Stand up for Texans who simply want the same right to choose their representatives that their forefathers had.

If you cave to the big money Republicans this set off a nationwide redistricting battle in every state. The choice to break precedent and Texans trust is yours.

Sophia Robbins
Self
Austin, TX

I oppose this bill. This is nothing but blatant gerrymandering and you all should be ashamed for even having to vote on it.

Wendy Salome
Self
Austin, TX

I am a concerned citizen in Congressional District 37, Texas House District 49. Redrawing our congressional maps for the explicit purpose of "picking up 5 Republican seats", which Donald Trump demanded - is the antithesis of the democratic process. Texas lawmakers should represent TEXANS and NOT bend the knee for the President. These proposed maps disenfranchise large swaths of my neighbors in Districts 35 and 37, and rob all of us of true representation in Congress. As an Austinite, my needs in Congress are very different from my rural neighbors. Diluting my voice and my vote goes against everything our country was founded on. More than that, disenfranchising Texans at the whim of a power-hungry president who does not care at all about our issues is the antithesis of being a Texan. This state prides itself on our independence. We should put Texans first and draw maps that allow all Texans to have a fair and powerful voice in Congress.

James Ferguson-Mahan
Self
Austin, TX

Instead of focusing on helping the flood victims, or rebuilding the infrastructure the Texas GOP decides to steal 5 seats from the democrats because your dictator told you so. This isn't democracy, this is autocracy. I moved to Texas because of its small government and standing up to Washington attitude. You should be ashamed of yourselves if you pass this bill.

Skyler Howell, Mr.
Self
Austin, TX

It's a shameful day when Public Servants misuse their power to be the voice of many for their own selfish political gain and interests. Instead of being the voice of reason they have become the voice of political terror. The gerrymandering being displayed by this Texas senate is the exact reason why this old guard of senators should be voted out and replaced. You sit there looking down on your constituents not wanted to know what they truly feel or what's best for Texas but what's best for you to line your pockets and laugh at the masses. This is the equivalent of telling Texans "Let them eat cake". You sit on your high horse and Thump your Bible at others but done even consider the repercussions that your choices have. Not only for your own party or generation but those that will come behind you and oppose you later on in your career. This form of thinking in Texas must be challenged. I'm not sure when most of these Texas Republican senators and house members got into there seats but I can guarantee that they will not say in them long. The new era of Texans will not stand to be marginalized by their power hungry overlords and will vote you out. In the years to come you will have to sit and realize how wrong you were about this. The true test of strength isn't using your power for your own agenda, but by going to your districts and truly listening to them and making sure the people's voices are heard and represented. Which would not happen for a large number of Black and Brown voters. I truly am disgusted with this Remapping and I only hope and pray that in the future we vote all of you sorry and pathetic excuses for politicians out that supported this abysmal decision.

Micah Davis
Self
Elgin, TX

I think it's pretty knavish and cruel to try and strip even more representation from our already underrepresented democratic voters. Just leave the maps as is, there's no emergency or mass migration to justify this.

Emily Martin
Self, Chief Marketing Officer
Houston, TX

I am very much against this. This is definitely gerrymandering which is illegal. Vote NO on this bill.

Meredith Grover
Self
Houston, TX

This bill is gerrymandering and illegal. It is disenfranchises all voters of Texas and is a clear power grab. Do not pass this illegal map of confessional districts. The law is that we run a census every decade - the people voted for this. This proposal of redistricting breaks the law and goes against the voice of Texans and the US.

Janet Jones
SELF Flight Simulation Engineer
Fort Worth, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Brian Garber, mr
Self
Webster, TX

Is America now a Third World Country? My Family and most families have given their lives to protect America and keep her people free. Yet a Draft dodger controls Texas Republicans that have no spine , while Americans risked their lives to defend her. You have given control to Billionaires, Millionaires and corporations, you have elected Supreme court Justices that were chosen, bought and paid for by "Christian" Nationalists extremists aka white supremacists masking themselves with Christianity to wield it as a sword and shield. You have mathematically eliminated your opposition by gerrymandering, limiting voting locations, days, times. We are being run by project 2025, We will soon be the American Taliban. You have bowed down to you wealthy donors to allow poisoning and polluting our water, air, land and food. Indirectly causing the death of Americans. Moderation and balance is the only path for america to remain free.Men and women gave their lives for us, the least you can do is grow a spine and stop the insanity. You can fool others, you can fool yourself, but you can't fool God

Jim Cash
self
The Woodlands, TX

Bad:
1) Represents politics at its worst 2) possibly illegal 3) basically a white supremacist move that will be identified as such
Good:
As a middle of the roader myself, it makes it easier for me to convince others like myself to vote against the party that employs such unethical and possbly illegal methods 2) makes it easier to show other middle of the roaders that TX Republicans are racist 3) makes campaigning against Republicans in the upcoming elections easier 4) weakens a number of Republican districts that can ow be overturned. 5) very good chance to cost TX Republicans more than the 5 eats they think they will gain

Lauren Sewell, Dr.
Self. Pediatric Audiologist
Austin, TX

I am writing as a concerned constituent to express my deep opposition to the proposed redistricting maps in Texas. The way the district lines have been drawn is neither fair nor lawful, and they undermine the fundamental principles of representative democracy.

The current maps dilute the political power of communities of color — particularly Black, Latino, and Asian American voters — despite these groups accounting for nearly all of the state’s population growth. This is a clear violation of the Voting Rights Act and the U.S. Constitution’s guarantee of equal protection under the law.

Fair representation means that all communities should have an equal opportunity to elect candidates of their choice. Instead, the current redistricting process has prioritized partisan advantage and incumbent protection over the voices of everyday Texans.

I urge you to support and advocate for: Transparent, nonpartisan redistricting processes, Maps that reflect the true diversity and growth of Texas, and Protections for voting rights and enforcement of federal standards.
Our democracy only works when every vote counts equally. Please take action to reject redistricting, or at the very least ensure that redistricting in Texas reflects fairness, legality, and the will of the people. Thank you for your time.

Kathryn Smith
Self
Houston, TX

Please DO NOT gerrymander Texas!!! Do not bow down to Trump.

Ansley Partosa
Greater Gaming Society
San Antonio, TX

Nobody wants a new map! Nobody is asking for this! It's unfair, unjust, and yall didn't ask us before doing this! Stop it!

Michal Brody
self, teacher
Austin, TX

This special session of the Lege for mid-decade redistricting is disgusting and disgraceful. You leave it very clear that democracy and fair play are not your goals, not your values. This endeavor is craven hypocrisy made all the worse because there are indeed important matters in our state that need to be addressed, but you'd rather waste time and budget being schoolyard bullies. Shame on you.

Ashley Steck
Self, Sr. HR professional at Amazon
Austin, TX

I oppose this bill. The fact that this is even being discussed is absolutely appalling and a clear violation of the will of the Texas people. This needs to end immediately, and focus should be shifted to real issues facing Texans. Our state is falling into ruin and becoming a worldwide laughingstock by following the unconstitutional leadership of Abbott, whose only allegiance is to Trump and his own wallet.

Ceila Cravey
SELF. Occupation: VP Administration
Baytown, TX

Thank you, Rep. Cody Vasut, for leading the Congressional Redistricting Committee. Now it is time for members of the Texas House to do the work necessary and redistrict the remaining coalition districts out of Texas. We must protect Texas and Vote for HB 4. Vote for the One Big Beautiful Map.

fay shook
concerned voter
flower mound, TX

I am a Texas voter, and I oppose any mid-decade redistricting, especially while the current maps are still being challenged in court. Furthermore, I oppose any redistricting that does not result in fair representation for all Texans. Texas has a long history of racial gerrymandering and discriminatory voting practices, so I urge you to prevent communities of color from being deliberately divided, thereby weakening their political voice.

Texans have the right to fair and equal representation that's achieved through a thoughtful, transparent process that allows meaningful public input. Lawmakers should have the necessary information to create legally compliant district maps, protect minority voting rights, and respect county lines, city boundaries, and communities of interest. A rushed 30-day special session packed with unrelated agenda items is not the way to achieve this.

Texans deserve to have a redistricting process that is fair, transparent, and results in equal representation for all, not this rushed and deeply flawed process. Flood recovery efforts and the safety of Texans should be the top priority, not redrawing political maps. Your self interest is appalling, I'm a voter, you should remember that your actions in this regard will be politically toxic.

Cheyenne Galitski
Self
North Richland Hills, TX

I oppose the proposed redistricting.

All Texans should have a voice and the ability to elect representatives who reflect their needs locally. Texas is not a monolith and our representation, and districts, should reflect the wide diversity of views, backgrounds, and beliefs in our state.

The proposed districts are quite frankly absurd. To group such wildly different parts of the state is a disservice to its citizens, both in rural and urban areas.

Martha Carrell
self/ retired
Temple, TX

For the good of the state of Texas, redistricting should be left in the hands of Texans, not politicians. It is obvious that this bill is meant to cut off any dissenting voices to the current administration in power & that power is all they want. Please vote for the Talerico bill that puts this power back into the hands of the people. Please respect the US Constitution & alloe it to be your guiding light. Thank you.

Danielle Berg, Prof.
Self/professor
Austin, TX

As a concerned resident of Texas, I urge lawmakers to reject House Bill 4 unless substantial changes are made to ensure fair and equitable congressional redistricting.

Redistricting should protect the fundamental principle of representative democracy: that voters choose their leaders, not the other way around. HB 4, as currently written, appears to undermine this principle by manipulating district boundaries in a way that dilutes the voting power of communities of color, particularly Latino, Black, and Asian American Texans. These communities are the backbone of our state's growth, and yet HB 4 fails to give them fair representation.

This bill also lacks transparency and public accountability. Redistricting should be an open, data-driven process that reflects public input, not a closed-door political maneuver. I call on the legislature to release the data and criteria used in drafting these maps and to allow for meaningful public engagement before any decisions are finalized.

I respectfully request that you revise HB 4 to comply with the Voting Rights Act, uphold the integrity of our elections, and reflect the true diversity of Texas.

Texans deserve a map that is fair, representative, and free from partisan gerrymandering.

Kathleen Kerr
Self retired
Austin, TX

The more I think about HB4, the angrier I get. I feel like my rights are being assaulted. I would like an explanation of why this redistricting is necessary other than to attempt to fix an election? Also this disgusting move by TX republicans will likely backfire since California and New York States are already threatening to do the same but in favor of the Democratic Party.
Why aren't you discussing flooding on Texas rivers and protecting people from this kind of natural disaster which seems to happen at least every 10 years? Didn't 100+ people just die, including children? Hello.

Catherine Gentry
Self
Houston, TX

Good morning,
I’m writing to oppose the redistricting of Texas' congressional maps under SB 4. If passed, this bill will contribute to confusion in upcoming elections, as candidates are shifted across districts without enough time to raise awareness in the general public.

Additionally, the public involvement of the President in this sudden push for redistricting has demonstrated the clear partisan animus behind this bill. When one of the leading voices behind this move has clearly stated that this redistricting would allow the Republican Party to pick up five seats, It's difficult to believe that the primary motivation is a desire for equal representation or reducing racial discrimination.

If this issue was truly needed to ensure proportional representation in Texas, it should have been raised during the regularly scheduled session.

Thank you for your consideration.

Lori Ibarra
Self - Registered Nurse
San Antonio, TX

Rigging the next election to maintain power is not what America stands for. The state and the country are watching you. Bending your knee to Trump will put you in vulnerable position to have them cut off during the next election. Trump will be gone in three years, and you may very well be voted out in the next election if you proceed with this illegitimate power grab. Texans demand you will do what is right and honorable. You were elected to represent TEXANS, not bend your knee to Trump. Better to die standing upright, then to grovel on bended knee.

Sara Wingfield
Self
Pflugervillle, TX

Dear Members of the Redistricting Committee,

I strongly oppose the proposed redistricting plans in Texas due to serious concerns about fairness, representation, and democratic integrity.

The maps appear to be drawn to manipulate election outcomes rather than reflect voter intent. This undermines democracy by allowing politicians to choose their voters, and it dilutes the voting power of communities of color through tactics like “packing” and “cracking.”

The redistricting also fragments communities of interest, weakening their ability to elect representatives who understand their needs. Splitting neighborhoods across districts reduces accountability and can limit access to essential services and resources.

Additionally, the process has lacked transparency and meaningful public input. I urge the adoption of an independent redistricting commission and nonpartisan criteria to ensure fairness. There are also concerns that the maps may violate the Voting Rights Act and Equal Protection Clause.

I respectfully urge you to reconsider these maps and prioritize a fair, transparent, and representative process.

Sincerely,
Sara Wingfield

Ann St.Clair
self
Austin, TX

The proposed map is blatantly unfair and is designed specifically to suppress the votes of minority voters who tend to vote Democratic. In no way does it fairly represent the will of the people of Texas and it will not provide representation of Texas voters in the U.S. House of Representatives. No!

Eve Margolis
self
Austin, TX

This bill is an obvious power grab by an increasingly unpopular administration. The blatant disregard for the voices of thousands of Texans who rely on you in unconscionable. It is unconstitutional to push this agenda. The kowtowing to Trump and Abbott is cowardly. The attempt to rip away representation for so many is cowardly. The only job of this body is to serve the entire population of Texans, not just those who elect you. Emergency redistricting? In an off year? This shouldn't even be a discussion.

Kelly Wood
Self
Bastrop, TX

I am writing to express my deep disappointment regarding the recent redistricting efforts in Texas. The changes made to our voting districts appear to be a clear case of gerrymandering, undermining the democratic process and disenfranchising voters.

The elimination of many Democratic districts is not just a political maneuver; it represents a significant threat to fair representation. Every voter deserves a voice in our government, and these actions contradict the principles of democracy that we hold dear.

Deborah Kiester
self
FLOWER MOUND, TX

Stop the racist gerrymandering of the voting districts in Texas! Stop pandering to Trump & do what is right for the voters of Texas!

Peter Irvin
Self construction analyst
Fort Worth, TX

I am opposed to the "proposed" redistricting plan. Vote mo on HB 4 bu Hunter. I speak with the perspective of a younger generation. Republicans have run Texas for as long as I can remember. Month after month, tragedy after tragedy befalls my fellow Texans. Whether by swift deaths caused by flooding in Kerr County, or slow deaths by liquefying under the roar of Bitcoin Mining in Granbury, Republican majorities cause avoidable chaos through intentional incompetence.

The nature of Republican rule, from my experience, is selfish action at the expense of us, the People. Passing this redistricting plan will be yet another in a long line of abuses from a gang of petty tyrants. I implore you Republican representatives, prove me wrong. Choose the path less taken by your colleagues, the one paved with compassion, justice, fairness. Show us all that Republicans stand for more than the naked, craven pursuit of ill-gotten power. Vote against the redistricting maps. Vote no on HB 4 by Hunter.

Rob Szucs
self chemical plant technician
lake jackson, TX

The idea of having redistricting in 2025 and not following the traditional practice of having the maps altered after the census in 2030 show the bad faith of the republican party. The great people of Texas have the right to be represented by peers that will listen to the concerns they have this bill is ramming down the throats a authoritarian republican party that cares more about appeasing Washington billionaires than listening to the people. This special session's main purpose is to find solutions to the flooding after the terrible event that killed hundreds of people that should be the primary focus of this 30 day special session it is disgraceful that instead of focusing on way to prevent future high water/rising sea level events that we know will happen and that I and every home owner are paying for with a 10% increase in home flood insurance cost every year! Instead of discussing this we are talking about a issue that only benefits one party and disrespects those whose life was lost in the flood.

Mallory White
Self community member
Denison, TX

Please listen to the voters, we don't need more segregation via made up lines on a map. My neighbors, my community aren't some demographic to utilize for your benefit. We are real people with all different points of view and it's becoming obvious no one is listening. You can't change our reality by choosing where our votes count. We want to feel heard for who we are, not be drowned out by effort to make some voices louder than others. We are all the humans regardless of what political beliefs, why do our leaders increasingly take away our humanity by shrinking our size, silencing our voice, manipulating our trust, just to further their careers? Let us speak let us have a say. Stop this desperate attempt to make the world think this is the majority opinion when it isn't. Just listen to your voters.

Lana Dieterich
Self
Austin, TX

Please stop cheating, and try winning the vote legitimately.

Bettina Zvanut, Mrs.
Self, Genealogist/Historian
Commrece, TX

Dear Legislators,
The only reason to change district lines in the middle of the decade is because you are scared. Your President is really scared and wants to help his party because he knows how much we despise him and all of his lackeys. He knows he spent $45 million on a parade and cut milk to poor babies. He knows he cut health care to poor children. He knows he cut food stamps and Meals on Wheels to working families and seniors and the handicapped. He is a greedy, old man. You are his lackeys. This redistricting may help you, but does not change the fact that you are hated across Texas. Thank you for taking away our food inspectors and our weather personnel so that we die of e coli and floods.Thanks for trying to destroy our public schools. All of you Republicans are guilty.

Cindy Whitesides
self, homemaker
Austin, TX

I am opposed to this illegal mid-decade power grab to redistrict Texas. This effort would dilute minority and working-class votes in key Texas communities and reduce the number of competitive districts significantly.

Mindy Hirschi
Self
Whitesboro, TX

I support

Benjamin Horsey
Self
Austin, TX

Redistricting our state for the pure sake of maintaining or gaining a majority number of seats in Congress is nothing short of criminal. This is a blatant power grab by the GOP, and we are watching. Your kids are watching, grandkids are watching. You can do better than this, must do better than this.

Elizabeth Morgan
self, paralegal
Austin, TX

Hi, I oppose HB 4 on mid-decade Congressional Redistricting. Mid-decade redistricting is unusual. This bill is being introduced and pushed through in direct response to President Trump's call for Texas to redistrict in order to gain additional Republican members of Congress. This is a blatant attempt to gerrymander the congressional maps.

The map recently released by the House was drafted in secret, is obviously gerrymandered and discriminatory to communities of color.

Reject this map. Texans deserve a fair, transparent redistricting process that serves all communities, not just political insiders.

Thank you for your time.

Kind Regards,
Elizabeth Morgan

Jessica Torres
Self
Austin, TX

I am vehemently opposed to this redistricting bill. It is a concerted effort to dilute the true voice of Texans across the state and threatens the principles of fair representation and equal voting rights. These concepts have meaning and weight, even in these current state and federal administrations. Do not allow our great state to fall victim to this craven attempt to gerrymander dissent from the political stage. I urge you to reject HB 4 and commit to a redistricting process that is transparent, community-led, and compliant with the Voting Rights Act. Our democracy depends on maps that reflect the will of the people—not political gamesmanship.

Renee Myrick, Mrs
Self
Austin, TX

Let’s play fair and see how the chips fall where the lines already are.

Kathleen Young
Self
Houston, TX

I strongly oppose the redistricting plan. Members of Texas government are supposed to govern based on the best interest of its constituents. This is not in the best interest of the voters and is also illegal. Let the record show this constituent is against this proposal.

Christine Ropp
Self
Flower Mound, TX

Please start doing the job you were elected to do, representing the people of your districts and state. Listen to them. Do not go along with the redistricting plan. The people you represent do not want this. Listen to them.

Valerie Bauhofer
Self
Austin, TX

There is absolutely no need for redistricting in the midst of a census period and taxpayers' money should NOT be used to finance this project.
This is a blatantly political plot by the president to distort congressional representation in a state that already does not properly reflect its diverse population in Congress.
Thank you.

Andrea Cornelison
Self, Information Technology Manager
Dripping Springs, TX

The proposed redistricting maps are grossly unfair against black and latino populations and deeply undemocratic in attempting to sway districts to republican majorities. Congressional districts should be fairly and blindly distributed!

William McWhorter, Chairman, Republican Party of Gregg County
Self/Republican Party of Gregg County
Longview, TX

I strongly support HB 4. Over the last several years more people have voted Republican, it is only right to make sure they have the appropriate conservative representation. Not too mention the explosive growth our state has seen, it is timely and necessary to have redistricting to reflect the strong Republican results our elections have seen over the last several election cycles. There is a mandate, not only from Republican voters, but also having seen other states do this over the last few decades. Thank you for your work, and consideration to this critical subject. I strongly support HB 4.

brooks kasson, `
self
austin, TX

i heartily reject this mid-census redistricting effort.

Leslie Hall
Self
Austin, TX

The proposed maps for redistricting are ludicrous. They are clearly drawn for political reasons and not to represent Texans by region who have specific needs based on where they live. Please reconsider this bill and wait for the normal timing to look at redistricting, after the next census.

Erin Ball
Self, Freelance
San Angelo, TX

I strongly oppose the proposed restricting map. As a resident of current (and proposed) District 11, I find the geographical and economic differences between the Midland and San Angelo regions to be so different from the those in North Austin that a representative could not possible represent the interests of both areas fairly or equitably. If representatives can't win in a district that exists as is, then their policies should change, and not the map. Our system of government granted in the constitution is a democratic republic. The representatives are beholden to the voters, and this ploy to make voters beholden to politicians is extremely UnAmerican and against our founding ideals.

Nichole House, Mrs.
Self, Homemaker
Eustace, TX

I strongly oppose House Bill 4 as currently proposed. This bill represents a blatant attempt at partisan gerrymandering designed to manipulate the electoral process for political gain, not to ensure fair representation for the people of Texas.
Texas is one of the most diverse states in the country, with rapidly growing Black, Latino, and Asian populations. However, HB 4 fails to reflect this demographic reality. Instead, it redraws congressional maps in a way that weakens the voting power of communities of color, particularly in South Texas, Austin, Houston, and the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex. By targeting minority-heavy districts currently held by Democrats, the bill dilutes the influence of voters who deserve full and fair representation in Congress.
Moreover, the process behind HB 4 has lacked transparency and accountability. The maps were released suddenly, with minimal public notice and no opportunity for robust community input or meaningful debate. This approach undermines trust in our democratic institutions and disrespects the right of Texans to participate in decisions that directly impact their representation.
HB 4 also runs afoul of the principles set forth in the Voting Rights Act, which prohibits redistricting efforts that result in the disenfranchisement of minority voters. The proposed maps appear to prioritize partisan outcomes over compliance with federal law, and they invite costly legal challenges that Texas taxpayers should not have to fund.
Redistricting should be about fair representation not partisan advantage. Lawmakers should be drawing maps that reflect the actual population and its interests, not using the redistricting process as a political weapon. I urge members of the House Select Committee to reject HB 4 in its current form and instead develop a map that respects the will of the people, protects communities of interest, and upholds the integrity of our elections.
Texans deserve a democracy that works for everyone not just for those in power.

Anne Brown, Ms.
Self, Educator
Houston, TX

I oppose congressional redistricting in 2025.

Javone Lee
self
Fort Worth, TX

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Zenobia C. Joseph, Educational Consultant/Policy Analyst
Self/A+ WRITERS Consulting (Educational Consultant/Policy Analyst)
Austin, TX

1. Disenfranchisement: Chair Cody Vasut's HB 4 Congressional Redistricting Notice failed to include portal closure an hour after hearing convened. In bold font, "ten hours" appeared twice—unlike three 5-hour field hearings—which, logically, suggested extended registration. Though denied, I thank Rep. Scott Turner for requesting an extra hour. Northeast Austin buses run 60-minute headway—forcing Blacks to wait 10 times longer than South/West/Central whites. It takes about two hours to get Downtown with 30-minute transfers—longer than driving to San Antonio. I arrived too late to register against HB 4. Registration trickery prevailed during 89th Legislature Education Hearings, too. Be transparent: Post cutoff time on all Notices.

2. Statutory Authority: Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 "is a Federal statute and provides that no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance" (FTA C 4702.1B, 2012). Thus, Texas must comply. "Recipients are responsible for ensuring that all of their activities are in compliance with Title VI" (Ch. II-1). April 5, 2023 U.S. Department of Justice noted, "Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 prohibits voting practices or procedures that discriminate on the basis of race, color, or membership in one of the language minority groups identified in Section 4 (f)(2)."

3. Trump's Redistricting Dictate: USDOJ's July 7, 2025 letter to Gov. Greg Abbott and Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton specified, "Re: Unconstitutional Race-Based Districts TX-09, TX-18, TX-29 and TX-33," impacting us all. July 9, 2025 Abbott's "proclamation calling an extraordinary session of the 89th Legislature" included, in part, "a revised congressional redistricting plan in light of constitutional concerns raised by the U.S. Department of Justice." The alleged "Race-Based" subject line directly contravened Title VI, VRA Sec. 2, and Sen. Joan Huffman's SB 6 testimony on congressional redistricting maps that used 2020 census data. September 30, 2021 Huffman replied to Sen. John Whitmire and Sen. "Chuy" Hinojosa repeating, maps were "drawn blind to race." She stated "race-neutral ... compliant with the Voting Rights Act" adding, "We drew them race-blind. ... My map was drawn blind to race."

4. Opposition: April 17, 2025 Austin Chronicle noted, "According to the Quorum Report, the [school choice] plan had the support of all 62 Democrats and as many as 23 Republicans, enough for it to easily pass," but Trump called on speaker phone. Now, Huffman's race-blind statements under oath justify current maps rather than mid-decade redistricting to craft five GOP seats. I encourage Democrats to break quorum to kill HB 4. The basis of Trump's 5-seat GOP redistricting request erodes LBJ and MLK's civil rights progress—diluting the Black vote. ~Focus on Kerrville instead. zcj

Amber Mills
MOVE Texas Civic Fund
Austin, TX

I’m a proud born-and-raised Texan who grew up in the piney woods of East Texas, went to college in DFW, and now live just minutes from the Capitol. So I know firsthand that each of these regions has distinct needs, cultures, and values, and believe that every corner of our state deserves leadership that reflects and represents them.
While we’re not surprised, we are deeply disappointed to see this proposed map continue the same old pattern: cracking apart the communities where young, Black, and brown Texans live, study, and work—and folding them into largely rural districts with little to nothing in common. Under this proposal, UT Arlington—one of the most diverse universities in the entire country, and one I’m proud to have graduated from—is being redrawn into a district with Irving, a community where over 70% of residents are people of color, many of whom are immigrants, students, or in the early stages of their careers. While combining these communities in many ways makes sense, the issue lies in the fact that they are being intentionally drawn into a district that stretches hours east into counties with vastly different demographics, priorities, and lived experiences.
The same pattern continues in Austin, where the new map packs the University of Texas and East Austin—both historically diverse and progressive—into a single district, while surgically removing downtown Austin, including the Capitol and the neighborhood I live in. That area is instead twisted into a district that stretches all the way up North and across to Houston County, ironically neighboring my hometown. There are not community of interest here, just a deliberate effort to weaken the power of young, engaged voters.
Texas is as big as it is diverse, but our representation doesn’t reflect that. These maps don’t serve us. They serve politicians desperately clinging to power.
Just because the law or the legislative process can be bent to allow this redraw our map, just because the President called for it, or because Governor Abbott supports this, doesn’t make it right or moral. The fact of the matter is that extremist policies are not popular policies. And Texans—across regions, races, and religions—deserve fair maps, not partisan manipulation.
On behalf of young people across our state, we urge you to reject this proposal, to put an end to gerrymandering, and to do what’s right for the people of Texas

Kendra Kinsey
Self
Liberty Hill, TX

I absolutely oppose this bill. There is no reason to even look at a map drawn by the president to skew our representation in Texas. People who live in these high pop areas know that they skew blue as most cities do. It’s crazy to erase our ability to vote. The house is supposed to work as a representation of smaller communities and interests - not carbon copy diluted average puppets of the president. Don’t cheat this next election. Let the government have the checks and balances they were meant to have. Wait until 2031 to look at these maps again, and ensure that communities have proper representation. The president should have zero say in this process.

Heather Sowder
Self, stay at home mom
Killeen, TX

Don't gerrymander the map and steal seats. We all deserve a voice in OUR government.

Malissa “Mal” Torres, Live Oak Democratic Chairwoman
Common Defense member
Three Rivers, TX

This Map Is a Threat to Veterans and Our Communities”

Subject: I Fought for Democracy — This Map Undermines It

My name is Mal Torres, and I am a proud retired U.S. Air Force veteran, a resident of Three Rivers, Live Oak countyTexas, and a member of Common Defense, the nation’s largest grassroots organization of progressive veterans.
I’m submitting this testimony to strongly oppose the proposed redistricting map. The way this map is drawn is not just a political tactic — it’s a direct assault on democracy, on communities of color, and on the veterans who return home to live in them.
This map targets Black and Brown neighborhoods, strips representation from active, community-rooted congressional leaders, and slices up communities where veterans rely on accessible services and trusted representation.
As a veteran, I am deeply concerned that this map makes it harder for us to defend and expand services through the VA. It’s no coincidence that these lines gut areas where our VA Not for Sale campaign has traction — because silencing our voices silences our fight to protect the benefits we earned.
This redistricting proposal is not neutral. It is strategic, harmful, and unjust. I urge the committee to reject this map, hold public hearings in the affected communities, and draw lines that respect real people — not partisan power.

Signed,

Malissa G Torres
Live Oak Democratic Chair
USAF Veteran
Member, Common Defense
Three Rivers, Live Oak
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Joseph Gruberman
self/retired director of IT
Austin, TX

I stand against the proposed redistricting plan for the following reason. It will result in a reduction of the total count of represented Travis County districts through consolidation. Consolidating representation within the House reduces diversity of opinion within the affected populations. In the same vein, political leanings are likely to be shifted toward the opposing party. I understand that both major parties jerrymander districts, but my specific concern is that a diversity of party/political representation will encourage people of all political persuasions to move here. This is particularly important to attract those developing improvements in science, technology, and education. I moved to Austin from rural Arizona for this very reason. Thank you for considering my comments.

Judy Malandruccolo
Self
Plano, TX

The current map presented is a classic case of racial gerrymandering. Looking at my own area in Plano, Texas, instead of my current district CD 03, I would be moved to CD 04. CD 04 has a large arm reaching down to pull my area - an area with many Asians and Democrats - into a large swath of area along the Oklahoma border, nearly reaching to Texarkana! The folks along the Oklahoma border have NOTHING in common with our needs in Plano, Texas, a busy suburban community. Looking at CD 03 covers area of Collin County and 6 more counties going Eastward, only one county away from the Texas state border. How is a representative supposed to properly represent all the needs of his/her constituents? How far will I have to drive for a town hall meeting?
And this is only MY area. I have seen the purposeful gerrymandering to reduce African American and Latino communities, not only in the Dallas area, but also in Houston and in Austin - again, with small swaths of communities of color being stretches out into rural areas that we know will inevitably vote for Republicans.
This move is obvious. It is race-based. We already told you in the three public hearings NOT to do this - 99% said we did not want Redistricting mid-decade. Be forewarned. The state will be sued. Personally, I am considering a suit against the Republican party for your continued attempts to disenfranchise Texas voters. We elect you, you don't get to choose your voters. And anyone who is encouraging you to do this, are WRONG! And if you do their bidding, you too will be WRONG!
Judy Malandruccolo

Daniel Harris
Self
Houston, TX

This is wrong and I refuse to vote for any member of Congress that approves this bill. Gerrymandering should not be legal and we need an external group to handle it, not biased lawmakers listening to national party interests.

Timothy Rubel, Prof
Self/professor and choreographer
Laredo, TX

I am writing to express my firm opposition to this bill. Texas already carries a GOP majority in both Congress and the state legislature. Therefore, Democratic voters and the lawmakers we elect have to work harder to make sure we are adequately represented at the decision making table. This redistricting plan will give even more political power to the GOP, thereby making the power structure in Texas even more imbalanced. Furthermore, this bill is (most likely) nakedly unconstitutional. It would create two majority black districts, one of which would be almost entirely black, which would effectively disenfranchise black voters, given that they make up only 12% of voters. This kind of gerrymandering is not only systemically racist, but it has also been deemed unconstitutional in court case after court case. If any redistricting should occur, it should be done so to even the playing field from where it is currently, so that Democratic districts have the same chance at winning congressional seats as Republicans do. I urge you to abandon HB 4. Thank you.

Martha Barker
Self Social Worker
Kyle, TX

This is a cowardly move by the Texas Republican Party. You are not thinking about what is best for Texas--you are acting out of fear of Donald Trump. You are afraid of a fair fight in the next elections. The Republicans will continue to be the majority in Texas, but increasingly Texas is being manipulated into this anti-democratic gerrymandering The redistricting is designed to dilute the votes of people of color and the residents of the largest cities in Texas. Where is your respect for the opinions and values of those who have other ideas? Democracy is strongest when we respect the whole electorate--not just those who agree with us. I ask you to move to a non-partisan method for redistricting that will allow all voices to be heard.

Vicki Byrd
Self - Retired
Houston, TX

This Bill is a desperate attempt for one Political Party to take away the Rights of the American People. One attempt to silence even one American Citizen with the Rights to Choose, is an attempt to silence all Americans. Redistricting to gain Party Advantage is manipulative, unprofessional, sneaky and disgraceful. Where is the integrity?

Wendy Bell
Self
Denton, TX

I'm for this bill! Undo the previous gerrymandering.

Brad Nelson
Self
Bastrop, TX

I get that y'all are trying to keep control of Texas as Republicans and that Trump has asked if not begged you to take more seats. But I implore you to be decent human beings that respect the Constitution and how it was intended to be. Gerrymandering is an evil thing that has plagued our country on both sides. It strips away the rights of the voters to truly choose their representatives and it is abhorrent. If you have any decency in you at all, please don't gerrymander this state anymore. Do your job and trust the voters to make the right choice. By choosing for us you are destroying what makes this a democracy.

Ann Coplen-Harold
Self
Austin, TX

Gerrymandering in Texas undermines democracy and fair representation, creating significant harm for both voters and the political system. First and foremost, it allows politicians to choose their voters, rather than letting voters choose their representatives. This manipulation of district lines distorts the electoral process, creating "safe" districts that limit political competition and reduce voter influence. By favoring one party over another, gerrymandering prevents genuine democratic outcomes and makes elections less reflective of the true will of the people.

Additionally, gerrymandering disproportionately harms minority communities, particularly Texas' large Latino and Black populations. Manipulating district lines often dilutes their voting power by "packing" or "cracking" districts, making it harder for these communities to elect candidates who represent their interests. This violates the Voting Rights Act and exacerbates racial inequality in the political process.

Moreover, gerrymandering increases political polarization by ensuring that elections are often decided in the party primaries, where candidates cater to extreme positions to appeal to their base. This leaves voters with fewer moderate options and exacerbates gridlock and division in government.

Lastly, gerrymandering erodes public trust in democracy. When voters feel that their voices are being ignored or manipulated, they become disillusioned with the system, leading to lower voter turnout and engagement. Instead of fair elections, gerrymandering creates a political environment that benefits incumbents at the expense of the people.

To counter these issues, Texas could adopt an independent redistricting commission, which would ensure a more transparent, impartial process that fairly represents the diverse population of the state, restoring trust in the democratic system.

Stacy Smith
Self
La Marque, TX

I don't support this redistricting because it weakens the political voice of the Black community. Fair representation matters, and when lines are drawn to dilute our voting power, it's not just unfair — it's undemocratic.

Justin Swink
Self
Watauga, TX

I am writing to urge you to vote NO on HB 4, which calls for unnecessary redistricting. I am ashamed that as a proudly independent state with strongly independent people, the Texas Congress has decided to cower to the president and do his bidding. This is a cowardly power grab and will severely limit the voices of people who are already disenfranchised and a minority in Texas. As representatives, you are charged with representing the people, not the interests of the president or your party. You have a duty to represent the People, and a vote in favor of this bill is a vote that does nothing but benefit you and your party, not the People. I urge you to stand strong, independent, and as Texans and do the right thing. Take care of the issues that matter to people and to keep us safe: gun control, natural disaster prevention , school safety. These are things I worry about. These are things you could do something about . But instead you are choosing to debate a measure that proves how tenuous the Republican grasp on power truly is. This bill is a cowardly bill. Put it to bed, vote no and get on with helping your fellow citizens, not disenfranchising them. Vote no.

Delcia López
N/A
EDINBURG, TX

Republicans already hold 25 of Texas's 38 congressional seats, but under the new redistricting law, that number would rise to 30. Instead of making their own districts more competitive, they're redrawing the boundaries to weaken Democratic districts—especially in South Texas, where Latino voters are being targeted to make seats more favorable to Trump. This is how they rig the map without winning more votes. I'm strongly against this, and I want my voice to be heard by my state representative.

Helena Taylor, Dr
Self
Tomball, TX

No redistricting

David Gorham
Self
Arlington, TX

Don't do it. It is illegal and will be overturned when you lose the majority.

Louise Smith
self / Retired
Georgetown, TX

This is REALLY not the right time for redistricting. The PEOPLE of Texas have the right to vote for the people they want to represent them, NOT the people the party in power has chosen!!!!!!!!!!

Melanie Wells, Dr.
Self and other Texans
Dallas, TX

How insulting that MY state is being ruled by Washington. My people have been in Texas for generations and have always stood for the right and responsibility of the state to take care of its own, not be led by the nose by Washington .

Grace Bradshaw, Mrs.
Self
Austin, TX

I am opposed to redistricting and this time. When you deprive minorities oof fair representation, you leave them without a voice. You ruin your chance to win people over fair and square. Your policies have already alienated people who believe in fairness and justice. If you continue to kowtow to a President who believed in bullying and denigrating people, who disdains due process, who only wants to enrich himself, it will become clear that you do not care about your constituents. You do not care about honor, respect and decency. You want to rig the system in favor of the rich.

Amelia Belizaire
Self
Houston, TX

This is an attempt to suppress the will of the people. This insane plot to increase Republicans representation is an attempt to hijack the will of the people and eliminate true district representation. Please summon up your courage and vote this bill down. You are not fooling anyone with this attempt to diminish the power of the people.

Tiffany Forristal
self/designer
Houston, TX

Redistricting at this juncture is not an appropriate use of government time, effort, and funds. The citizens do not want this. The next census will be an appropriate point to consider adjusting the district maps, not before. Certainly not for the benefit of any political party, most especially if it will silence the voices of the people.

Lisa Ybarra
Self / Project Manager
Austin, TX

I am writing to express concerns over HB4 and the redrawing of electoral maps. Fair, accurate representation is the foundation of democracy and benefits for ALL Texans, regardless of their party affiliation. Redistricting should reflect our diverse communities and ensure that all voices have equitable influence in government.

When you redesign maps to that clearly favor a specific political party, it undermines public confidence in our electoral system and weakens democratic institutions. This creates districts that do not accurately represent community interests or concerns. This leads to an even further disconnect between elected officials and the constituents they are supposed to serve.

I urge you to look at this from a different perspective. If the Democratic party did this, you would be equally upset and shouting that it's unfair and unjust. Why does it make it ok for the Republican party to do it? This continued need to appease the current administration is exhausting for us Texans.

I urge a reconsideration of HB4 to reflect bipartisan fairness, transparency, and equal representation for all Texans. Just vote no. Thank you

Marisol Trevino
SELF - TECH INDUSTRY
Austin, TX

Texas Republicans' attempts to pay fealty to Trump, a Yankee from NYC, is hilarious, shameful and downright disingenous. Do you have so little confidence in garnering Texas votes legitimately and actually representing the people of Texas that you have to resort to this type of swindling of the populace of Texas to cheat your way to getting what you want Where are your ethics? You talk about putting the Ten Commandments in public schools and then cheat your fellow Texans out of their lunch money by dismissing democracy and the rules of engagement when it comes to voting.

I used to be proud of being a Texan back when races could go either way. Sometimes Mark White and Ann Richards would win, sometimes Bill Clements and Rick Perry would win. People went out and voted, canvassed and sought legitimate votes, not this namby-pamby redistricting to break up the larger cities in Texas that vote blue.

There is always a reckoning for thieves. I hope Democratic congressmen flee the state to prevent this if you don't come to your senses.

Michael Vargha
Self
Fort Worth, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Katharine Cartwright
self
San Antonio, TX

We want you to prioritize issues of concern to regular Texans over political power plays. We want flood relief, not corrupt new maps..

Forreste Markowitz
Self/Office Admin
League City, TX

I strongly oppose the current redistricting maps. They are clearly drawn to protect incumbents and silence communities of color, especially Black and Latino voters. Fair maps should reflect the people of Texas—not manipulate boundaries for political gain. I urge lawmakers to ensure transparency, protect voting rights, and draw maps that truly represent our diverse population.

Lisa Kurtz, Mrs
Self
Houston, TX

I wholeheartedly support HB4 and the re-districting plan.

Marissa Devery Garza
Self
Katy, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Adrian Maisonet
self
El Paso, TX

Good evening, ladies and Gentlemen of the texas congressional house and senate; My name is Adrian Luis Maisonet, a lifelong resdient of the state of texas by way of el paso, and I am writing this to display my overall disgust and opposition to the congressional redistricting of the lone star state, soley for the interest of the republican party under both govenor greg abbot and president donald trump who we all agree has betrayed the united states of america and the state of Texas.

As many are aware, the president as well as the texas govenor are commmencing this redistricitng plan that was usually supposed to take place once every ten years since both know full well that republican party members do not at all play fairly political wise, intentionally wanting nothing more than to conslidate more and more power for themselves to the point that they would be dictatorous at the expense of the american people who not a single one actually cares about. Even as this is typed, many member for the republican party also mock the citizens who have voted them into office mostly by the backing of MANY billionaire groups as well as families of billionaires who are with the hertiage foundation(the same one that have chosen to fund the election of said president) which is inded disgusting and putrid. On top of this, the redistricting in an of itself has by far the most racist of undertones, noting in part to what trump said about attorney general steven miller's sadistic desire for a homogenous nation and I quote "if it were up to miller, the us population would be reduced to 100 million people, and they would all look like him". Especially since both of them and pete hegseth know yet ignore the fact that this nation as well as this state was in fact once founded by migrants(for those republican represenatives who are on their phones and tablets watching porn and whatnot while ignoring the people who they swore to serve under both the texan and U.S. constiutions collectively which i think shows that the entirety of the republican party has collectively sold all of their souls as well as ours to the devil for them to even do this.

simply put, I stand with all of the texans who oppose the redistricting of the state of texas and I hereby oppose all of the republican party altogether now as we choose to vote blue and become full democratic. That is all. Thank you all and have a good day.

Daisy Marquez
Proud El Pasoan, Born and Raised
El Paso, TX

The current proposed map removes significant portions of El Paso County, including all of Fort Bliss, El Paso International Airport, and the new Veterans Affairs Health Care Center, for which Representative Veronica Escobar secured $700 million in funding. This change would leave these areas without local representation, silencing their voices and making it easier to ignore their concerns. Instead, these important locations would be placed in a district that stretches from San Antonio to the El Paso Borderland, which includes two other military installations. This situation forces Fort Bliss, our small airport, and the Veterans Affairs Center to compete for limited and diminishing resources, conflicting with the interests of 27 other counties across Texas. How is this sustainable? How can this be the right move for representing the people of Texas? Do we truly mean so little to you?

I am here to express my concerns about a government that seems intent on suppressing our voices and freedoms rather than genuinely serving the community and doing good for the majority. This bill does not benefit my community. How many families have recently been affected by the extreme rainfall resulting from the actions of greedy climate destroyers like drilling and oil companies? How many have died? How many will be affected by the severe dust storms we’ve been experiencing? Hospitalizations increase by 400% after a dust storm. I have raised several issues that COULD be our main focus, rather than this redistricting. Which feels inherently racist!!!

How does limiting our access to our constitutional right to vote on local issues help us? This congressional redistricting is a direct attack on a community that has worked tirelessly to thrive and create something beautiful. Shame on any government official who votes for this bill, as it goes directly against your commitment to the people you serve. Shame!

Dave Kozusko, MR
self
Dallas, TX

Redistricting is a blatant racist power grab it undermines fair representation and rigs the rules to erase the voices of black and brown communities in order to keep politicians who support white Christian nationalism in power. Stop this rhetoric power grab mid-decade redistricting and focus on TX children that are hungry right now because the only meal they get is when they are in school.Be the Christian that you say you are and stop being hypocrite cowards, as you are an embarrassment to TX. And stop diverting attention by talking about Trans, they are not the problem, you all are making them the problem. Stop it. Just stop talking about them. Focus on making Texas better. Focus on redistricting in 2030 after the census is completed. Put your energy right now to make Kerr County flood victims better. Focus on our Texas roads and infrastructure. Focus on getting the Epstein files released. Focus or get ADHD medication for yourselves and learn to represent your constituents better because you are not doing your job. Your job review is that you did not perform your job responsibilities and you are fired.

Rosy Villalobos
Self
El Paso, TX

Please stop this bill, it will not benefit our community, representation for our community is going to be lost. We cannot allow this scam to take place, it's really sad to see how ambition of power leads this unfair initiative, it does not consider the community needs at all. Challenging times, and unfortunately Texas is lead by ambition of power, completely disconnected form "We the People".

Allan Scardina, Mr.
self
Houston, TX

This is a blatant political move to under-represent Democrats, minorities and anyone who expects to have a voice in government that disagrees with the existing regime. Stop this nonsense NOW.

Lynda Harryman, Ms.
Self
Centerville, TX

I support HB4, and the redistricting plan.

Mehgan Kidd
Self/ physician
Austin, TX

I am against this bill. It makes no sense for people in Austin to be represented by a rural district. I am against this.

David Hallam
Myself
Amarillo, TX

Stop trying to gerrymander. You voted to align with donald, deal with the consequences.

Andy Andrade Jr
self-bookkeeper
El Paso, TX

How in the world can we be represented by someone who doesn't know much about El Paso and much less about our citizens. I hope this does not happen.
This guy Gonzalez is a brown-noser catering to Trump. Shameful.

Terry Lynch
Self
Parker, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Gary Simons, Me.
Self, Truck Driver
Dallas, TX

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the current redistricting proposals under consideration. As a concerned Texas resident and voter, I believe that the proposed maps do not reflect fair representation and instead appear to prioritize political gain over the rights and voices of everyday Texans.

Redistricting should be a transparent, inclusive process that ensures every community has equitable representation. Unfortunately, the current maps dilute the voting power of communities of color, divide cohesive neighborhoods, and undermine public trust in our democratic system. These outcomes are unacceptable and contrary to the principles of fair representation guaranteed under the Voting Rights Act.

Texas is a diverse and rapidly growing state, and our electoral maps must reflect that reality—not manipulate it for partisan advantage. I urge the committee to reject any plan that perpetuates gerrymandering.

LARRY COOK
Self
Dodd City, TX

I am in favor of this bill as it stands.

Diane Kester
Self - Retired
Austin, TX

Please do not be puppets of this authoritarian dictatorship. Do not obey Trump's order to hand him more undeserved power. Represent your constituents as you've sworn to do, and draw districts fairly.

Dwala Kuhn
Self
Richardson, TX

I support H4B and the redistricting map.

Leeann Flora
Self
Keller, TX

Good afternoon,
My name is Leeann Flora. I live in Keller in Tarrant County in the 24th congressional district. I am former Republican and a Caucasian. I submit this comment on behalf of myself.

I attended the hearings this week in Arlington. The opposition to this bill was overwhelming! Listen to your constituents! I ask that you stand as independent thinking Texans to say NO to Trump and Abbott's blatant attempt at racial gerrymandering. Say NO to redistricting before lawsuits have even been settled from the last redistricting that occurred in 2021. This is racial gerrymandering because the voices of brown and black people are being targeted, attempting to silence their right to be represented by a legislator they want and voted for. Additionally, this rushed process lacks transparency, lacks time for public review, testimony, and comments. We want to see the maps and an analysis of how the maps were drawn and how they impact people of color. We want public input to be taken seriously and to be reflected in the maps! All comments and testimony from the entire state should be available for public review to ensure they are not destroyed and that anyone can see the true sentiments of the people of this state. While this off cycle redistricting attempt may be legal, that does not make it right or moral. Stand up, be independent, be a Christian who loves their neighbor as Christians are commanded to do in the biblical text.

Thank you for your time.

Donna Galati
Self
Austin, TX

I am writing to express my belief that the gerrymandering you are wanting to pass is a disgrace to Texas and Texans. I believe you all have a duty to rise above this embarrassing abuse of power requested of your role.

Sharon Calvert
True Texas Project
Burnet, TX

No revision

Bruce Munro
self / retired
Flower Mound, TX

This congressional redistricting action is politics at its worst. It is contradictory to our most fundamental principles of a representative government. Districts should be drawn to represent the people and not to rig the game. Gerrymandering should be outlawed. The president continues to disrespect these principles and our governor has become his hypocritical willing accomplice. We must return to faith in our democracy and its institutions if we want to restore hope to our citizens that their government serves them and that they are not just pawns in the political games of the rich and powerful.

Jesse Butler, Ed.D.
self/retired
West Lake Hills, TX

With all respect, I am writing to request both Republican and Democratic representatives to oppose redrawing congressional maps with no new Census and no public demand. These proposed maps silence many voters. Please follow the process currently in place and not make changes in the middle of the established schedule.
It is completely wrong to change congressional maps in the middle of the current schedule.
We do not have a current census and input from both parties is essential to our democratic system of government.
Please vote NO to HB 4 to changing congressional districts. Thank you for your consideration.
Regards,
Jess Butler

Kay Kloecker
Self
Hempstead, TX

I strongly urge you to not pass HB 4. Gerrymandering is not what you were sent to Austin to accomplish. You do not have to bend a knee to Governor Abbott or the orange faced pedophile, convicted criminal, rapist, wannabe king Trump. Stand up and have a spine.

Mika Ryan
Self
Southlake, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map!

John Porter
Texan
San Antonio, TX

This will be defeated in the courts and waste more taxpayer money. Instead of gaming the system - work on legislation that actually helps Texans?

Kenneth Shaw
self - Business Owner
Lantana, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map

Bonnie Downing
Self, social worker
Dallas, TX

I'm writing to vehemently oppose the redistricting efforts being discussed today. This maneuver is patently corrupt, and as a seventh-generation Texan it appalls and disappoints me to know that my fellow Texans would behave in a way that so callously removes the voice and autonomy of more of your fellow statesmen than have already been suppressed. If your policies and stances are good, people will vote for them. Only those who know they're on the wrong side of history need to manipulate votes at this level to grasp at power.

MARCUS Johnson
Sigma Gamma Lambda of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity
Katy, TX

I am writing to express my concern regarding any proposals to redraw Texas congressional district lines before the 2026 midterm elections. While I recognize the authority of the legislature to oversee redistricting, I believe that undertaking such a significant change outside the traditional post-census cycle risks undermining public trust in the electoral process.

Frequent or mid-cycle redistricting—especially without clear justification tied to updated population data—can give the appearance of partisan manipulation and reduce voter confidence in our democratic institutions. To protect the integrity of our elections and uphold the principle of fair representation, I respectfully urge you and your colleagues to consider the following:

Maintain the standard redistricting schedule aligned with the decennial U.S. Census.

Ensure any redistricting process is conducted with full transparency, including public hearings, timely publication of proposed maps, and ample opportunity for public input.

Prioritize community representation by respecting natural geographic boundaries and existing municipal or regional affiliations.

Avoid any changes that would create disproportionately uncompetitive or imbalanced districts that weaken accountability to voters.

Should any redistricting efforts move forward before the 2026 elections, I strongly encourage the implementation of a non-partisan, independent commission to guide the process. This would help ensure that all Texans—regardless of political affiliation—can have confidence in the fairness and objectivity of our electoral maps. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. I trust that you will consider the long-term health of our democracy and the expectations of your constituents as you weigh any redistricting decisions.

Michelle Spalding
Self
Houston, TX

I oppose this bill, as a blatant power grab. Trump asked and Texas is trying to answer! Stop!

Merolyn Sanders
Self
Corsicana, TX

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"I oppose the proposed redistricting maps. They do not represent the diversity or needs of my community. Stop the gerrymandering!"

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"I oppose the proposed redistricting maps. They do not represent the diversity or needs of my community. Stop the gerrymandering!"

libby morris
self
san antonio, TX

Opposed

James Lee
Self
Dripping Springs, TX

I am firmly against any redistricting in the state of Texas. I believe in a strong state government that represents the state of Texas. I argue that redistricting is selling the voice of Texans off to a national political organization, robbing the power of the state. By "finding 5 seats" for Trump, the state government is essentially forfeiting one of the greatest powers the state has in choosing its own representatives. In a republic, the people choose their elected officials. If the Republican Party wants 5 seats, they should do it through their platform and campaigning, not cutting the corners of our democracy.

Jennifer Ayers
Self, business owner
Austin, TX

Stop gerrymandering our voting districts, that do nothing but disenfranchise voters. I'm so fucking tired of Republicans stacking the decks in their favor, and scrambling to appease a child diddling felon and rapist at our expense. If you force our reps Cruz, and Cornryn, who have done nothing but ignore their constituents, to have a town hall, and actually face the people they claim to represent, they would know beyond the shadow of a doubt that the voters do NOT want this. They keep forgetting they serve at our mercy, and despite all the cheating, and sleight of hand bullshit, they will have their come to jesus moment one way or another.

Andy Escobar
Self - Campaigns Manager
Houston, TX

I am writing in opposition to the redistricting. There is no need to upend our already gerrymandered maps into more chaos. Let us retain the little representation we currently hold. It is imperative that districts reflect communities and not identities.

Robin Arnold
self/educator
Austin, TX

There is NO NEED FOR REDISTRICTING AND REPUBLICANS KNOW IT! It's just another attempt at gerrymandering Texans out of their democracy. This sham is all because Trump wants it to further Republican control--not what's actually good for Texans. And it's despicable that the GOP is beholden to Trump instead of Texans. Shame. Shame. I can only imagine the upheaval if Democrats attempted this cowardly move.
The needs of the people in my district do not share the same needs as those in Corpus Christi or Victoria.

Forgo the redistricting sham and concentrate on what's really important. Like implementing an early warning system in flood prone areas so we don't have a repeat of the July 4th flood tragedy.
Texans deserve better!

Marc Arguijo
Self
Houston, TX

HB4 Is a Betrayal That Must Not Stand

Texas House Bill 4 is not just a redistricting bill. It is an act of electoral sabotage, a betrayal of representative government, and a brazen attempt to turn a diverse, growing, and vibrant state into a partisan stronghold through cheating. Its passage would mark not only a legal travesty but a moral failure—a state choosing oligarchy over democracy.

We must reject it with every ounce of political, legal, and civic power we possess. Because if HB4 stands, the principle that every Texan deserves a voice in their government will fall.

This is not a partisan issue. This is not left vs. right. This is right vs. wrong. And history will remember which side you stood on.

Guillerma Contreras, Ms.
Self
San Antonio, TX

Please do not gerrymander our district and water down my vote. Texans deserve better and transparency in our government.

Dubravka Romano, Ms
Self
Austin, TX

I am vehemently opposed to this bill. I vote in every Republican primary and will vote against any R who supports this naked power grab and effort to dilute the voices of people in our community. Please vote no! .

Linda Barnes
Self
Crowley, TX

I am FOR the redistricting of the US House of Representatives of Texas. And I would like for my state reps vote in favor of this bill.

Kate Damme, Dr
Self
Rowlett, TX

This redistributing is an insult to all Texans, it makes us look weak on a national stage. It’s undemocratic. It’s disgusting and pathetic. I’m ashamed and you should be too! I and other Texans will remember and vote out representatives who support this.

Shelia MAYBERRY
Congressman Crockett
Killeen, TX

This bill is a disservice to those people in the area and to the congressman tjat you are avidly trying to remove. A voice needs to be heard for those people who are unable to speak for themselves. Redistricting is wrong especially to the people of color and the less fortunate just to appease ONE per who does not care about this country!!!!!

Greg Field
self - Data Engineer
Georgetown, TX

There are issues with the current Texas Congressional map. We need to change it, and I am supportive of the new proposed maps. Please make sure the new map does not change existing election precinct boundaries. Changing election precinct boundaries will cause a lot of work for County Commissioners and County Election Departments which must be done before the March Primary.

Elizabeth Carlson
Self; retired.
Irving, TX

I agree with Sen. Miles when he called out the Redistricting Committee Chair for his opening remarks, noting that the witnesses who have testified have every right to be upset and call the process racist because four majority minority districts were targeted to be redistricted. Their communities are being divided and taken away. If you do racist things, people will call you racist. Majority minority communities are being targeted and that's a racist act. Point blank period.

The proposed redistricting is offensive and unfair and Texas should be better
than this.

James Downing
self
AUSTIN, TX

Hello: I'm Jim Downing, 50 year resident of Shady Hollow south of Austin. l'm writing because I want my great grandkids to enjoy the freedoms that enabled me to grow up on a small cotton farm outside Lyford in the RGV to enjoy the best our country has to offer.
I have been a Republican from the day I went with my dad to vote for Ike. I have served as a Republican precinct chairman. I'm the founder of Zycor, an O&G technology company whose technology has been written into almost every major field unitization agreement. The technology are now part of Halliburton's E&P package. I've held a special Top Secret clearance and more recently was an expert witness in a major oil field dispute between Shell, Exxon and other smaller operators.
Because of Trump's lack of class, his pathologic lying – by some count over 30,000 times since he was inaugurated, his lack of humility, and his expectations of hero worship by his acolytes I have changed my stripes – not that I wanted to but that I was driven away by this autocratic idiot who has degraded our society to the extent that the big lie is socially and politically acceptable. He has gaudied up the Oval Office with so much gold he looks like a fat potentate holding court. He has willingly degraded the unwritten regard Americans have for government and authorities. I assume that each of you are honorable, well educated people and as such I have one simple question for each of you – in the recesses of your heart and mind do you truly believe that enabling this simpleton is in the best interest of our state and precious country. Get some backbone and do what is fair and right, not expedient.

Yolanda Cruz
Education Union
Houston, TX

As a public school educator and union member, I urge you to consider fairness, equity, and representation. Reject the redistricting proposal.

Edlyn Kimak
Self
Harlingen, TX

This is preposterous! The Governor is trying to take away the voice of its constituents and we will not stand for this.

Anna Whitney
Self - technical writer
Austin, TX

Please do not do this. There are so many issues we need the legislature to deal with, and this is not one of them. There is too high a risk for gerrymandering with these maps. Please please focus on other issues instead.

Reynaldo Fernandez, Mr
Self, Retired
El Paso, TX

Why in the world would you want to redistribute conhressional districts in the middle of the 10 year cycle is beyond rational explanation. Moreover, to place part of the 16th congressional district to a seat almost 600 miles away makes no sense whatsoever. The 16th congressional district has been functioning perfectly fine with all the areas within the district represented by someone who lives within the district, knows the district and knows what the district needs and wants. Don't waste your time with this asinine plan. I will remember this in 2026.

Mimi Lawrence
self, retired physicist
Austin, TX

As an Austin resident and Texas voter for the past 35 years I urge the committee to reject HR4, this uncalled-for mid-decade redistricting project. Under HB4, I will be represented by a Congressman based nearly 200 miles away in San Angelo! Others of my Austin neighbors will suddenly have representatives from Victoria or Waco. This is NOT representative democracy! We deserve fair maps, not political manipulation at Donald Trump's demand that the Texas legislature enhance his stranglehold on the U.S. House of Representatives. Please stand up for Texas democracy and reject this corrupt perversion of your responsibility as our elected representatives. Thank you.

Alison Rico
self, physician
El Paso, TX

I vehemently oppose the proposed Texas redistricting map that strips major parts of El Paso County, all of Fort Bliss, the El Paso International Airport, and the new Veterans Affairs Health Care Center from having local representation, moving them to a district that spans from San Antonio to the Borderland, includes two other military installations (forcing Fort Bliss, our airport, and the VA Center to compete for limited and shrinking resources). Please continue to give El Paso County its own representative!

Thomas Mason
Self -- retired river authority executive
Austin, TX

Please do not wast time on creating new, gerrymandered districts this legislative session. This has nothing to do with improving the health, welfare, or economy of Texas -- it is pure politics, and matters such as flood preventions and emergency preparedness are far more important topics for legislators' time and energy this summer.

Damon Bell
Self
San Angelo, TX

No gerrymandering!
Leave our districts alone! Don't you think Republicans already win enough in Texas?? Seriously, stop it.

Theresa Hall
Self
Austin, TX

Testimony to the Texas House of Representatives – Redistricting Proposal
Submitted by: Theresa Hall – Austin, Texas

July 30, 2025

Chairperson and members of the committee,

My name is Theresa Hall, representing myself, and I'm a proud resident of Austin, Texas. I spent decades working in healthcare, serving my community and advocating for the well-being of others. That work was deeply personal and meaningful to me — until life took an unexpected turn.
After contracting COVID-19, I developed Long COVID and Dysautonomia, chronic conditions that completely changed my daily reality. I went from being a full-time healthcare worker to navigating an exhausting maze of medical appointments, treatments, and limitations. My health challenges have reshaped my life, but they've also made me even more passionate about speaking up — especially when our democracy is under threat.
Today, I'm here because I am deeply concerned about the push for mid-decade redistricting in our state — a move that is clearly designed to serve a national political agenda, specifically that of Donald Trump, not the people of Texas.

Redistricting is supposed to happen once every ten years, after the census — that's the standard, and for good reason. It's a process rooted in fairness and population data, not political maneuvering. To redraw the lines mid-decade because the political winds have shifted is not only unethical — it's a direct attack on democratic representation.

As someone who has had to fight just to be seen and heard in the healthcare system, I know what it's like to be ignored by those in power. I also know how critical it is for all of us — especially people from marginalized communities — to have our voices count at the ballot box. Mid-decade redistricting threatens that. It silences Black and brown voters, working-class families, people with disabilities, and anyone who doesn't fit neatly into a partisan power map.
Texans deserve leaders who focus on what truly matters: public health, education, affordability, and equity — not backroom redistricting games to serve a political figure. We deserve transparency, consistency, and fairness — not moving the goalposts every time the scoreboard changes.

I urge you to reject this blatant power grab. Stand with the people, not party politics. Say no to mid-decade redistricting. Texas deserves better.

Thank you for your time.

Jazmine Salazar
Self
Houston, TX

America was built off of the PEOPLES voice. Abbot redrawing the district proves that he know what they are doing is NOT what the people want so he's redrawing everything to keep power and keep himself and his friends in power, regardless of what the PEOPLE want. Don't forget, at the end of the day we're Texans and Texans always fight for what's right. This isn't right. Just because one person believes in X, Y, Z doesn't mean that, that's how things should be. Let the people choose. Let the people be heard. Let us make up our own mind. We are not pawns in your chess games. We, just like you work hard every single day to make something out of this beautiful life we have. We don't need someone idiot in a wheelchair dictating our lives. Jeez, the man is in a wheelchair and he still holds this much power of you?!?? LET US CHOOSE LET OUR VOICES BE HEARD. Don't cheat us off of our proper representation.

Tristan Tipton
self
Houston, TX

I’m a resident of Congressional District 18. This legislature and governor have refused to provide me with a representative since the death of Sylvester, and now you intend on further diluting my vote by gerrymandering even further when I haven’t even received representation despite being taxed?! I have nothing in common with people in Tomball. I have driven to Tomball exactly once in my entire residency in Houston and even then I spent less than 3 hours there. The issues of people in Tomball, while I’m sure are important to them, DO NOT CONCERN ME IN THE LEAST. I am concerned about issues that affect Spring Branch and Memorial City; these are the stomping grounds that I directly tread day in and day out. Your desire to placate a federally convicted rapist who somehow made it to the presidency is so shameful and disgusting that I cannot stand to look any of you in the face save for the fact that I must because democracy demands it. Do your jobs and defeat this blatant attempt at gerrymandering.

Ashley Bennett
Self /Teacher
Santa Fe, TX

As a Texas AFT member and public school educator in Galveston County, I oppose any mid-decade redistricting that reduces minority voting influence. Our communities deserve fair maps, not political manipulation.

Stephone Coward, Mr
Self
Arlington, TX

Hello, my name is Stephone Coward II, and I am a constituent living in Arlington.
I’m writing to urge Representative Veasey to strongly oppose Governor Abbott’s plan to redraw Texas’ congressional districts mid-decade to create five new Republican districts.
This redistricting proposal is unnecessary, unfair, and clearly targeted. It silences the voices of Black, Latino, and other diverse communities by manipulating district lines that were already approved following the last census. Redrawing districts like TX-09, TX-18, TX-29, and TX-33 mid-cycle is not about fairness—it’s about control.
I’m also concerned about how this process is being rushed without transparency or meaningful public input. When communities are cracked or packed into manipulated districts, they lose representation, resources, and power. This move will have long-term consequences on education, healthcare, and economic opportunity for working families across Texas.
I urge you to stand up for a fair, legal, and inclusive redistricting process—and speak out against this harmful proposal.
Thank you,

Bobby Slovak, Mr.
Self/retired public school teacher
Willis, TX

I urge you to vote against any attempts to redraw Texas congressional district maps. As a retired high school civics teacher, I am well aware that redrawing of district lines has already been done. Texas is not under any court order to reapportion its districts, and attempting to do so violates the federal Voting Rights Act. Please reject attempts to redraw these congressional districts.

Rebecca Davenport
self, clinical social worker
Austin, TX

It is unconscionable that a state would bow to a tyrannical call from POTUS to disenfranchise citizen voters. It's particularly irksome that Republicans are gutting the National infrastructure in the name of empowering states. That Texas elected officials disempower citizens of Texas for their own personal power grab is appalling. Texas is a bellwether state. That our politicians are kowtowing rather than resisting fascism is an insult to the better nature of our great and privileged state.

Jasmin Palomo
El Paso
El Paso, TX

Good afternoon, my name is Jasmin Palomo. I am a parent and lifelong resident of El Paso, Texas. I'm proud to call this diverse, resilient border community my home and I'm here today to speak out against the revised congressional redistricting plan.

This redistricting effort is not about fair representation or responding to the needs of Texans. It's a political maneuver driven by outside pressure—namely, President Trump's influence over state leaders. That's not how democracy is supposed to work in Texas.

What's happening behind closed doors—calls from Washington, private delegation meetings, and last-minute agenda changes—undermines public trust. These maps weren't born from our communities. They're being drawn in backrooms to shift power, not to serve the people of this state.

If approved, this redistricting plan threatens to silence the voices of communities like mine by diluting our representation and rigging the maps for short-term political gain. It goes against the very spirit of Texas—a state rooted in independence, pride, and self-determination.

I urge the committee to oppose this bill. Texans deserve fair maps that reflect our needs, not the ambitions of Washington insiders. Stay true to the people, not the politics. Presidents come and go—but we, the people of Texas, are here to stay.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

EDGAR VALLARTA
Self - Texas CPA
HOUSTON, TX

In all fairness, this bill is a blatant attack on our democracy and does not represent the people of Texas in an equitable proportion to the voting results at the last election. Please have the decency to stop the race to the bottom and vote down this bill. We should model the behavior we expect from each others. Thank you!

Yolanda Folsom
Self
Houston, TX

NO I AM NOT IN FAVOR of redistricting!!! Why is this even being considered?
I URGE lawmakers and the courts to reject discriminatory redistricting and demand maps that protect voting rights and uphold the integrity of our democracy.

Mark Hofmann
myself
KYLE, TX

Take the fight to the anti-American democrats! Let's get more aggressive!! Redistrict for more Republican seats!!!

Jennifer Seppi, Mrs.
self
Tyler, TX

I would ask that my Representive vote YES

Anja Mims
Self Educator
Spring, TX

I am opposed to Republican officials redrawing voting districts to increase their voting base. State Sen. Joan Huffman (R), who chaired the 2021 Senate Redistricting Committee, repeatedly testified that race wasn't a factor in determining the maps. Texas Republicans are pushing for an unprecedented mid-decade redistricting simply to solidify GOP power and further dilute minority votes. Stop this politically motivated bill.

Celina Estrada
Self
Laredo, TX

I am vehemently opposed to the gerrymandering that is being proposed by not only our state government but also our president. The audacity with which you are willing to attempt to force Texans to vote in a way which you deem appropriate is horrifying. We all deserve equal representation and this hearing is unnecessary as is redistricting to better suit the Republican Party is absolutely shameful. Elected officials represent the people, the people have spoken out and told you that we do not want this. LISTEN.

Lori Rowe
self
The Colony, TX

I urge you to abandon this very biased and potentially divisive strategy. It will belie the democratic process. Thank you.

Mary Schmidt
Texas Freedom Network
McKinney, TX

To Whom It May Concern,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on HB 4. My name is Mary Schmidt and I live in San Marcos, Texas.

I am writing to convey my concerns about House Bill 4. The purpose of redistricting is to secure the appropriate representation of voters across our extremely diverse state. As stated on the "Legal Requirements for Redistricting" webpage on the official capitol website, redistricting is to be completed following the publication of each United States decennial census in order to "equalize population" among electoral districts. It is extremely unusual for redistricting to be pursued mid-decade. More concerning is that this redistricting would effectively dilute the voting power of people of color in contravention of the Voting Rights Act.

I believe House Bill 4 is not only untimely and unnecessary, but if enacted would directly harm your constituents. Texas is an extremely diverse state across every dimension– topographically, racially, linguistically, economically, etc. It is essential that the full spectrum of voters' voices are represented in lawmaking, and you have been elected, in part, to protect the interests of the people and the democratic principles of this country.

I urge you to reflect upon Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act. The map under House Bill 4 "packs" certain voters of color into a handful of districts, and "cracks" the remaining voters of color between other districts, effectively diluting their collective voting power. It is unconstitutional for a vote in one district to have less of an impact on the outcome of an election than a vote in another district because of the way districts have been strategically drawn.

Please vote NO on House Bill 4, and protect the interests of your constituents as well as your constitutional and legal obligations.

Sincerely,

Mary Schmidt

Lorraine DeHaas
Self
Austin, TX

I oppose mid-census redistricting. I support compact districts reflecting communities of interest.

Janis Morgan
Self
Austin, TX

This is the most shameful and duplicitous trick tge Texas GOP has tried yet, and thats saying something. NO. NO NO NO NO NO.

Michelle Barrera-Chavez
Self
Austin, TX

Redistricting is not only a slap in the face of all Texans, it is a deliberate unashamed abuse of our American right to participate in a representative democracy. This is an attack on ALL constituents, and an absolute disregard of our freedoms. For a party that claims to care about American values, this attempt is deeply shameful. Redistricting is simply straight up highway robbery in bright daylight. It will strip us of a voice, of our rights, and everything that makes proud to call ourselves Americans and Texans. The republican representatives are spitting and stepping all over on our rights and our fragile democracy. I sincerely hope this haunts them every day and night of their lives. As they lay in bed at night, I hope this attempt to redistrict robs them of their sleep and peace, just as they rob the electorate of a voice. I hope any semblance and moment of tranquility is spoiled terribly as it is the least they deserve. May whatever god they pray to be just and fair as the punishment for their actions get cast down upon them. I hope they are all well aware they will be remembered as a terrible stain in their families lineage and in this country's history, one that no matter how hard they try, it will never wash off. As they pass down their names to future generations, I hope they know this names will only bring shame, as they represent the abuse of a once great state and the disregard of its hard working people.

Nina Cardenas
Self - park Ranger
Stonewall, TX

This mid-decade redistricting is purely an attempt by Republicans to cheat the system and maintain control when their policies and positions are becoming more and more unpopular with each passing day. Quit bending over for Donald Trump. Do not pass this bill. Prioritize the voices of the citizens that you're supposed to represent over the voice of a president that has proven to be unethical and grossly incompetent. DO THE RIGHT THING FOR ONCE.

Manthan Upadhyaya
Self
Austin, TX

I urge the committee to reject this redistricting proposal. This is a blatant political grab that undermines the voices of minorities in Texas.

Susan Malcik Malcik
Myself
Austin, TX

Do not take away our democratic rights by changing voting areas. This is immoral.

Virginia Griffith
Self. Retired
Austin, TX

How dare you bend to the knee of president trump instead of representing your fellow Texans! As a 5th generation Texan, I'm appalled at your lack of integrity. ALL TEXANS DESERVE TO BE ABLE TO CHOOSE THEIR REPRESENTATIVES, NOT THE REPRESENTATIVES CHOOSE THEIR CONSTITUENTS. History will not be kind to you and neither will Texas. Your draconian actions are embarrassing and totally unacceptable. My family has always voted a straight republican ticket. But your lack of ethics and integrity has changed that. And it takes a LOT to change my family's political views. Congratulations!

Sara Hayes
Texas Freedom Network
Plano, TX

To Whom It May Concern,
Thank you for the opportunity to comment on HB 4. My name is Sara Hayes and I live in Plano, Texas. I am a volunteer with the Texas Freedom Network, in their collegiate program at the University of Texas at Dallas.
I am writing to convey my concerns about House Bill 4. The purpose of redistricting is to secure the appropriate representation of voters across our extremely diverse state. As stated on the “Legal Requirements for Redistricting" webpage on the official capitol website, redistricting is to be completed following the publication of each United States decennial census in order to “equalize population” among electoral districts. It is extremely unusual for redistricting to be pursued mid-decade. More concerning is that this redistricting would effectively dilute the voting power of people of color in contravention of the Voting Rights Act.
I believe House Bill 4 is not only untimely and unnecessary, but if enacted would directly harm your constituents. Texas is an extremely diverse state across every dimension– topographically, racially, linguistically, economically, etc. It is essential that the full spectrum of voters’ voices are represented in lawmaking, and you have been elected, in part, to protect the interests of the people and the democratic principles of this country.
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Please vote NO on House Bill 4, and protect the interests of your constituents as well as your constitutional and legal obligations.
Sincerely,
Sara Hayes

Kristopher Weiss
Self
Houston, TX

Extremely against redistricting and partisan gerrymandering. Especially when it is solely directed by President Trump. You have a greater fear of trump than you do of your constituents, and you favor your own political future over your duty and your honor. How dare you

Helen Wright
Self
Austin, TX

This redistricting is gross gerrymandering that strips fair representation of every citizen, and i urge you to oppose it.

Maries Laurel, Ms
Self
Richardson, TX

I strongly oppose congressional redistricting. Leave our districts and seats alone

Jill vanVoorhis
self - Consultant
Austin, TX

I am writing in my testimony AGAINST HB 4. I must first insert that it is IMMORAL that focus is on maps and not prevention and aid for the July 4 flood victims first.
While I am representing myself, I also serve as Precinct 291 Travis County Democratic Chair and Co-Chair of the Westlake/Eanes Democrats. We are a majority-Democrat super-precinct whose values are NOT represented by my neighbor, Rep. McCaul. Nor can he possibly represent our needs as well as the red rural counties stretching from Lee to Polk across east Texas. These new maps requested by our Felon/president Donald Trump will result in an overall Seat Shift from 25 Republicans, 13 Democrats (38 total) to 30 Republicans, 8 Democrats and a gain of five seats for Republicans. What a way to suppress the votes! As I'm sure you know, these proposed maps will cause Democratic-held seats to drop to 8 (~21%) despite minority population being close to or above 45% of the state population. This is unconstitutional. Here is why: 1) Voting Rights Act – Section 2 (Vote Dilution) - DOJ letters assert that districts TX 09, TX 18, TX 29, TX 33 violate Sect.?2 by diluting Black and Hispanic voting power. This is clearly "cracking and packing" these districts. 2) 14th Amendment – Racial Gerrymandering - If race predominates over traditional districting criteria, such as compactness and communities of interest, courts should apply strict scrutiny. Supreme Court precedent (e.g., Bush v. Vera, Shaw v. Reno) has invalidated districts that subordinated race-neutral principles to race. These insane district shapes and manipulative boundaries clearly reflect racial intent, not neutral criteria. YOU do not choose your voters. WE, the people, choose our representatives. Please remember this and vote NO on SB 4.

Claire Mclain
Self
Georgetown, TX

This is a power grab made by desperate Republicans because they know they will lose seats next election if they don't cheat.

Carmen Tinajero
Self
El Paso, TX

I am a resident of El Paso. I do NOT approve of the redistricting. Veronica Escobar has done an excellent job in supporting us. Tony Gonzalez does not live or know what we need. He lives 500 miles away. PLEASE do NOT redistrict. Thank you.

Paige Wilhite
Self
Decatur, TX

Redistricting Texas will silende a large portion of the people here. We the people are supposed to choose for ourselves. This slides us further into an authoritarian government and the people will not have that.

Francesca Garrett
Self
San Antonio, TX

You should be ashamed

SUSAN LAMB
RESULTS
AUSTIN, TX

Sir, this proposed redistricting will harm Texans by undermining their ability to choose their representatives freely. The fact that the president is demanding it only highlights the true intent behind HB 4. Four years ago, when Trump pressured Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger to "find 11,780 votes," Raffensperger dared to stand up against this challenge. Now, as Trump calls on Texas GOP leaders to secure him "five seats," I expect Texans to demonstrate the same resolve as the Georgians did. We are stronger than that, aren't we?
Thank you,
Susan Lamb

Julia Hoke, Dr.
Self - psychologist
Austin, TX

This is a naked power grab by the Republican Party. Already, Republicans hold disproportionately more congressional seats (12/38; 69% R/31% D) than indicated by other electoral data (i.e., 2024 presidential election; 56% R/42% D). Our lawmakers should be spending time solving the real problems in Texas, not trying to hopelessly gerrymander our state!

James Peterson, Mr
Self
Denison, TX

The redistricing maps as shown do a much much better job of reflecting the values.and policy wishes of Texas citizens.

Sarah Stevens
Self
Austin, TX

I’m strongly against this redistricting plan. It’s in democratic gerrymandering, not to mention pandering to Donald Trump. If you can’t win fairly, then get out of the way. I remember when Texas was a Democratic state, as well as a democratic one. This is a shameful tactic and it’s time to say no

Paty E
Texas voters
Dallas, TX

I strongly oppose the blatant racial and racist redistricting and urge all elected representatives to listen to the people you were voted into office by! You are grown men and women who know what is right and what is wrong. This is WRONG! Silencing Latino and Black voters is WRONG! We pay taxes just like our Anglo neighbors! And we want REPRESENTATION along with that taxation. NO TO CAPITULATING TO THE GOP REGIME. NO TO SILENCING TEXANS. NO TO GERRYMANDERING.

Molly Pratt
Self
Austin, TX

Texas could benefit from redistricting, but not with this map and not at this time. I support our state bringing in an independent, nonpartisan redistricting commission to redraw our maps. Texas is home to many treasured communities each with its own flavor, complex needs, and collective aims & dreams. We all share the same desire to have our voices heard and to feel like our needs matter to those in power. This map and the processes and circumstances that led to its creation are disheartening and disappointing. I heard the people speak today, and we are overwhelmingly against this. I respectfully ask the committee to oppose redistricting at this time.

Whitney Naquin
Self, homemaker
Driftwood, TX

I can see no justifiable reason for this push for redistricting, except to silence political opposition for Republicans.

The brilliance of our founding fathers' design for our nation rested in the forced and intentional ways we must address those who disagree with our policies as we govern, ultimately allowing lawmakers a broader perspective that better serves the people in the end. This redistricting push stands in direct opposition to that founding principle of our country, and it is wrong.

Keyanna Newman
Democrats
Katy, TX

I strongly oppose House Bill 4 as currently proposed. This bill represents a blatant attempt at partisan gerrymandering designed to manipulate the electoral process for political gain, not to ensure fair representation for the people of Texas.
Texas is one of the most diverse states in the country, with rapidly growing Black, Latino, and Asian populations. However, HB 4 fails to reflect this demographic reality. Instead, it redraws congressional maps in a way that weakens the voting power of communities of color, particularly in South Texas, Austin, Houston, and the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex. By targeting minority-heavy districts currently held by Democrats, the bill dilutes the influence of voters who deserve full and fair representation in Congress.
Moreover, the process behind HB 4 has lacked transparency and accountability. The maps were released suddenly, with minimal public notice and no opportunity for robust community input or meaningful debate. This approach undermines trust in our democratic institutions and disrespects the right of Texans to participate in decisions that directly impact their representation.
HB 4 also runs afoul of the principles set forth in the Voting Rights Act, which prohibits redistricting efforts that result in the disenfranchisement of minority voters. The proposed maps appear to prioritize partisan outcomes over compliance with federal law, and they invite costly legal challenges that Texas taxpayers should not have to fund.
Redistricting should be about fair representation not partisan advantage. Lawmakers should be drawing maps that reflect the actual population and its interests, not using the redistricting process as a political weapon. I urge members of the House Select Committee to reject HB 4 in its current form and instead develop a map that respects the will of the people, protects communities of interest, and upholds the integrity of our elections.
Texans deserve a democracy that works for everyone not just for those in power.

LeeAnn Rinderknecht
Myself
Katy, TX

I am against the Congressional Redistricting in HB4. My voting rights are being compromised as representatives will now select their voters instead of voters selecting who will represent them. Also, there is absolute no reason to redraw the lines mid cycle especially when the previous map is still being litigated for being drawn unfairly.

Johnny Nguyen
Self
Spring, TX

I support these efforts to update district maps

Marsha Labodda
=self--retired librarian
El Paso, TX

Keep the district lines in El Paso the same--do not give Ft. Bliss or the airport to a rep who lives 800 miles away!

Gayle Kanies
Self
Austin, TX

I would like to thank the Chairman and the Committee Members for providing an opportunity for voters to provide input to the newly released maps drawn by the House Redistricting Committee. I am representing myself and my name is Gayle Kanies. I have lived in Texas for 20 years and am retired. In the 2021 redistricting I was moved from District 10 to District 37. I was thrilled, as this put me in a District comprised of individuals in Austin who share my community of interest.

Unfortunately, it is deeply troubling that that I have been moved back to District 10 in the 2025 maps. This district includes many rural communities that extend 211 miles to the east of my home. In Travis County the population is 1.3M and the average population in the other counties in my district is 49K and the median size is 29K. Consequently, the issues I experience are very different from the other counties in my District and my interests are ignored. Just to attend a town hall hosted by my representative on average I would need to drive over 100 miles where today I can drive 15 miles.
Texans usually look out for one another—except, it seems, when politicians draw district lines. It's disheartening to see maps designed to silence voters instead of empowering them. Freedom means ensuring every Texan has a voice, regardless of political affiliation.
My key concerns include:
1. My North Austin neighborhood is again grouped with rural counties that do not share my community interests. When I was previously in District 10, my representative did not respond to my concerns. I felt unrepresented.
2. The purpose of HB 4 redistricting is solely political to get more Republicans elected to Congress. This has been reiterated by the Governor and the President. Priority is given to what Washington wants over Texas citizens.
3. At the same time this proposal is trying to disguise illegal racial gerrymandering as political gerrymandering since the proposal would increase Republican representation by 5 seats by taking away representation from communities of color.
4. Extreme packing and cracking further dilute fair representation and ignore the reality of where and how Texans live today.
5. Despite 95% of Texas's recent population growth being in communities of color, the map increases majority-white districts.

Texas must still abide by Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act and the Fourteenth Amendment. This proposed map ignores public input and takes away representation from Texans of color and urban and suburban communities. Freedom should mean the freedom for every Texan to be heard not just those of a certain political leaning.

I urge you to redraw the maps and provide for adequate time for citizens to provide feedback.

Thank-you!

Marguerite Mancini
Self
San Antonio, TX

I adamantly oppose redistricting at this time. We are not due for this for several more years and it is obvious that you are redrawing the lines to benefit Trump and the Republican party. What you are proposing is reprehensible, and we will not sit idly by while you cowtow to a wannabe dictator!

Cory Parish
Self
Wylie, TX

This sort of unfair gerrymandering is a crime even if it is not illegal, yet. Districts should be divided without regard for political party considerations.

John Courage
Self
San Antonio, TX

I and my wife, Zada True-Courage, and many of our San Antonio neighbors are outraged by your and your co-conspirators' efforts to steal more Democratic Congressional seats to support the Texas and national Republican Parties' hold on power in Washington.
The 2024 Texas Presidential election showed 42.5% of the voters supported the Democratic candidate; therefore, a rational person would believe that 42% of Texas Representation in Congress should be Democratic. But because of the Texas Republican-dominated legislature gerrymandered redistricting in 2021, they have limited Democratic representation to 12 seats out of Texas's 38 seats or roughly 30% of the delegation.
Now, however you want to gerrymander the districts again in the mid-term to reduce the Democratic representation by 5 more seats to satisfy President Trump's demand to have even greater control of Congress, providing the Texas voters with only 18% Democratic representation, and you are complicit in this.
This is not governance; it is blatant partisan politics and a power grab. This is unconscionable.
Unless you and your fellow co-conspirators come to your senses, there will eventually be hell to pay politically for all of you.
John Courage

Virginia Whited
Self
AUSTIN, TX

I am submitting my comment in regards to the proposed Congressional redistricting. This is an extreme overreach in power, led by President Trump, explicitly to swing additional Congressional seat to Republican candidates. This will prevent thousands of Texans from having any voice or power, without appropriate representation in our government. We should not be allowing outside forces to dictate our districting. There is no clear reasoning behind the proposed changes except to appease Trump. All Texans deserve to have their voices heard, in the communities they live in, and I staunchly oppose this redistricting as it will further fracture our state.

Tim Winkler
Self
San Marcos, TX

Choosing to redistrict the house map outside of the typical census results is an obvious and disgusting power grab. Reconsider your actions now.

Tara Johnson
Self
League City, TX

Just say no to GERRYMANDERING in Texas in order to help MAGAs !! I will continue to spread the word to other Texans to what is happening.

Mitchell Griffith
Self, Lawyer
Dallas, TX

Thank you so much for finally trying to make districts that represent our state. There should not be 13 insane Dems in the House from our great state.

Julie Morgan, Mrs
Self retired
Bertram, TX

I fully support the passage of HB 4. Our state has grown and shifts are apparent, this move would more adequately represent the voices of Texans. Let's make it happen.

Emery Schwartz
Self
Austin, TX

This is gerrymandering and is an abuse of power

Paul Beutel
self
Austin, TX

This bill appears to be nothing more than an outrageous, brazen maneuver to deny proper representation to potentially millions of Texans. I would ask each and every Republican supporting this bill: Where is your sense of duty to ALL the people you purportedly represent??

Michael Hill, Mr.
Self
Sherman, TX

I support redistricting

Jennifer Kranzman, Mrs
Republican Women of Gregg County - President
Longview, TX

I believe the representation of we the people should be reflective in the voters within each district. Voting districts do not stay stagnet, with fluid changes from year to year. We know there has been massive voter migration within states and out migration voters to other states. Why not be transparent in this shift. To ensure each district has roughly the same population, compliance with the Voting Rights Act and fixing outdated or inequitable maps we the Republican Women of Gregg County do here by highly recommend the passage of HB 4 with out delay.

Terri Purdy
Self
Austin, TX

The proposed redistricting map silences the voices of thousands of Texans, in order to appease our “Dear Leader” dictator. If Republicans are so right about everything, then they should not have to cheat in order to win. Win in your merits. Being a part of this scheme means being on the wrong side of history, and your constituents will always remember this, as well as their children and their grandchildren. Please leave our congressional districts alone, or align them to better reflect communities of common concern. I am in Hays County, and I do not understand how my elected representative can accurately or fairly represent my concerns in a rural/exurban Hill Country area near a growing city, along with the concerns of a coastal bend town 200 miles away.

Stop messing around, and focus on doing your jobs. Address the failure of our state’s emergency response that cost the lives of dozens of innocent children. Put up some guardrails against unfettered development that is destroying the natural beauty and resources of our great state; priorities affordable healthcare for millions of Texans that cannot get care due to cost or lack of services in their area; promote humane treatment of actual refugees, asylum seekers, green card holders and even US citizens being profiled and detained based on their race and/or appearance. Do better.

Michael Carter
self
Austin, TX

Using this special session meant to address and assess the tragedy that beheld our Texas communities with the July 4th flood to redraw Texas’ already gerrymandered districts is a disgrace. This off-cycle remapping is a blatant power grab, and it effectively would silence the voices of US/Texas citizens. I am strongly opposed. There are plenty of real issues that the Texas government should be focused on to take care of Texans and our great state.

Amanda Zurawski
Self
Austin, TX

I am strongly opposed to HB4. This bill rooted in racism and aims to strip away democratic voting powers from Texans, and in particular those who are already marginalized and hurt by the system designed to protect them. This bill is unnecessary, as is the effort to further gerrymander an already gerrymandered state. There is no new census data or other evidence that shows a need for new maps.

What is most disturbing about this effort is that it is even a topic of discussion at all, when thousands of Texans are still suffering and grieving from due to the catastrophic loss in Kerr County as a result of the recent flooding. This special session should exist ONLY to aid those Texans affected by the flooding and protect other Texans from similar, future fates. While our lawmakers have an opportunity to actually save lives and assist our neighbors, you are instead spending all of your time and energy in stealing the power of Texans across the state and, once again, silencing their voices. You are elected to represent us, and we do not want this redistricting.

These maps disproportionately harm communities of color, stripping away their chance at fair representation. To pass this bill would be to outright admit to your racism and to the fact that you created this bill solely for political power and to curry favor within the current administration. You have an opportunity to help Texans, but this bill is not that opportunity. I implore you to focus your energy on flood assistance and relief, rather than your campaign to silence the communities you were elected to serve.

Laura Marshall
Self - Owner/Designer of 42 Disenos
Austin, TX

Why are you redistricting the state, based on the person in the Oval Office? How does this benefit Texans? How does this represent Texans? You are in fact attempting to make it harder for minorities overall.

Shawn Simmons
Self
Houston, TX

Please vote no. The 18th congressional is effectively eliminated in the new maps. It’s not fair that we were only given 2 days to analyze and protest this. Why are we even entertaining this? I essentially have no voice speaking on my behalf. This new districting discriminates against black and brown communities… the very thing the president put in his executive order … to eliminate discriminatory practices. Please vote no and leave us alone.

Poppy Moore
Self
Arlington, TX

This bill is a classic example of racial gerrymandering and partisan gerrymandering all for the sake of not making waves against a leader of the republican party. The dread I have in the pit of my stomach that is going to go the same way that school voucher a went. That regardless of what was shared at the couple of hearings, the Republican representatives are not wanting to represent Texans. They are representing Trump and the DOJ. It is not too late. Show some Texan pride and represent Texans and not Trump. We are the 28th state in the United States not the 1st state under Trump.

Gwen Johnson
Self
Leander, TX

I am strongly in favor of the redistricting plan that has been proposed. Texas districts should reflect the voters in that district.

Meghan Vecchio
Self
Murphy, TX

I am FOR the redistricting of the US House of Representatives of Texas. And I would like for my state reps vote in favor of this bill.

(Also, our primaries need to be closed.)

Nancy Dennis
Self
Dallas, TX

I oppose the current redistricting for congressional districts. My name is Nancy Dennis and I am 20 year resident of Texas. I live at 6169 Marquita Ave, Dallas, 75214 where I've owned my home since 2016 and am actively involved in my community. I am currently represented in the US Congress by Julie Johnson, District 32. I oppose the new map and the entire redistricting process for the following reasons: 1) It is mid-decade and not the time to be doing this, 2) there is still a court case against the last redistricting that was done and it should be completed before any new re-districting is done, 3) this process has COMPLETELY LACKED TRANSPARENCY despite our State GOP leaders advocating for full transparency on everything, 4) with these new changes residents of Dallas including myself are subject to "pinwheel" districts that completely dilute the collective voice of our neighborhoods and communities, and 5) the proposed District 32 yesterday combines populations who have VERY DIFFERENT INTERESTS BASED ON WHERE WE LIVE thereby making it impossible for an elected representative to actually represent us - and as such, no one wins! I demand transparency and the legal notices for public comment both of which were ignored during this process. I'm ashamed of the way this has gone down. It's not too late to press pause. Thank you. Nancy Dennis

Arthur Hays
Self
Austin, TX

I do not support this redistricting power grab by the Texas GOP as ordered by Trump. This is already one of the most gerrymandered states to begin with. I find it offensive. No on the new maps. Thank you.

Diego Quintana
Self
Benbrook, TX

I fully oppose the redistricting plan. As a Latino male, this further suppresses the voice of my community and leaves us with less representation despite making up 40% of the population in Texas. This map is drawn to intentionally disenfranchise minority voters and is a clear violation of the Voting Rights Act. Constituents should get to choose their representatives, representatives should not get to choose their constituents. My home county is close to a 50/50 voting county and is a minority majority county but this likely leaves my county without any Democrat representatives despite the makeup of the county showing otherwise. My city voted for a Democrat president the last several elections but will not likely have a Democrat representative with this map. This is a racial gerrymander plain and simple and I do not support it.

Patience Williams
Self
Garland, TX

DO NOT REDRAW THE DISTRICTS IN TEXAS.

Philip McNabb, Dr
Self
Lubbock, TX

I am for redistricting

Richard Layne
Self
Azle, TX

This is a waist of Tax payer funds. Should be done with normal standards with changes with US Census. This is a sad attempt to unbalance the voters to benefit one party.

Sonia Hunt
self - CEO
Austin, TX

This mid-decade redistricting is ILLEGAL and constitutes a brazen assault on Texas democracy. Reject this unconstitutional power grab immediately.
This Redistricting Violates Federal Law: Congressional districts can only be redrawn following the decennial Census. This mid-decade gerrymandering violates established constitutional requirements and federal precedent. You are being asked to break the law.

This redistricting is a shameful capitulation to autocracy. Texas Republicans have historically prided themselves on independence from Washington bureaucrats. Yet here you sit, prepared to prostrate yourselves before Donald Trump's demand for "5 more Republican seats." You are abandoning Texas sovereignty to serve an autocrat's election manipulation scheme.

This map eviscerates Austin's representation through surgical gerrymandering that would make Soviet cartographers blush. Carving up Travis County into multiple rural districts is not redistricting—it is vote theft through geographic manipulation.

You face a simple choice: uphold your oath to the Texas Constitution and federal law, or become complicit in Trump's systematic dismantling of American democracy.
Texas Republicans once stood for principles over party politics. This illegal redistricting proves you now serve as Trump's lackeys, willing to violate your own state's democratic institutions at his command.

Remember that you represent Texans—not Donald Trump's electoral ambitions. Your constituents are watching. History will remember whether you chose law and democracy or blind obedience to autocracy.

Energy toohey
SELF
Austin, TX

This bill is horrible, and the map is an insult to Texas and its taxpayers. My district is stretched across half the state for the sole purpose of a scared party trying to maintain an inflated level of power, which is in opposition to the will of the people. I am against gerrymandering by any party; this is not what America is supposed to be about, and this is not what Texas should be. If you are a party that is proud of your work, you should not have to change the starting line to win the race.

Meredith Lancaster
Self
Coupland, TX

Redistricting is Racism in Texas now.

Chase Norris, Mr.
self
San Marcos, TX

My name is Chase Norris, and I am a resident of San Marcos, Texas. I am writing to strongly oppose the proposed congressional redistricting plan. The maps as drawn are an affront to democratic representation and violate the constitutional principle of “one person, one vote.”

Texas is not a one-party state. In nearly every statewide election over the past decade, the vote has split closely—roughly 53 percent Republican to 47 percent Democrat. Yet the proposed congressional map allocates 30 out of 38 seats to Republican candidates. That is 79 percent of congressional representation awarded to a party that receives just over half the vote.

This is not reflective of the will of the people. It is a distortion. Under this plan, 47 percent of Texas voters, millions of us, are relegated to just 8 congressional seats, or 21 percent of representation. This 26-point gap between voter preference and seat allocation is not only undemocratic, it is morally wrong.

The map achieves this disparity through two classic gerrymandering tactics:

Cracking urban, diverse, and Democratic-leaning communities ,splitting them across multiple districts to dilute their vote.

Packing Democratic voters into a few overwhelmingly blue districts, surrendering the rest to partisan control.

This proposal does not reflect natural geography, communities of interest, or the racial and ethnic diversity of our state. It reflects a political calculation meant to entrench power at the expense of fairness.

Even conservative voters should be concerned. Gerrymandering disrespects the freedom to choose our representatives and makes elections less competitive. That weakens accountability for all of us, Republicans and Democrats alike.

The courts have repeatedly ruled against racial and extreme partisan gerrymandering. I urge the committee to remember that these maps will face legal challenge, and that Texans deserve better than a court-mandated correction.

We also deserve better now. If this plan is adopted, I promise you it will not silence us. It will mobilize us.

In places like Fort Bend, Collin, Denton, Hays, Williamson, Bexar, Hidalgo, and Cameron Counties, voters are watching. These communities are changing, diversifying, and organizing. They will not accept being cracked, packed, or ignored. If the goal of this redistricting is to secure power, it may backfire, because we will show up, vote, and turn out our neighbors.

I urge the committee to reject this map. Start again, with fairness and constitutional integrity as your guide. Draw maps that reflect who we are—not who one party wants us to be.

Respectfully,
Chase Norris

Hannah Walls
Self
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose this redistricting bill.

Tenia Nelson-Cobb
Self
Arlington, TX

I am so disappointed and disgusted with the way people who are supposed to represent the people of this state are contorting themselves to bow down to the deceitful man who now occupies the office of the president of the united states. Isn't enough that you have betrayed the children of this state by siphoning dollars away from public education, criminalized physicians who are providing appropriate treatment to women who are enduring non-viable pregnancies while claiming to be pro-life. Now you are trying to roll back even more hard earned civil rights. This state ranks in the bottom half for accessible Healthcare. I am strongly against this redistricting power grab. Do the right thing and drop this plan.

Denise Maxwell
Self/retired
Carrollton, TX

I am against the redistricting because it's a blatant attempt at gerrymandering

Drew Watson
Self
Dallas, TX

This is cheating and everyone knows it. If Trump and the Republicans weren't worried about losing the midterms, why gerrymander, especially mid-decade?

Jennifer Regueiro
self
Houston, TX

I attended the Houston in person meeting on July 26 and am writing in opposition of the proposed redistricting map and in opposition to redistricting in general this year. The timing of the proposed redistricting is highly unusual and stems solely from political pressure. What happened to Texas being independent and to the argument for state's rights? Why is the Texas State Legislature taking up redistricting just because the President wants 5 more seats in the House of Representatives? As a native Texan and Houstonian, I am disappointed in Texas' elected officials who support this redistricting effort. This is an attempt to disenfranchise the good, hard working people of Texas. Texas is a majority-minority state and this proposed action seeks to dilute my voice, along with millions of others, through racist gerrymandering. It is clearly a power grab and the naked ambition of those who know their policies are unpopular and therefore are unlikely to win on the merits. In a state where one party has received 51-53% of the votes in state wide elections, this redistricting map seeks to have that same party control 79% of the congressional districts. This is not the voters choosing their representative. This is the representative choosing their voters and it flies in the face of our representative democracy. I sincerely hope the committee and legislature at large refuses to engage in this political act of disenfranchisement.

Sandy Masters
Self
Austin, TX

I am a native born Texan and registered to vote in Texas. I am very surprised and disappointed the voting maps of Texas are being manipulated at this time. The legislature drew our maps in 2021. They are current as far as I am concerned. I am disappointed we seem to have allowed outside influence, a non Texan , Donald Trump , step into our state process. That is so wrong to us Texans. I do not support this interference in our state affairs. It is unwanted and disrespectful to our autonomy and state pride. I urge any redrawn maps be rejected ! No to outside interference! This is not right.
Texas first!
Ms. Sandy Masters
Texas born
Thank you

Sonja Howard-Smith
self
Oak Leaf, TX

I believe this matter of redistricting is being done to diminish the ability of these communities (Black and Hispanic) to elect their preferred candidates and advocate for their interests; which is designed to dilute the voting power of minority groups. As well as, colluding with the White House to continue holding on to a majority vote in the Senate and/or House, which is denigrating the overwhelming voice of the people.
By doing so, it will disrupt established political structures and relationships within communities, making it harder for voters to connect with and hold their representatives accountable. Thereby, forcing incumbents into difficult primary battles or even eliminating their districts, leading to political instability. As we can see happening in either Senator Al Greens district.
Any new map drawn could face immediate legal challenges based on racial discrimination or partisan gerrymandering, as we already know. Because, there is a legal battle going on presently from 2021 yet to be determined by the courts. Voters should not have to wait 5(five) more years for proper representation. Especially when there are widely held norms for when redistricting should take place. This is nothing but a thinly veiled attempt by the present party in the majority- Republicans to hold on to power and protect the White House present resident. The Constitution is a living breathing document in this country, the first three words are "We the People...".

Karen Whitson
Self
Austin, TX

Redistricting would be advantageous and beneficial to ensure the election of more conservative Republicans Who will exemplify the core values of the majority of Texans

Maria Brunko
Self
Richardson, TX

I oppose mid decade redistricting in Texas. There’s no reason that this was even necessary. I would like to vote and choose my elected officials and not have them chosen for me. This measure is harmful to Texans and anti-democratic. Texas is also playing with fire, and if this blatant power grab continues other states will just gerrymander their districts to compensate and it will literally never end. Focus on measures that benefit Texans instead of measures that disenfranchise them and steal their freedoms.

Sharon Lundgren, Dr.
Self
Wimberley, TX

We should not be redistricting in 2025 - after already having done so with the 2020 census. This is unfair to voters and your constituents to have their representatives chosen by the state for them, rather than letting voters chose in an election. You keep moving the goalposts and it’s fundamentally anti-constitutional. You should be focused on the Kerrville flood mitigation and not efforts by a potential child sec trafficker to stay in office and avoid justice.

Molly Cox
Self-Employed
San Antonio, TX

Dear Representatives,

The disappointment I feel in this rushed and gerrymandered map is real. As a lifelong Texan and as a voter, I am so incredibly disheartened by the Republican desire to appease the President rather than represent Texans. We have real needs in our state—healthcare access, affordable housing, and infrastructure to name a few. Redistricting will not make Texas better for Texans.

Sam Chatterton
Self
Dallas, TX

Are you kidding me with this anti-democratic joke of a remapping. You are making Trump a king by doing this. This makes me embarrassed to be a Texan. Grow a sack and preserve democracy.

Natasha Mcree, Ms
Self
Austin, TX

Voicing my concern for the redistricting! Please stop trying to manipulate our votes

Christian Lopez
self
Pflugerville, TX

The republican majority issued a map of Texas with a new, corrupt, gerrymandered map. And technically, It's unconstitutional and destroying democracy in Texas, redrawing districts with ethnic, race, and removing democrat control in office.

Douglas Estremadoyro
Self
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose this bill. It is a blatant, politically motivated attempt to manipulate district lines for partisan gain and disenfranchise voters like me. The proposed map is not about fair representation—it is about preserving power for a select few while undermining the democratic rights of millions of Texans.

As a longtime resident of Austin, I believe in a representative government that reflects the will of the people—not one engineered to suppress it. This redistricting plan is a calculated effort to dilute the voices of diverse, engaged communities and silence political opposition. It’s an abuse of the legislative process and a direct threat to the integrity of our elections.

Let’s be clear: this is not just a political disagreement. It’s a structural attack on democracy. Gerrymandering on this scale erodes trust, reduces accountability, and creates a government that no longer serves its constituents. We need fair maps that empower all Texans—not a rigged system designed to favor one party at the expense of everyone else.

I urge every lawmaker with a conscience to reject this bill. Texas voters deserve transparency, equity, and fair representation—not manipulation and power grabs.

Shonda Cady
Self/Inside Sales
Dallas, TX

What you're doing for the president is exactly what the secretary of state for Georgia had the spine not to do. Instead of finding him 11,780 votes, your handing over 5 seats in the US House of Representatives. The voters in this state have had 30 years of a Republican super majority, yet you still scapegoat everyone but yourselves for the failed policies you've voted for. Now that people are fed up and not buying the finger pointing and endless excuses for why most people are worse off, and their eyes have been opened to your cruelty, taking care of the well connected at the detriment of the other 99%, lies are no longer enough. Now you want to tilt the playing field even further, removing our right to elect our representatives and making maps that allow elected officials to choose their voters. May you reap what you sow, sooner rather than later.

Jeanette Gregory, Miss
Self, retire RN
Weir, TX

This voter is saying a strong NO to these bills to change congressional maps. This is pure corruption! Why is our congress not focusing on flood relief or working to improve early warning systems. The federal government wants to give each state less money and say you are your own. It was proven by a late response from FEMA for the flooding on the 4th of July so why is Texas politicians so eager to bend over for trump. Again I say NO to any changed to congressional maps.

Christopher Hill
Self. Business
San Antonio, TX

Congressional districting should not be determined for political gain. Should resdistricting occur, a guideline for districting now and in the future should be determined that insists on fair representation reflecting the economic and racial makeup of the populous of the State.

Dara Gray
self
Austin, TX

I am against this redistricting plan and strongly urge members not to pass this bill. This is a blatant manipulation by the Trump administration to redistrict the Democrats out of Austin! This goes against what true democracy is all about. Leaders should be ashamed of taking the power of the individual voter away in a supposedly democratic system. Vote against this plan!!

Suzanne Eberhardt
Self, self-employed
Arlington, TX

I am recovering from breast cancer surgery and cannot attend the meeting in Austin. However, I want to remind the TX GOP that when you enact bad policies that hurts your constituents and are now afraid of losing power, democracy demands that you live with those consequences. Being voted out of office is how We, the People maintain representation that reflects our values. Just because you have received orders from DC to make this happen, does not mean that it is legal, ethical or moral. Your responsibility is to those in your district, not the President. Long after this administration is over, your name will be tied to the rising of fascism and the fall of democracy, if you support this new map. Just because you are afraid of the outcome, does not mean you get to change the rules. Either start governing in an away that helps Texans, or accept that you might lose your next election. But stop taking orders from a bully, acting as if you are above the democratic process and changing the rules. I am fiercely opposed to the passing of this new map and strongly desire all that TX politicians govern for the people of Texas and not for the power and approval of this administration.

Virginia Kay Blancett, Mrs
RETIRED
Burkburnett, TX

Stop the redistricting plan. Wait for the census as we always have. Avoid gerrymandering!

Carl Bennett
Self / Linux Infrastructure Architect
Farmers Branch, TX

I am writing to strongly oppose Texas House Bill 4 concerning congressional redistricting. This bill represents a clear example of political gerrymandering designed to manipulate district boundaries for partisan advantage rather than ensure fair and equal representation for all Texans.

HB 4 appears to intentionally dilute the voting power of communities of color, particularly Latino, Black, and Asian-American populations, which have driven much of Texas's population growth over the past decade. Despite this demographic shift, the proposed maps fail to proportionately reflect this diversity. Instead of increasing representation for these communities, HB 4 locks them into heavily fragmented or packed districts that diminish their influence—clear signs of racial and partisan gerrymandering.

This redistricting plan undermines the principle of "one person, one vote" by drawing maps that prioritize incumbent protection and partisan gain over the voting rights and representation of Texas residents. Gerrymandering in any form, but especially when it weakens the voice of historically marginalized groups, erodes trust in the electoral process and undermines the legitimacy of our democratic institutions.

Federal courts have repeatedly warned Texas about discriminatory redistricting practices. Adopting HB 4 in its current form risks renewed legal challenges and a loss of public confidence in the fairness of our elections. Rather than embracing inclusive democracy, HB 4 reflects a cynical effort to cling to power through map manipulation.

I urge the Committee on Community Safety to reject HB 4 and demand a transparent, community-driven redistricting process that:

- Uses accurate demographic data to ensure representation aligns with population changes.
- Preserves communities of interest rather than fracturing them.
- Complies with the Voting Rights Act and prioritizes minority representation.
- Involves meaningful public input at every stage.

The people of Texas deserve congressional districts drawn with integrity—not to serve politicians, but to serve the public. Reject HB 4 and commit to fair maps that reflect the true voice of Texas.

Sincerely,
Carl

Ivory Hall, EN1 Retired Navy
Self
Dallas, TX

Don't do it redistrict

Lise Doss
self-retired
Austin, TX

One city should not be divided into five congressional districts! This is obvious gerrymandering. Texas should be ashamed to allow this. It is unethical and unjust. I expect better from my elected representatives.

Melanie Jackson
Self
Richardson, TX

This redistricing plan is entirely unneeded. Texas is being used as a pawn by thr Trump administration. This wouldn't be happening if he thought Americans wanted his policies, but he knows the GOP won't defy him, so he has to add seats. This isn't government needed to make our lives better- it's just going to continue to corrupt what we have left of our country. I am strongly opposed!

Megan R
Self, freelancer
Georgetown, TX

Please do NOT do this. Please don't forfeit your integrity by folding to Trump's wild demands. You're cutting important democratic representation — and I mean that in the sense of actual Democrats, and literal democracy by minorities in this state. This is gerrymandering. If the districts need to be redrawn — in accordance with NORMAL timelines, not mid-decade redistricting — can we not get an independent commission to review? This should not be part of a political agenda by our dictator president who hates people who don't agreed with him on everything.

Gregory Elman
Self
Austin, TX

Vote NO to redistrict Texas Congressional districts from their current form. Voting YES is a vote that means you:
1. Take your orders from a felon, a sex-offender, and a Russian stooge.
2. Are willing to jeopardize your integrity for naught; there is no return on investment, I promise you, unless infamy is your end game.
3. Are voting yourself OUT OF OFFICE, because it will result in Texas becoming a BLUE STATE.

Patti Dickinson, Mrs
Teachers
Kingwood, TX

As a woman, mother, and retired public school teacher in Harris County, I urge the committee to reject this mid-decade redistricting proposal. This new map is an attempt to silence voters, particularly people of color and low income families. Texas voters deserve to be heard and our elected officials have a duty to listen.

Beverly Gatlin
Self
Italy, TX

I support this map as drawn. Thank you!

Patricia Boyle
Self / Retired
Plano, TX

I support HB 4 and the proposed re-districting map

Steven Eckert
Self
Onalaska, TX

I have reviewed the proposed redistricting map. Although I am not thrilled with the new district I will now be in, I understand the districts must be redrawn to comply with DOJ charges and I feel the new districts will better represent Texas voters.

John Jensen
Self
Dallas, TX

Stop this abuse.

Lillian Balderrama
Self; Deputy Clerk
San Marcos, TX

Members of the Texas Congressional House, I would like to voice my deep concern and opposition to the absurd redistricting of congressional representative maps. The various maps that have been presented and considered are frankly absurd. These attempts to undermine, suppress, and restrain the votes and desires of Texans is a waste of constituent funds and a waste of your time as well. Texans refuse to bend the knee to any authoritarian leader that makes demands to flip seats in this way. It is the voters and the voters alone who should have the power to flip seats, regardless of which way. This redistricting effort is unconstitutional and is a spit in the face of every voter in Texas. I urge you to vote against this haphazard redistricting. Should redistricting be deemed necessary, please create maps that make sense to the voters, and accurately represent its constituents. Thank you for your time and for your service to Texans every day.

Emily Hermans, Mrs.
self, educator
Austin, TX

I would like to express my strong opposition to the congressional redistricting proposal. This redistricting proposal, off schedule for when this process is supposed to be occurring, and held during a special session of the legislature, is a blatant attempt to redraw the maps to favor President Trump, Governor Abbott, and the Republican Party ahead of the 2026 midterm elections. I implore this committee and our legislature to see this for what it is, a power grab, and to reject these plans to try to further divide the people of Texas. The architects behind these maps see that Texans are unhappy with our leadership, and they are scrambling to do whatever they can to retain and increase their power. We can't let them.

Brenda Olmos, Dr.
Self
Austin, TX

I am AGAINST redistricting Texas 1) without new census data to justify new maps 3) in the wake of a disaster when families are still burying their loved ones and HOCTX is still paying for hotel rooms for folks who lost everything. Read the room, TX GOP.

Sharon Fouglas, Mrs
Self
Salado, TX

I support the Republican Party and the redistricting. Smaller district encourages more involvement in the government procedures, and veteran involvement from local voters.

Julie Dokell Cogan, Mrs
myself
Houston, TX

Trump is not a Texan—nor does he have any interest in our well being. Stop this gerrymandering mess being done on no basis other than bowing down to Trump.

Evelin Rodriguez
Self
New Braunfels, TX

I strongly oppose HB 4 because it undermines fair representation for Texans. Redistricting should be transparent, nonpartisan, and based on input from the communities affected. This bill appears to concentrate power in the hands of a few and could result in gerrymandered districts that dilute the voting strength of certain populations, particularly communities of color and urban voters. Voters should choose their representatives, not the other way around. I urge the committee to reject HB 4 and support a redistricting process that protects democracy, respects communities of interest, and ensures every Texan has an equal voice in government.
This will go down in the history books as an embarrassing moment for the people and families who supported this bill. Future generations will look back and question how anyone could have stood behind such a blatant attack on democracy.

Debra Carrion Fraire
Self Chaplain
Haltom City, TX

We need a district that shows true facts of what Texas Voters and therefore lines up with actual count of legal citizens in the State, not fraudulent representation of bodies that are not actually supposed to even be here in Texas, let alone representing a value that never existed. We need representation that is factual and honest. And if that leads to more Members in the House the the Voice be Heard.
Thank you for your time and consideration. Will be praying for our Leadership to do what is right. In Mighty Name of Jesus

Connie Voss
Self
Houston, TX

Redistricting in Texas is always controversial but I do not think having people who have been elected to serve Texas residents should run off to places like California and meet with the governors and officials of other states to whine about how redistricting is robbing "people of color" of their rights. I am also a person "of color"—my color is white. Redistricting is a political game that has long used "race" as its ping pong. Like most political games it is used to separate, control, and dominate. Is there any Texas State Representative who is really looking out for the good of ALL THE PEOPLE in our state and our country? I have not seen one. Texas voters have spoken and the clear majority of voters are liking many of the Trump policies thus far and think we should allow redistricting to take place so that the Trump agenda can continue for the next three years. Then, the opposition can, once again, have a chance to gerrymander to their favor—purposely overlooking what's best for Texas and our country.

Shaun Dougherty
Self an all HUMANS
Austin, TX

This should be illegal as it is UNFAIR!!! Everyone gets an equal vote. Period.....

Crystal Mueller, Texas public school educator
Educators
Pinehurst, TX

As a Texas public public school educator in Montgomery County, I oppose any mid-decade redistricting that reduces minority voting influence. Our communities deserve fair maps, not political manipulation. ~Regardless of political affiliation,

Shane Jennings
self, financial advisor
Hawley, TX

I urge the committee and the House to pass HB4 in order to more accurately reflect and represent Texas voters.

David Velez
self
San Antonio, TX

I’m David, a constituent of San Antonio, TX. I have been here for nearly the entirety of my life. I never fathomed that a day would come like this.

In my early years, I was a bag boy in a district, where there weren’t many Hispanics. I remember there were instances where white people would demand for another person to bag their groceries, someone who wasn’t dark like me. If you have never felt this, I can assure you, you haven’t the faintest idea what that feels like.
To feel unwanted, undesired. To feel excluded. This district was a Republican stronghold. Ironically, I was Republican too. In spite of what I experienced, I supported the Republican Party in the schools I attended. My language was conservatism.

This was back, when our differences did not divide us, when we could sit across a table, disagree, and remain friends. Then, one day, all of that vanished, like it never even existed. Gone.

Here, where there was once the the room for open discord, is now a line drawn in the sand, dividing us. You on one side, and us on the other.

What happened? What happened to us? Yes you, the person that I hope is reading this on the other side. What happened to our decency? Where we could look each other in the eye, with respect, with our differences known, but honoring each other's voices.

One person showed up and changed everything. He was loud, he was divisive, and he was a bully. I must confess that I’m a little disappointed at what came afterwards. I witnessed this person raise that would make fun of people with disabilities by mimicking them, call his opponents names, people's wives as ugly, that women that disagreed with him as "nasty", that says that he hates Democrats. Hates us. Then this person made a decree to carve out his dissenters from his sight, to empower himself further, in a mid-decade redistricting that is unprecedented, and our state kneeled to him, like he was some king.

In the years after my experiences working at that grocery store, and learning to find my voice, learning that white people did not in fact hate me, I find myself, transported back to the grocery store. I stand at the end of the lane, and I look up the way, and see someone trying to draw a line around me. To exclude me, again. My voice gerrymandered, because my beliefs happened to have changed. How, pray tell, is this not tyranny? We are a Democracy, we are to be neighbors, co-existing in peace!

Aren’t you supposed to be representative of us? Of Texas? When did fear of our differences divide us? Why are you fighting so hard to suppress the voices of your own people?

When did we become oppressors of diversity? Is that the legacy of Texas, that you want to leave behind, all to please the whims of a wannabe king? History teaches us that oppressors were never on the right side.

You represent TEXAS! And who is Texas? I am Texas. You are Texas. We… the people… are Texas! Fight for us!

Elaine Starr
Self
Dallas, TX

I have submitted a comment for the 7/28/25 hearing and since it was deemed "neutral" I hereby submit another comment. This is a blatantly a reach for more power. There is no benefit for the majority of the citizens of Texas, it is only an attempt to keep "you" safe. It is bending "the knee" to Donald Trump but it will not pacify him, it will not keep you safe. You know it is wrong and I think somewhere inside of yourself you know this also. Texas used to be a state that brought forth, Sam Rayburn, Lyndon Johnson, Barbara Jordan, these people cared about the well fare of the people of Texas and the good for the whole country. I used to be proud to say I was from Texas, now I need to explaing myself. I don't stand with people who would sellout there constituents for their own benefit, I want my representatives to do what is right and best for the people of Texas and the country as a whole. Not sure how you sleep at night, but I do and I standup for the good of all people. Search your conscience.

Bindu Fitzpatrick
Self
Dallas, TX

This is one of the most blatant attempts at voter suppression and racism I have seen. I’m ashamed of our state for capitulating to a wannabe dictator - especially under the guise of gathering in a special session to prevent further tragedies like what happened with the flooding and the camps. Shame on everyone that votes to silence the voting power of people of color. If you can’t earn our vote, you don’t deserve to represent us.

Sandra Todd
Rusk County GOP
Henderson, TX

Texas can secure this nations future by redistricting our great state. The nefarious plan of enemies of our country, in high government positions, using illegal immigrants to not only pad voting districts for the number of seats, but also to vote for socialist and communist representatives and policies. We lawful citizens must take back our state and county before its too late. Why would illegal aliens have any say in the number of representatives or our laws? This is suicidal for western culture not to mention liberty and freedom! The plan has been on display over the last 5 years - we are being replaced by a migrant population that want to rely on government handouts not grow this state or country's economy. They are destroying the USA as we know it. I have been VERY disappointed and even angry at what I have witnessed happening in our state legislature. It seems the Trump agenda, which was ushered in by overwhelming numbers in Nov 2024, being not only ignored but actively thwarted by elected officials who are sworn to uphold the will of the people and our constitution. I pray GOD's blessing on all who try and right this ship and bring common sense governance which is being spearheaded by Trumps policies. Please get this redistricting completed - without it we will mirror the nightmares experienced in Europe as we speak. Thank you so much for your attention to this matter!

Carolyn Dower
SELF, retired nurse
Austin, TX

This redistricting plan is biased and does NOT represent the communities well. ALL of us deserve to have our votes count for our communities best interest. Please REJECT this rushed and unfair redistricting process. It does NOT serve the people of Texas.

Ashley Rodriguez
self, student
Arlington, TX

BREAK QUORUM

Tammy Baker
Self/EDI Consultant
Corsicana, TX

I am writing as a resident of Navarro County and as the Republican Party Precinct Chair for Precinct 205. While I am fully in support of HB 4, I respectfully request an amendment to the bill to ensure that Navarro County remains whole and is not divided between Districts 6 and 17.
Navarro County has a strong, united Republican presence, and maintaining our county as a single, undivided district is vital to preserving that unity and strength. Splitting the county would dilute our collective voice and disrupt the cohesion we have built over time.
Please consider adding an amendment to HB 4 that keeps Navarro County intact within a single legislative district.

Jacqueline Doe
self - csm
Houston, TX

I’m writing to express deep frustration with the blatant manipulation of voting districts in our state. Redistricting in Texas has become a tool of control rather than a reflection of community needs. It’s bullsh*t—and Texans see through it.

I live in 77082. My sister lives in 77007. These are completely different parts of Houston—geographically, economically, and demographically. Yet we are represented by the same person. Why? Not because it reflects the needs of our neighborhoods, but because the lines were drawn to benefit politicians, not constituents.

Our issues aren’t the same. My neighborhood has different priorities: infrastructure, public transportation, affordable housing, and equitable education funding. Hers faces very different challenges. Lumping us together under the same representation is not only absurd—it dilutes our voices and weakens democracy.

This isn’t about partisanship. It’s about accountability. Texans deserve representation that actually represents them—not a map carved up in a backroom deal. Redistricting shouldn’t be a power grab. It should be a democratic process rooted in fairness, transparency, and the actual makeup of our communities.

If your goal is to manipulate the voter base to cling to power, I have news for you: it won’t work forever. Voters are paying attention. We are angry. And we are organizing. Because this isn’t just about maps—it’s about the integrity of our entire system.

Draw fair maps. Reflect real communities. Stop insulting Texans by pretending we don’t notice.

Susan Simmer
self, retired RN
Austin, TX

I've lived in Austinfor more than 50 years, the last 25 years in the same Hyde Park house. We are so weary of being treated poorly by the Texas Legislature; we do matter, whether you like it or not. I love my neighbors, not all of whom vote the same way that I do. But you must stop changing our district every time you want MORE power and want all votes to be the same. Let us have a say in who represents us. Redistrict in a fair and unbiased manner.

Thomas Nobis
self - retired
Houston, TX

I am Tom Nobis from Harris County representing myself a homeowner.
I support HB4 Congressional Redistricting plan C2308. The plan maintains Congressional Relationships that many plans presented do not. While everyone may not be in their current district, their previous district is near by and usually in the same county. This is the case for myself who was in CD8 and with this map am in CD38.
While some say that the plans change the racial demographic, this one does not for Harris County. The current demographic has 1 Hispanic district, 1 slightly Hispanic over Black, 1 slightly Anglo over Hispanic, and 1 slightly Black over Hispanic. The new proposal provides 2 Hispanic districts, 1 Black district and 1 slightly Hispanic over Anglo District which actually increases the majority districts.
The current Congressional map has primarily 8 districts in Harris County with a little bit of CD22. The proposed Congressional map has the same 8 districts with a little bit of CD22.
The Department of Justice raised some issues with the current Congressional map which this proposal resolves. CD35 has been said to be 1 of the 5 worst Gerrymandered districts in the United States which this proposal remedies.
For these reasons, I hope that you will vote in favor of HB4 and proposed Congressional Map C2308.

Whitney Masterson-Moyes
Self
Kingsbury, TX

Nearly 45% of Texas on average vote for Democrats candidates each election. These voters come from urban, suburban, and rural communities across the state. Disenfranchising these Texans is immoral and opposed to the spirit of our Republic. Denying them representation in Congress is also unconstitutional. If you don't want to lose seats in the House, I recommend passing legislation that the majority of Texans support verse rigging and corrupting the system to ensure you win. This unlimited fealty to one man threatens to turn the USA into Venezuela. A corrupt political system that allowed one man to consolidate too much power is what took Venezuela from one of the wealthiest nations in the world to a country where 60% of the population struggles to afford enough food. Don't make this the future of the USA.

Kim Hoang
self
Grand Prairie, TX

As a long time resident in Dallas County, I oppose any mid-decade redistricting that reduces minority voting influence. Our communities deserve fair maps, not political manipulation. If you believe in the constitution and what this country represents, then you will show respect for its citizens to have equal and fair representation and not allow this distortion for power exploitation.

Amanda Martin
Self, teacher
Austin, TX

This bill and the intended gerrymandering outside of the traditional redistricting at the 10-year census is undemocratic and blatant disenfranchisement.

Sameena Karmally

Self

ALLEN, TX

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Sincerely,
Sameena Karmally
Allen TX

Sterling Meyers

Self

McKinney, TX

My comment is that even as a registered Republican this change looks and feels like gerrymandering to me. When you have to redraw a map in such a convoluted way to eliminate democratic seats and the opinions expressed by people of differing political opinions then you are failing the people of our state. All citizens should have a voice representing them, not just republicans.

Barbara Mason

Self—retired

Austin, TX

The proposed maps are a blatant attempt to "pack" voters to sway election results. They break up communities of interest in urban areas. I'm strongly opposed to this bill.

Michael McLain
Self
Dallas, TX

I'm writing about the proposed redistricting of an already heavily gerrymandered state. The timing of this proposal and the proposed redistricting is textbook gerrymandering and against the democratic ideals of our nation. The lack of any attempt at subterfuge is particularly insulting as a Texas voter. If any redistricting is going to be considered, at least let it utilize the most recent Census data.

This is yet another example on the ever-growing list of government overreach from a state that purports to pride itself on freedoms and liberties, yet here we are with another un-American proposal to stifle voters. Put this measure aside and focus on improving the lives of Texans.

Stefan Terry
self
Del Valle, TX

Partisan redistricting outside of the census schedule is a bald-faced act of voter disenfranchisement and political malpractice. On top of being likely to get tied up in yet more expensive court cases at Texans' expense, it does nothing to empower Texans or even the TX Republican party, as this comes down from the federal government as an attempt to put people who will cede state power into office.

It's disgusting, and should be opposed at all costs.

Stacy H
Self
Euless, TX

I’m a republican and am so disappointed by this. As a Texan, our priority and pride is in Texas. Why would you redistrict mid census terms because the president asked you to? That’s not putting Texas and Texans first. We would be up in arms over the democrats doing the same thing, so why is it ok for us to do it? It feels shady and lacking of the character I know that Texas Congress upholds. Very disappointed.

Susan Gezana
self
Austin, TX

I disagree with the review of the congressional districts in Texas. The federal law calls for redistricting after the new census. Texas completed the redistricting in 2021 after the 2020 census. The 2021 new districts were reviewed and approved. There is no need to redistrict our congressional districts at this time.

Sandra Minatra
Self
Waxahachie, TX

Redistricting should be done once a decade, after the Census, not anytime one political party wants flagrantly partisan selection of a favorable voting base. This practice is unacceptably greedy, biased, and lets officeholders choose their constituents, rather than constituents electing their free choice of representatives. This is bending the system to the will of those in power at the moment. Stop it.

Stephen Pogue
Self - retired
Mesquite, TX

I am opposed to the proposed redistricting. There is no need to do this now. Redistricting is being imposed on Texas by weak Republican leadership which has surrendered to President Trump. Abbott is doing Trumps dirty work in Texas. Republicans intend to further undermine the voting strength of minority Texans. There need to be more districts for communities of color not less. You need to wait for the current litigation on the previous gerrymandered districts to conclude. If you proceed with this redistricting now you will show yourself as cowards bowing down to President Trump. President Trump is likely to lose his Congressional majority in 2026 anyway so this will all be for nothing.

Joann Casasanta
Self/ Director- Project Delivery
Hutto, TX

Hello, I am completely opposed to the redistricting by anyone in TX other than by us, the voters or an independent organization. This power grab is illegal and cannot continue! It makes no sense and is unfair to all minorities. Please shut it down. Sincerely, Joann Casasanta

Maria Medina
Self
El Paso, TX

I am protesting the actions that Governor Abbott and the Republican representatives are taking to redistrict the City of El Paso. We El Pasoans want a representative that lives in the City of El Paso because they can correctly represent our city as they know what the needs of El Pasoans are and can prioritize Those needs. Redistricting El Paso to be represented by someone that lives 500 miles away just to appeace Donald Trump is wrong. Someone 500 miles away does not understand El Paso's needs. They will prioritize San Antonio's needs over El Paso. We may look the same but we are NOT the same. It's time that Governor Abbott and Texas Republican representatives represent all Texans and El Pasoans and take the appropriate actions for us the residents of Texas and El Paso. Do what you were elected to do for us the people not what Donald Trump wants you to do. Stop being Donald Trump's puppets and standup for us the people. With the Republican attemps to suddenly GERRYMANDER the congessional maps they are puppets. If Republicans think this is so right, why don't they let the people of Texas decide. Let the people VOTE.

Richard Weber, Mr
Self/retired
San Antonio, TX

As a citizen of Texas, I am enraged that the Texas legislature is having a special session to change voter maps.

This shenanigan is no less than a naked Republican power grab at the expense of minority city voters. You want to dilute their voting power so that, at the direction of Donald Trump, you can steal 5 congressional votes.

Redistricting happens every ten years
as a result of the ten year census. Nothing allows this to be done at the five year mark, at the direction of a deranged, congenitally lying President.

The Texas Republicans know better. This action is not working for the people of Texas. It's giving in to the whims of a two year old who is scared of facing real scrutiny for his myriad lawbreaking.

Shame on everyone of you. Texas deserves better, and will have better.

Sincerely,

Richard Weber

Marsha Weston, Dr
Self
San antonio, TX

I do NOT support re-doing the congressional districts in this bill. It makes no sense to divide the state in this manner.

Bhavna Vashisht
SAAVETX
Farmers Branch, TX

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[Bhavna Vashisht/SAAVETX]
[Farmers Branch, Texas]

Mae Whaley
self / retired
San Angelo, TX

I feel strongly against passing HB 4 and very much hope you feel the same. Let me explain, please. As you know, this is mid-decade, non-standard. As such, I have learned a new phrase, "pack and crack", origins unknown, but it seems to describe this unnecessary, rushed situation, initiated at the behest of President Trump explicitly to retake Congress. Now, just because an action can be done, doesn't mean it should. I believe congressional leaders should ask themselves if an action is right, and I think you know this is not. I have read of a lady in far NW Austin whose new gerrymandered district will now be included in with mine in San Angelo. Please honor the will of the people in your state before voting, because we are paying attention.

Margie Cleere
Self
Whitehouse, TX

Please support the new map of districts to accurately represent our voters. We have worked hard to get people out to vote. We need to be accurately represented.

William Hebert
Self
Dallas, TX

I strongly oppose any measure to conduct congressional redistricting in the middle of the decade and for purely partisan purposes. There are at least 4 states (Arizona, California, Colorado, and Michigan) that have independent commissions that perform redistricting. Texas should do the same. The concept of taking the vote away from citizens just to satisfy one party or the other is anathema to our democracy. Please, please defeat this most recent attempt to gerrymander our districts in favor of one party.

Elaine Mouton
self
Houston, TX

There is no justification for this congressional redistricting. Electoral districts are revised every 10 years after a comprehensive and accurate census. This is a waste of money and it is pointless and unjust. It is clear that this has been done for purely political reasons. Instead our legislators should be focusing on regulations that will help to prevent another community from experiencing the horrific flooding and deaths that occurred on July 4. As elected officials, you should be making decisions based on what is right and fair for everyone and not based on what will benefit you personally.

Sarmita Misra
SAAVETX
Dallas, TX

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Sincerely,
Sarmita Misra/SAAVETX
Dallas, TX

Diana Martinez
Self
El Paso, TX

Do not redistrict Texas. This will shut so many voices out of the democratic process. If you believe in democracy, you would not redistrict. This is gerrymandering.

Derek Epp
Self
Austin, TX

The proposed maps spit in the face of the world's oldest democracy. History will remember them for the blatant and undemocratic power grab that they are.

Kamala Platt, Dr.
myself
San Antonio, TX

Please do not subvert democracy by redistricting to make Republican votes count for more than Democratic votes. Each voter's vote should count equally. To skew the maps hoping to make Republicans gain seats as the President has suggested you do, and you have done, is politically and morally, patently wrong.

Marion Starbuck
Self
Houston, TX

I strongly oppose HB 4 because it undermines fair representation for Texans. Redistricting should be transparent, nonpartisan and based on input from the communities affected. This bill appears to concentrate power in the hands of a few and could result in gerrymandered districts that dilute the voting strength of certain populations, particularly communities of color and urban voters. Voters should choose their representatives not the other way around. I urge the committee to reject HB 4 and support a redistricting process that protects democracy, respects communities of interest and ensures every Texan has an equal voice in government. This will go down in the history books as an embarrassing moment for the people and families who supported the bill. Future generations will look back and question how anyone could have stood behind such a blatant attack on democracy. Born and raised in Texas. This is now how Texans do things! We don't lie steal or cheat or do the bidding of one insignificant man.

Anna Borden
Self, college student
San Antonio, TX

This is gerrymandering, don't support this bill.

JOAL MCDONALD
Self
HUMBLE, TX

Texas prides itself on being independent. Yet, our legislative leaders seem willing to bend to the will of a president whose sole agenda is gaining more personal power.

As you know, representation for people of color in Texas' congressional delegation is wildly out of line with the racial make-up of the Texas population. Please help stop this power grab.

I'm writing to urge you to REJECT this corrupt redistricting process and all gerrymandered maps.

Thank you.

Brady Coleman
self - film actor
AUSTIN, TX

Redistricting should happen after a census, not now. Following trump is cowardly.

Spring Karlo
Self
Buda, TX

Please do not pass this redistricting effort- it is politically motivated to cut democracy and democrats out of the process.

Ana Lawrence
Self
Dallas, TX

I am against changing the districts for the election that will affect my representatives and lower the number of representatives that I support.

Allison Biehl Garson, Mrs.
Self/ teacher
Houston, TX

I am strongly opposed to any redistricting plan that takes away representation from underserved and vulnerable communities. People in the panhandle do not have the same concerns as those along the gulf coast. Districts should stay as they are until the next census.

Linda Lavelle, Mrs.
Self
Keller, TX

I support HB4 and the redistricting map that is proposed. Democrats are complaining that the proposed map is racist. That is an old talking point that is no longer true (if it ever was.) So many people of color voted Republican in the last election that their vote determined the election outcome in many places in this country. The same was true for Hispanic voters also. If the Democrats had a pro-American values' platform there would likely be a flush of new ex-Republican voters in many districts. The bottom line: party-line voting can be tenuous and accusations of racism no longer hold any validity.

Kathy Kidd
self, retired
Austin, TX

Republican 'leadership' in Texas have chosen their voters 3 times with gerrymanders, now trying for a 4th. I am opposed to this type of cheating, and it is cheating. We Texans deserve actual representation, not just your idea of who we should be paired with to dilute our votes. This is an abomination, and if you cheaters go through with this, it is my sincere hope that you have just gerrymandered one time too many, and that you end up losing several seats to Democrats. Nothing any Republican has done in the past 30 years has helped Texans, only the 70+ billionaires that reside here. Stop doing their bidding, stop cheating and leave our communities of interest alone. I will do my utmost to defeat Republicans who mess with Texas with my time, energy and money. Instead of bowing to the unhinged felon in the White House, work on flood safety issues, water issues, clean energy issues, gun control and housing. Do something for Texans, not just your billionaire overlords. Stop CHEATING! Stop LYING! Stop DESTROYING this once great state, which was much better when Democrats had the majority before the cheating began. Thank you.

Melanie Medina
Self
Flower Mound, TX

I’m writing today to strongly oppose Texas House Bill 4.

This bill (proposed in the middle of a decade, outside the normal redistricting cycle) is a blatant, unconscionable power grab, not a good-faith effort to serve Texans. Instead of focusing on pressing needs like flood recovery or education, lawmakers are prioritizing a bill that redraws congressional maps in a way that blatantly favors one political party.

HB 4 is not about fair representation. It’s about political control. The proposed maps would increase the number of Republican-held congressional seats while silencing communities of color who have fueled Texas’ growth over the last decade. It’s undemocratic and unconscionable.

What’s worse, the public was asked to weigh in before any maps were even shared. That’s not transparency. That’s an empty performance. Texans deserve better than that.

Redistricting should be about representation, not manipulation. It should be about protecting the voice of every voter, not diluting it. But HB 4 does the opposite. It puts politics over people, and power over principle.

I urge you to reject this bill. Our democracy depends on it. Brandon Gill, PLEASE reject this bill.

Margaret Nason
Na
Spring, TX

Support

Helena Marriott
Self, industrial flooring
Austin, TX

The only tiny bit of power regular Americans hold is our sacred right to vote and to hold our leaders accountable. Please be American and preserve our voices. Vote no.

Ana B Lopez, Ms.
Self
El Paso, TX

This proposal is unjust and unfair to El Pasoans by not having equal representation. As it is, we are so far west in Texas, some maps have been printed excluding us! Now suddenly east Texan Republicans care about who represents us?? To willfully break the law to favor Trump's request to retain power to protect himself is wrong. Republicans have controlled Texas for 30 years and have yourselves to blame for what is wrong in this state. Texans do not support this, Texans do not want this... for once listen to Texans. This map will not allow Texans to prosper as we should being the biggest state in the union. Do not vote for this, it is unfair and unjust for the citizens of El Paso.

Renee Sima
self/Bookseller
Austin, TX

This redistricting bill is an utter disgrace to the idea of fair representation. In what universe are people from Downtown Austin and Crockett going to have the same concerns and priorities? This is a blatant attempt to gerrymander in order to seize further political power. It undermines the meaning of democracy in America. I am 100% AGAINST this bill. Shame on the legislators for even proposing such a map in the first place.

Carlene Johnson
Self
San Antonio, TX

Yall should be ashamed of yourself for what you're trying to do just to help DJT the biggest crook in Washington DC! Yall need to stand up to this idiot!! You work for US the PEOPLE of Texas not a wannabe dictator authoritarian!! Do whatever it takes to resist and hopefully not do this just to please him. And, if you do vote for this, I hope it backfires and YOU get defeated because people are sick and tired of DJT!! HE SHOULD BE IMPEACHED!!

Joanna Spangler
Self/ Instructor
Cisco, TX

I am steadfastly opposed to the proposed redistricting map. There have not been substantial demographic changes since districts were drawn in 2021 to warrant a redesign of the map, and it is clear the proposed map is gerrymandered to advantage conservative or Republican representation and severely disadvantage people of color, economically disadvantaged, and libreral or independent citizens. It is unconscionable that Gov. Abbott added redistricting to the special session at the request of President Trump and his admonition to “find” 5 more seats when time and attention should have been given to flood relief and helping to keep Texans safe during future weather events. This proposed map and the actions of Republican legislators in Texas underscores a willingness to sell out regular citizens in the interest of maintaining political power. Our districts in Texas should represent Texans, not the whims of a convicted felon and his lackeys. If Republicans are so worried about losing elections, then maybe they should realize that their actions are responsible for changes in voting trends in Texas. Conservatives have been in power a long time in Texas, yet Texans are not happy with the current administration’s actions concerning immigration, tariffs and trade, dismantling the federal government, freezing legally apportioned funds for vital programs, and removing safety nets for our most vulnerable citizens so 47 can give his friends more tax cuts. Those who came up with this absurd map should be ashamed.

Miriam Turner
Self / retired
Colleyville, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Kerri Larkin
Self - RN
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose this redistricting bill. It is a blatant attempt to steal people’s votes.

Edward Herrera
self
Houston, TX

As a CD-18 resident, it is clear as day that the proposed map is just an attempt to gerrymander the state even more so that less people are represented. This is not right. As a resident of Harris County, the proposed map is unfair and many people would be left without representation. I am opposed to HR 4. We need fair elections where everyone's vote counts!

Matthew Roberts
self
Bertram, TX

I oppose this ridiculous power grab, especially in a special session where the Legislature should be figuring out how to help flood victims!

Rhonda Smith
Self
Austin, TX

With all due respect to the members of the committee I strongly protest the request by the Republican Party, under the forced influence of President Donald Trump, and Governor Abbott to redraw, the map of voting districts in the STATE OF TEXAS once again. They have admitted they plan to add districts and draw the boundaries (gerrymandering), so they favor candidates of the Republicans party. This is blatant gerrymandering,, which is illegal and will unfairly favor the election of Republicans to Congress so they will have the majority vote. This is unethical and unfair and Texas citizens demand to have honest and fair elections. Our elected officials are elected to represent all TEXAS citizens not just the Republicans, who primarily want to favor the most wealthy citizens, leaving the middle and lower economic class ro pay an unfair portion of taxes.and stand with President Trump while he closes vital departments and hires the most unqualified individuals to lead government departments. I strongly protest the passage of HB 4.

Wendy McCurley, Mrs
Self
Austin, TX

The redistricting process in Texas has lacked meaningful public input and transparency. Instead of listening to constituents, it's obvious that maps have been drawn to protect incumbents and party interests. This damages public trust in our democracy. Texans deserve fair maps drawn through a transparent, nonpartisan process. Gerrymandering for political gain damages our democracy and silences voters. I call on the Texas House to reject this redistricting plan and demand a process that puts the interests of all Texans first.

Mary Boren
self, retired
Spring Branch, TX

No, just NO. I grew up proud of my home state, whose tarnished name is now synonymous with "crazy" in Scandinavian slang. ("That's Texas.") Where are the heroes of democracy in all this gerrymandering and vote-stealing?

Marci Marie Simmons, Director
Self
Weatherford, TX

I’m submitting this comment in strong opposition to HB?4 because I’ve seen firsthand what happens when people in power redraw lines to silence the rest of us.

This isn’t about fair representation — it’s about control. Texas just redistricted in 2021. So why now? Because you didn’t like the way people voted. Because when Black and Brown communities organize, y’all panic.

This mid-decade redraw is a blatant gerrymander meant to strip power from the same communities who are already underrepresented, overpoliced, and overincarcerated. And we’re not falling for it.

You don’t get to keep moving the goalposts every time we start winning. Texas deserves maps that reflect people, not politicians’ fear of losing power.

Stop HB?4. We see exactly what this is.

Christi Hay
Self
Austin, TX

This is ludicrous that you want to redistrict this state MORE! Leave it alone, even better yet go back to the original maps.

John Hasert
Self/advertising
Austin, TX

I am writing to express my strong opposition to House Bill 4. This mid decade redistricting effort is unnecessary, disruptive, and undermines public trust in the Democratic process. Redrawing congressional lines just a few years after the last redistricting cycle appears to be driven more by partisan interest than by genuine population shifts or fairness. The proposed map would break up established communities, dilute the voting strength of minority populations, and give one political party a clear advantage, potentially flipping several seats through manipulation rather than voter will. Our communities deserve stable, representative districts drawn with transparency, public input, and fairness, not rushed proposals during a special session. I urge lawmakers to reject HB4 and to protect the integrity of our elections by maintaining fair and representative congressional maps. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Vicky Spradling, Dr.
Self, Retired Clinical Neuropsychologist
Austin, TX

I am opposed to the current GOP effort to redraw the districting maps. I see it as a gross abuse of power, a corruption of the democratic process at the core of our nation, and as an attempt to cheat citizens of the right to be represented by those they choose by rigging the process. I was an Independent and have voted for candidates of both parties. If this and further abuse of power by the GOP does not stop, I will formally join the Democratic Party and never again vote for a GOP candidate. Please stop corrupting the American system and abusing the Constitution and the soul of our country. It will be hard enough to come back from the moral depravity of the current administration; do not make it impossible by continuing to degrade and debase our decency. Please Restore Our American Republic before we lose it, as Franklin warned. What you are attempting to do-- to redraw the Congressional Districts in order to cheat millions of voters out of their rights to choose their representatives, is Un-American and immoral. Please stop. Cheaters never prosper in the long term. And this is cheating and you know it. Stop cheating Texans and start acting with morality and decency. If anything in my lifetime will Turn Texas Blue, it is exactly this gross assault you are attempting to essentially disenfranchise your fellow Texans. And it will cost Cornyn his seat and change the balance in the Senate for decades to come. Think before you act of the consequences. A short-term political payoff from cheating can and will be undone, but the long-term cost to the GOP in Texas will be permanent. Please do not advance this indecent, immoral attempt to cheat your fellow Texans. It will back-fire politically and destroy the GOP in Texas. It will Turn Texas Blue, and this will be on you.

Veronica Mckay
Myself
Wylie, TX

Oppose

Emma Sutton
Self / Technical writer
Marble Falls, TX

I am very much in opposition to redistricting, and you should be, too. Your goal as our representatives should be to represent us, the people of your state. To act in OUR best interest. Not Donald Trump’s. You know it is wrong to cheat. You know it is wrong to take away people’s voices. You know what democracy is… AND you know what fascism is. This gerrymandering has got to end. It’s not only illegal, but it’s evil. Be better than this, I beg of you.

Meaghan Patterson
Self, pediatric occupational therapist
DALLAS, TX

Texas residents live here with enormous pride and love for this state. This bill takes away the voices of Texans who have dedicated their families and careers to our communities. You are robbing us of just representation and crippling democracy.

Gina Daly
Self/Retired
Lantana, TX

This redistricting at Trump’s request will disenfranchise voters, but yet that is the purpose. Texas is purplish blue and you have decided you must cheat to make it purplish pink. It seems you have seen that your policies are not winning over the voters so lets just swap the voters around to silence those that don't agree with you. America had aspired to be the shining star of the world. That is no longer true. This move brings us away from true democracy and towards authoritarian rule. Don't be on the wrong side of history.

Rachel Spaulding
Self
China Grove, TX

STOP CHEATING! WE NEED INDEPENDENT FAIRLY DRAWN MAPS. REPUBLICANS YOU WANT TO KEEP YOUR JOB THEN DO YOUR JOB

Michelle Carlson
self
Austin, TX

I do not support the congressional redistricting. Vote against this.
For those who are in favor of this, think about how you will be seen by your family for generations - you will be seen as a politician who supported oppression and wanted to unravel the checks and balances in our democracy. Do NOT vote to allow this to move forward! You'll go down in history as a modern-day Nazi supporter, for this presidential administration is every bit as Fascist as was Hitler's. This legislation will back more than half of our state into a corner, and the only way out will be to go down a road that is destructive and preventable. Do NOT VOTE for this!

Gretchen Spieler
Self
Leander, TX

Using this time to do anything other than for flood relief and funding for further flood support is disappointing at the least. I’ve lived in Texas for 45+ years. That’s almost how long Texas has been diluting the votes by redistricting. You are all public servants and this unfair attempt to alter (an already horrible gerrymandered map) and further dismantle the voices of communities you are suppose to serve is showing a complete lack of competence on your part. Support the PEOPLE OF YOUR STATE and do not change the maps. If anything you should be returning them to support a fair election where all Texan’s voices are heard and supported. . Texas is better than this. And you are failing us by not stepping up and being better too.

Carrie Lou Bloom
Self, researcher
Austin, TX

I oppose this redistricting. Texas is already one of the most gerrymandered states in the United States. This is not a proposal that is designed to benefit the citizens of our state.

Kimberly Amicon
Self/Library Assistant at Elementary School
Austin, TX

I oppose redistricting to gain 5 more republican seats, as Trump put it. This is literally cheating and Texas has become the worst. Politicians must be FAIRLY elected as they represent THE PEOPLE. Somewhere along the way that’s gotten lost. If you don’t want to compromise, listen to the people you represent, and do what you know is right; get out of politics. Do not redistrict.

Hunter Harvey
Self - Engagement Manager
Seguin, TX

The proposed map is a god damn disgrace. Gerrymandering should be a prosecutable crime you cowards

martha Lee
self, retired
Irving, TX

All beliefs agree that a healthy system of check and balances is needed to govern all peoples and visions. Texas is already out of balance, please don't make our beautiful state even more out of balance.

Frank Netscher
Self web developer
Austin, TX

I am against mid decade redistricting and these maps are full of racial gerrymandering. Attempting to silence voices of Texans is wrong.

Bethany Gabbard
Self
Austin, TX

Our Texas legislators are tasked with representing ALL Texans. This undemocratic power grab is a disgusting abuse of power. Texas is already gerrymandered to a ridiculous degree. All Texans - Democrats, Independents and Republicans are ultimately hurt by this gamifying of our democracy.

Lindsay Buxton
Self
Kyle, TX

Elected officials are supposed to represent the best interest of their constituents. This redistricting plan does not serve the people of Texas. Instead, it is a blatant power grab that was instigated by the President of the United States. A man who has essentially called all Republican elected officials asking you to find him more votes. That is a clear violation of the premise of states rights, independent legislatures, and the self-determination central to the concept of what it means to be Texas and a Texan. I am 44 years old, born in 1981 - I grew up with cable news, conservative radio hosts, and divisive social issues. All these influences - whether of the left or the right - have (for my entire life) pushed people farther away from each other. They have only grown larger and more influential with the internet, social media, and podcasters. We - citizens with so much in common - have been weaponized against each other for the benefit of institutions and people with money and influence who seek to dominate us so they can have more and we can have less. Those forces have everything to do with your redistricting plan and the actions you are willing to take. You are either knowingly complicit in the disenfranchisement of millions of your Texan neighbors, too scared to not vote the party line for fear of retribution, loss of “friends”, loss of your seat, or you are so bought in to the party line that you psychologically can’t acknowledge what is staring you in the face - that your party leader is asking you to fix the vote for him so he maintains control of Congress because his policies are so unpopular with the public that he knows he will lose the house in 2026 and he needs more of a buffer. This is not the actions of a man who loves democracy, the constitution of the United States, or the rights of the citizens to self-determine their future. These are the actions of a cowardly, craven, power-hungry crook who defames everything that American is supposed to represent. Any person who seeks to encourage to to follow this scheme is similarly compromised - they should not be trusted and you should no longer follow. They do not have your or our best interests in mind. Have no doubt - if you vote for this redistricting scheme you are on the wrong side of history. A yes vote to redistrict is a vote that lessons the ability of fellow Texans to live in cohesive communities that have representatives that share common interests in values. A yes vote is a shameful act that will tarnish your eternal soul, compromise your character, and will prove you to be a mindless follower that has no good sense and cannot see moral arc of history and where you stand. A yes vote makes us less independent, less Texan, and more beholden to a man who covets gold, money, power, and needs to feed his un-ending ego. A vote yes is you worshiping the idol of your making - Trump, Abbot, and Patrick. Vote against this anti-democratic and anti-Texan bill. Be better.

Constance Caldwell
Self, retired and disgusted
Austin, TX

This so called "map" is nothing but discrimination in plain sight. It is an abomination. It is immoral. And it is probably illegal. The Republicans in the Texas House are a joke. One way or another you will pay for this; either in your collective conscience or at the ballot box. Karma is a b***h.

Brian Thomas
self/archivist
Austin, TX

I am highly concerned about the redistricting plan and may as laid out. The prior redistricting was in fact contested as racially gerrymandered and intentionally drawn to disenfranchise certain voters. Yet the state and legislature defended it as beautiful and denied that intent. So what change? Donald Trump called Gregg Abbott and asked for 5 more Republicans in Congress out of Texas. Simple as that, and the proposed map shows exactly that intent. Taking this Bill up now is totally disingenuous. If the legislature and Abbott had good intentions and really thought the map had a problem this would have been taken up during the regular session, not slapped onto a special session last second.

I am going to say here what “decorum” and this middle of the night style hearing doesn't allow me to say I'm person. This legislature can and, my guess given its long history of choosing the Republican party over the interest of its people, most likely will adopt this map. Because you are stooges of Donald Trump. You are Trumplicans. You are showing by even giving this bill a thought that you don't give a sh*t about Texans, and are simply weak sycophants jockeying for who can get in line to kiss his ass the best. Our country is falling apart through Trump's very illegal but uncontested actions. Rather than standing up and saying that you want the will of the people decide whether this should have a chance to continue, you've decided to take the voice of the people out of the equation. Because you know what is happening today is wrong and not what people want. Shame on you. Assuming the United States comes out of this period successfully, you will be remembered as the people who chose a fascist over your people because you were too scared to maybe lose your job than to actually do your job and represent the interests of Texans. I hope you all go to the hell you claim to but very obviously don't believe in. Because god knows you aren't going to be allowed into the other place after this.

Kathryn Kizer
Self
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose these new maps. These take away representation. Texas is already gerrymandered enough the way it is.

Suzannah Muller
Self
Pflugerville, TX

I am a Central Texas resident, extremely opposed to continued redistricting. This state is already gerrymandered enough, unless a redistricting bill is introduced that more closely aligns voters with the areas they live and work in, I will continue to remain opposed and my vote will reflect that.

Danielle Duarte, Dr.
Self - educator
Austin, TX

I am writing to as a concerned resident of Austin to express my strong opposition to the proposed redistricting plan for Texas. Redistricting is a critical process that should be about ensuring fair and equal representation for all Texans. The current proposal appears to be a blatant attempt to manipulate district lines for political gain, rather than to serve the best interests of our communities. This process, happening outside the usual decennial census cycle, seems designed to silence the voices of voters and create districts that are not reflective of our state's diverse and growing population.
I urge you to stop this plan and to instead support a transparent and community-driven redistricting process. We need maps that ensure every person's vote counts equally and that our elected officials are accountable to the people they serve.

Ashleigh Lawrence
Self/Non-profit employee
Lake Jackson, TX

Texans across the board have spoken out against the idea of mid-decade redistricting. Valuable time and resources have been spent on this effort rather than trying to meet the needs of Texans. I do not support redistricting at this point in time, nor do I support the proposed map. The redrawn maps in Brazoria County, for example, have created a massive shift downward for CD-22. CD-22 is currently an urban/suburban district. Looping in lower Brazoria County doesn't make sense. Beyond all of the map shifts that don't make much sense, the Texas House is capitulating to Donald Trump just because he asked. If we had a Democratic President in the White House make this same request, the Texas Legislature would never have taken up this issue. In fact, Governor Abbott and other Texas Republicans would be speaking to every media outlet available about how bad of an idea this is and how lawless it is that the request had even been made. It's a blatant power grab by the current executive branch, and sadly, Texas republicans are playing along. The eyes of Texas - and the nation - are upon the Texas House. I do NOT support HB 4. I ask the members of the House Select Committee to vote NO on this bill. Do the right thing.

Cindy Miller
Self
Lubbock, TX

As a lifelong Texan, I believe our communities deserve fair representation—not maps manipulated to serve political power grabs. This redistricting scheme isn't just political maneuvering; it's an attack on the voices of everyday Texans like me, my family, and my neighbors.

When districts are drawn to silence voters rather than serve them, the issues that matter most to us—like access to affordable healthcare, strong public schools, and jobs that support our families—get ignored. Instead of working to fix real problems, this plan is designed to protect politicians and lock in extreme MAGA control, no matter what Texans actually want.

I’m speaking out because I want a future where our children grow up in a state where their voices count, where leaders are accountable to the people, not party loyalty. This fight is personal. It’s about defending democracy, protecting our communities, and ensuring that every Texan—no matter where they live—has an equal say in the direction of our state.

We deserve maps that reflect our values, our diversity, and our shared hopes—not ones rigged for partisan gain.

Jaime Thompson
Self
Austin, TX

We want a state that truly represents the interests of its constituents. This proposed gerrymandered will give more weight to a minority vision of what we all want for our future.

Jesuorobo Enobakhare
Self | Sr Analyst
Grand Prairie, TX

My name is Jesuorobo Enobakhare Jr. I am a constituent of Texas Senate District 23, Texas House District 101, and U.S. Congressional District 30. Just a few months ago, several minority voters in Tarrant County were targeted by a blatant, racially motivated redistricting plan. Black, Hispanic and Asian voters were cracked from Tarrant County Commissioners Precinct 2 and packed into Precinct 1. As a result, their political power, acquired over time through population growth and coalition building in the Southern sector, was diminished by elected officials that chose to silence them instead of engaging them politically. That was a textbook example of racial gerrymandering which is illegal. Now at the request of President Trump, Governor Abbott and the Texas State Legislature are seeking to employ the same racially motivated redistricting plan to silence minority voters at the federal level to maintain power of the U. S. House of Representatives.

First, I call on members of the Texas House and Texas Senate to vote NO regarding this mid-decade redistricting plan that is nothing more than a racist power grab intended to dilute the political power of Black, Hispanic and Asian voters in large urban centers throughout the state of Texas.

After (attending/watching/hearing about) the public hearing held in Tarrant County, it is abundantly clear that I am not alone, and the majority of North Texans have no interest in seeing new maps being drawn. As a fellow Texan, I encourage you to tap into your independent, lone star spirit in this moment. This is not the time for our elected officials to abdicate our state's priorities to carry out the desires of those in Washington, D.C.

Belinda Weber
Self
San Marcos, TX

I am strongly opposed to the district realignment for election of US House of Representatives from the state of Texas. This is not the role you have as representatives of your constituents that you serve. You represent all people in your district ,and the proposed realignment would serve as a dangerous precedent. The democracy we should protect is at stake and does not serve Texas citizenry.

Ruchi Kumar
Self
Taylor, TX

This redistricting is a clear power grab for more seats and is not being done in good faith. Stop this!

David Elie
Self
Round Rock, TX

As an active voter in the State of Texas. I am wholly and adamantly opposed to this redistricting effort. I have watched as the state legislature has nullified the voting voices of scores of the state's population and am troubled by what efforts like this mean for us. I demand that this gerrymandering measure receive a full throated NO vote, to ensure that we work towards all Texan voices being heard.

Jessica Odom
Self
Comfort, TX

I am publicly condemning the radical redistricting process happening in our great state of Texas. If our leaders at the state and federal levels of government were acting in the best interest of the people they represent, they would not need to cheat to remain in power nor would they feel the need to capitulate to the current White House Administration. Shame on all you who are willing to support this and not represent the people you are elected to act in the best interest of. All state leaders must speak out against the dangerous precedent established by this blatantly partisan gerrymandering. Sadly, as someone who has been a supporter of the GOP in the past, I can say it will be a long time before I vote for a republican candidate again, if ever.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Terri Hill
Self
Hallsville, TX

I support this bill as written and believe it more accurately represents proper district boundaries. Excellent work!

Charlie Reed
Self, Management
Austin, TX

History is filled with examples of Machiavellian excess, of political overreach. These occurrences, orchestrated by people filled with myopic hubris, are short-lived. Always. As those actors go about their schemes, they do it with the conviction that they are the first to try it and that what they are doing will endure. That is laughable and trite. The blowback is inevitable and it is ugly. It would be nice to avoid that. The United States has skirted it, for the most part, through checks and balances. Those are gone. The nation has avoided it through, at the least, a concept of equal representation. That too is battered, further exacerbated by this motion. Redistricting is a desperate move to avoid blowback, which is, again, given the corrupted nature that requires such Machiavellian excess, inevitable.

Disenfranchising your constituents may benefit a shadowy agenda today, but it inspires corrupt lawlessness down the ranks, and no society endures that tomorrow. That is the inevitability of this scheme.

Jordan French
Self
Austin, TX

I understand that sometimes politics are complicated, and you may wish to support your party's representation. But this is so blatantly wrong and anti-democratic, and clearly motivated by our President's explicit request that Texas get more Republican seats. How is it right that a state in which less than 60% of voters vote Republican will have over 80% Republican representation. Shouldn't all Texans' voices be heard?

J Rice
Myself and my family
Dayton, TX

Redistricting to gain partisan power is a game that will eventually blow back on those who perpetrate such shenanigans. Republicans should know that power is derived from the people and when the people get tired of you not doing your job, they will turn on you. It may not happen now but it will happen. Be fair or stop the redistricting.

Ann Margaret Gallardo
Self
EL PASO, TX

Please do not pass this bill. It is an inequitable attempt to gerrymander the politics boundaries. This will have a negative affect on thousands of Texans, who are already under represented. Attempting to increase the GOP footprint in the state is not only alarming, but quite unethical in my opinion. PLEASE vote no.

Jo Lines
Self: 8th Grade Science Teacher
Garland, TX

I do not support redistricting. Kissing up to a moron is not power. I implore you to act ethically in the interest of your constituents. Gerrymandering should be illegal for all parties.

Karen Pittman
self / software developer
Austin, TX

The Texas congressional map is already drawn to benefit the party in power. The explicit reason for the proposed redistricting is to try to increase the number of seats that party holds, by drawing districts along racial lines. Isn't that illegal? Can't the Republicans accept a win or loss on their merit, rather than stacking the deck? Guess not.
I am strongly opposed to this move and believe it robs a huge number Texans of their voice in the US House of Representatives.

Adine Rotman
self, Artist
Houston, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Erika Humke
Self / municipal government
Austin, TX

AGAINST. This is a craven power grab. We deserve fair maps that represent all Texans.

Barbara Mohs
Self
San Antonio, TX

I am opposed to this bill. It is gerrymandering. I do not believe in disenfranchising Texas voters.

Adele Nelson, Dr.
Self
Austin, TX

To committee members, I strongly oppose the partisan, Trump-order redistricting proposed in HB4. Please focus all your attention this session of putting in place safe guards against future natural disasters in Texas & finding out what mistakes were made that led to the July 4th tragedy. Sincerely, Adele Nelson

Francis Tyminski, CWO
self
Rockwall, TX

Time to stop playing footsie on redistricting according to race. Allow the conservative Texas citizens' votes from being diluted. Heck, the border districts are filled with conservative folks of Latin heritage.

Jordan Remar, Ms.
Self - performance artist
Austin, TX

The redrawing of the congressional districts in this state is not fair . I feel that my state has never represented my interests as a democratic person and this feels like one step farther away from actual representation of the diversity of the people of Texas . This is a clear attempt at gerrymandering the state electoral system in favor of the current administration .

Augie Cahee
A US CITIZEN
Houston, TX

This is truly a sad day, where we again are forced to watch people who take an oath with their hand on a Bible work to silence, oppress, and misrepresent the people they are elected to serve. No matter what lies you peddle and talking points you spin, if this happens from the other side you'd scream to the highest hills about it. History should teach you, we will fight back we always do and you're never up for long. History will always repeat itself because you've yet to learn from it. You'll ignore our voices, just like you ignore the truth about your sitting President, but this won't be the end of it, far from it.

Susan Staker
Citizen
Austin, TX

This is not decent or fair. Please do not subvert our Democracy. Laws to deny voting, laws to control who is in power are wrong. You know this, and that is this bills entire purpose. It has nothing to do with the People are entitled to protect them. It's about putting your weight on the process. Again, you know this. History will not be kind to your actions. The cost is pathetically dear.

Elizabeth Beach
Self
San Antonio, TX

There is no reason to redistrict outside of a normal session. If redistricting should be done, gerrymandering should not be used.

Katy Jackson
Self and Aransas County Republican Party
Rockport, TX

The Republicans of Aransas County support HB4 as it provides for a true representation of Texas in the US House of Representatives.

We do not, though, agree with the way the District lines are drawn. It is understood that counties may be split for equal distriubtion of the population for each US House Representative. The issue we have is that a sliver of the County will stay TX27 but the large majority will move to TX15. It is noted we are not the only county which has a small part in one district with the majority in another.

We implore the members of the committee to look into moving the Congressional District lines to match county lines wherever possible, especially for counties with small populations.

Katy Jackson
Aransas County Republican Party Chair

Renee Bigham, Citizen
My family and myself.
Temple, TX

Support!

Joshus Cohn
Self / Program Manager
Austin, TX

I am strongly opposed to this measure. This is an unconstitutional attempt to dilute votes - demanded by the president and after session has ended. A blatant disregard for the voters of the state and the will of the people.

Jerry Franklin, Mr.
Self
Fort Worth, TX

I support HB4.

Devin Findlay
Self
Leander, TX

AGAINST this bill as it’s unfairly districting and representing Texans. Focus on the real issues that matter to Texans.

Michael Neeley
self Registered Nurse
Austin, TX

To the Members of the Texas Legislature and Redistricting Committee:

My name is Michael Neeley, and I reside in Austin, ZIP code 78723, within Congressional District 37 and Texas House District 48. I appreciate the opportunity to provide input on a process that directly affects the quality and fairness of our representation.

Gerrymandering is not a partisan concern—it is a threat to democratic accountability. While debates over district lines often break down along political lines, I want to emphasize that many respected Texas conservative leaders have acknowledged the dangers of excessive redistricting manipulation.

Former Texas House Speaker Joe Straus, a Republican, has publicly stated:

“Voters deserve competitive elections and fair districts. Drawing maps in back rooms to protect incumbents or one party over another weakens our democracy.”
Additionally, former Republican state Senator Jeff Wentworth spent much of his career advocating for an independent redistricting commission in Texas, arguing that the current system “protects politicians, not constituents,” and fails to provide voters with real choices. He consistently filed bills aimed at removing partisanship from the process.

Their voices reflect a deeply conservative principle: government should serve the people, not itself. When maps are manipulated to entrench power, citizens lose faith in the system, competition is stifled, and representatives become less responsive to the needs of their constituents.

Districts 37 and 48 include vibrant, diverse, and civically engaged communities with common interests in infrastructure, education, public safety, and economic development. Any redistricting plan that splits these communities, dilutes their influence, or prioritizes political advantage over fair representation would do a disservice to all Texans.

I urge this committee to:

Maintain district boundaries that reflect genuine community identity;
Avoid tactics like “packing” and “cracking” that manipulate voter strength;
And commit to a redistricting process that promotes transparency, public trust, and competitive elections.
As leaders, you have an opportunity to reject short-term partisan gain in favor of long-term democratic integrity. As Texans—regardless of party—we should all want fair maps that put the people first.

Thank you for your time and your service to our state.

Sincerely,
Michael Neeley
Austin, TX 78723

Alex Abbott, Mrs.
Self
Austin, TX

School kids learn about gerrymandering in social studies class as WHAT A DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT SHOULD NOT DO. Redrawing district lines to deliberately disenfranchise democrat/urban/liberal voters is unfair, racist, unAmerican, and completely out of line with Texan values. No person elected under a rigged system deserves the respect of constituents. My tax dollars spend just like those of republican voters. EVERY Texan voter deserves to have their vote count. This is bullshit and you all know it. GROW A SPINE - America is a democracy. ACT LIKE IT. Just pathetic to even have to discuss something so ludicrous- what an embarrassing place to be.

Kristi Powell
Self
Pflugerville, TX

I am for this grouping of representatives as the areas represent the communities that we tend to patronize and support financially

Lisa Miranda
Self
San Antonio, TX

I stand firmly against the current process of congressional redistricting being conducted under the Select Committee on Congressional Redistricting [E1.030], scheduled for August 1, 2025. While redistricting is a necessary function of representative government, the process in its current form is deeply flawed and vulnerable to partisan abuse.

Historically, redistricting has too often been used not to enhance representation, but to entrench power—diluting the voting strength of communities of color, splitting cohesive neighborhoods, and protecting incumbents at the expense of democracy. The use of backdoor deals, rushed public hearings, and data manipulation has led to maps that do not reflect the will of the people, but the interests of the few.

The current committee structure raises concerns about transparency, accountability, and fairness. Meetings like the one on August 1 are often framed as procedural, but they lay the groundwork for major changes to the electoral landscape. Without robust public input and independent oversight, this process risks repeating the mistakes of the past—especially in a state with a long history of gerrymandering and voter suppression.

Texas in particular has seen numerous legal challenges to its maps, with federal courts repeatedly finding that districts were drawn with discriminatory intent. Until we implement a truly independent redistricting commission, divorced from partisan control, we cannot expect different outcomes. This isn’t just a political issue—it’s a moral one.

If we care about representative democracy, we must demand more than performative hearings and manipulated maps. We need fair districts that reflect the population, not partisan agendas. I urge lawmakers and the public to oppose any redistricting effort that lacks transparency, equity, and genuine accountability.

Victoria Weller
self
Round Rock, TX

Last presidential election, 42.46% voted Democratic. However, I understand that the proposed map in this bill would likely result in just 5 of the state's 38 reps being democrats - a mere 13%! This is a clear betrayal of public trust.
This redistricting will break up communities of color, an obvious violation of federal law. You were voted in to represent the people, but instead, if you vote for this map, you are representing national Republican expectations at the expense of the people of Texas, particularly people of color. This racial discrimination is shameful. Truly. The current map is already tipped in Republican favor - to use this new map would further erode the representation of people of color in the US House Representatives. Please uphold democracy over political maneuvering and earn your votes rather than further gerrymandering.
Get to work solving the actual, serious problems of Texans! The Texas Legislature needs to focus on flood recovery prevention and relief, not off-cycle redistricting. People are suffering, many without homes, and those with homes may not have power and supplies. The sooner we can get new flood prevention measures in place, the more likely we are to save lives. Choose Life, real Texans' lives!

Steven Grantham
self/voter
Austin, TX

Like many Americans and Texans I am dismayed to find that the Governor and the republican representatives in our state are attempting to rewrite the district voting maps to disenfranchise any and all voices that might have any other perspective than what appears to be the limited focus of keeping a power hungry pedophile and a bunch of fascists in power. This has nothing to do with fairness and only keeping a convicted felon and wannabe king in power. Attempting this will only trigger other states to attempt the same. California, for instance, will retaliate with redistricting (7 additional seats). The only thing that this apparently does is change the subject that we pay our representatives to do, make our lives better. I would suggest that working on what people want, like flood warning for children at summer camps that this state basically killed through it's negligence, would be a better use of our time. There are a lot of things wrong with our country. Trying to make it so that a Pedophile/Rapist/Felon can continue to not be held accountable for his actions will be written in the history books with anyone who allows this to continue as a footnote.
If President Pedo can rape children, abuse women, and destroy our economy the only reason that anyone would vote for this redistricting is because they too agree that as a country we should normalize child rape. Good luck with that.

Bobbie Barker
Retired Executive VP
Austin, TX

I have concerns about HB 4. About 40% of Texans voted Democratic in the last election. This proposed map could result in only 5 of the state's reps being democrats. Texans have done just fine representing the will of Texas voters with the current districts. By creating a district that stretches parts of North Austin into Midland and Odessa is just not logical! Texans don't bow to a President who is struggling to maintain support. Our Texas leadership will be tainted as "patsy's" if these changes are made. Stand up as Texans - independent and strong. Please vote no on HB4. Respectfully, Bobbie J Barker

John Westbrook
self, retired High School Principal, self-employed Educational Consultant
Gatesville, TX

I am in favor of redistricting. Regards

Janice Lindstrom, Dr.
Self
Dallas, TX

I do not support redistricting. Please vote NO to all redistricting bills.

Sally Gavin
self, retired
Austin, TX

Redistricting Congressional District maps was completed in 2021 based on the US Census. Redistricting should be repeated every 10 years. It is a waste of time and money to redistrict the maps at this time. Obviously this is an effort to gerrymander the map and control minority voices. It is time to focus on the real issues in Texas like flood recovery and warning systems that work. Vote NO on the bill to redistrict.

Erica Hester
Self, teacher
Bryan, TX

My name is Erica Hester. I am writing to express my opposition to a mid decade redistricting plan.
As a proud Texas teacher, I would like to share with you one of the first grade state standards that teachers in Texas are required to teach.

Social Studies 1.12.a Citizenship.
The student understands characteristics of good citizenship as exemplified by historical figures and other individuals. The student is expected to:
(A) identify characteristics of good citizenship, including truthfulness, justice, equality, respect for oneself and others, responsibility in daily life, and participation in government by educating oneself about the issues, respectfully holding public officials to their word, and voting

I am here to model good citizenship by respectfully holding my public officials to their word. Before the recent hearings you told the people of Texas that you would be using public testimony to determine next steps. Texans showed up to testify in person and online. They made it very clear that they oppose redistricting. Many stayed after public testimony to was cut off to make their voices heard to representatives that stayed to listen.

As our Texas leaders, are you choosing to model good citizenship? Are you pursuing truthfulness? Does this decision pursue justice and equality for all Texans? Are you showing respect for yourself and for the people of Texas? How am I supposed to teach my students that their vote matters when our Texas leaders are redistricting against the will of the people in order to control who is elected?

My final question is this: If a first grader was asked to identify examples of good citizenship in their Texas representatives, would they be able to find any? The people of Texas are counting on you to do the right thing by stopping the mid decade redistricting plan.

Rod Zeman
Family
Amarillo, TX

I'm writing today to express my opinion about the craven plan to disenfranchise democratic voters put forward by republicans in the Texas legislature. Texas is already severely gerrymandered. In the 2024 presidential election (a good year for republicans) 42% of voters voted for the democratic candidate. Meanwhile, only 31% of the Texas congressional delegation are democrats. With the plan to redistrict, 5 democratic seats stand to be lost, putting representation by democrats in the delegation at 18%. That's a 24% mismatch between how voters voted statewide and those representing them in the house. This is plainly unfair and a way for Republicans to mitigate their losses in the midterms at the expense of fair representation for Texas democrats. Politics should be competition for who has the best ideas not who can draw lines cleverly enough to edge out their competitors and choose their voters. If you think your ideas are better, prove it. Fairly.

Kate Hearne
Self/ teacher
Austin, TX

Republicans, do the right thing and oppose this new map. Have some courage and integrity. You know this is improper. It is not the custom to change maps outside of a census year. It is not fair for you to take away representation from millions of Texans who don't happen to agree with you. Instead of excluding a large chunk of the population, why not try to reach more citizens and see what you can do to improve peoples lives? This is a pathetic power grab dictated by the president (and no doubt Dunn and Wilkes) and it's wrong. Why not spend time writing policies that could help prevent future floods? That would actually help citizens, which is your job.

Keri Keck
self, Masters Level Licensed Social Worker
Frisco, TX

Please do NOT try to create new districts within the Great State of Texas this is an unfair and unnecessary practice. This does NOT show faith in the persons who live here to represented by someone that they trust to speak for them. This is wrong! Thank you for doing and showing the nation that Texas will not be bought.

Linda Ann Rodriguez
Self/Retired judge subject to assignment
KYLE, TX

My congressional district, previously CD 21, would change to put my Central Texas home under this proposal in CD 27 which stretches all the way to Port Aransas on the Coast. I have been involved in elections in Hays County for the last 40 years and am well aware of the ramifications of what is proposed. Not only would this enact a dilution of minority voters along the IH35 Corridor in Kyle and Buda in Hays County, it puts us on the far reaches of a district with which we have little in common. At least the presently drawn CD 21 encompassses areas all within the Hill Country. I'm asking that Hays County be left as it is with CDs 21 and 35 and that 35 remain as is. The other side of this coin is the morality of the Legislature's motives and actions, taken at the behest of a POTUS who will not be regarded kindly in our history. I do still believe that the State of Texas stands independent of such racist and politically motivated action. Although I'm a Democrat and not aligned with the current Texas majority, I also still believe in the power of voting. Manipulation of our CDs is reprehensible and only reflects the fear that the views of the current Republican Party are not as popular as some may think. Please do the right thing.

Barbara Story
Self. Retired.
Austin, TX

I am writing as a resident of both the state of Texas and Hays County. It deeply concerns me that our governor and state representatives think it a good idea to answer the call from the White House to redistrict Texas congressional districts.

It is clear to me that the goal of the proposed redistricting maps is to disenfranchise the electorate in certain geographic communities and in communities of color. The Voting Rights Act of 1965 prohibits racial discrimination in voting. House Bill 4 appears to be designed to carry out racial discrimination of minorities in the state of Texas.

Hays County should not be chopped up with some parts of the county, Buda and Kyle, being included with the Gulf Coast. This does not make sense geographically nor with regard to community interests.

I believe redistricting will further polarize the electorate in this country. For example, it is widely known that some blue states are considering redistricting to counter what is being done in Texas. Further polarization is not a path we should be taking at this time. I would ask that the members of the Texas legislature have enough gumption to serve what is in the best interest of all voters in Texas rather than just pay blind allegiance to the person in the White House.

Eric Holt
Self
LAGO VISTA, TX

I consider myself a Republican- small government makes individuals stronger, but I am continually disappointed in actions made by our government. As leaders of Texas, your job is to represent every single Texan, not just the ones who voted for you. This is nothing but a power grab to ensure that Republicans stay in power - serving the people is secondary. 4.8 million Texans voted for Harris/Walz in 2024 - those people are not your enemy. Those people are Texans that you have been elected to represent. If Republicans play this game, Democrats will do the same. I urge you to lead and don't play games. The only point this is a discussion is because the President wants to gain 5 seats - not serve the people of Texas better.

It's embarrassig and it's not leadership - please someone step up for the good of all Texans today and in the future.

Ashley Bluhm
Myself
Richardson, TX

My name is Ashley Bluhm and I am against the redistricting proposal. This is a blatant attempt at a power grab and a waste of time when there are far larger issues at hand that our elected officials should be addressing.

I grow tired watching as officials continue to bow to the will of this power hungry president. I have seen Texas Republicans clap back the moment the federal government dare put a finger over the line and attempt to interfere with the state and yet here we are. Funny how they cave when an undemocratic move stands to benefit them.

Their goal is obvious and I am disgusted. I am tired watching as the selfish actions of those in office impact my friends, family, neighbors, and my community. I am tired of listening to these selfish individuals attempt to excuse and validate this move as normal. This is NOT normal.

Allison Fitzgerald, Ms
Self
Fort Worth, TX

I am
Opposed to redistricting.

David Gordon
Self
Austin, TX

The proposed map deprives voters of a meaningful opportunity to have their interests represented in Congress. The only purpose of the map is to dilute democratic representatives from Texas. Chairman Hunter often emphasizes the importance of representing the Public for government employees. This bill does the opposite of that. It only represents one party’s political interest.

Alicia Bonte
Self
Austin, TX

I oppose the map!

Francis Bross
Self, A/V Archivist
AUSTIN, TX

Thank you for your time. Unfortunately, I could not make it today as I am working happily at my job, but I felt very strongly the need to express my displeasure with this current redistricting.

I moved to Texas hoping to find a place that truly felt like I could thrive and belong, a place where individual freedom and liberty isn't beholden to a group of fringe activists. I felt under-represented in my past life but here I thought things could feel different. Blue City, Red State, it felt like I could have my needs. However, these maps are an extremely troubling step in turning Texas into one of the least fairly representative states in the union. How is it that cities like Denton, a Dallas Suburb will be sharing a representative with Amarillo, a northern city in the pan-handle. What do they have in common? It's completely absurd to think these locations have anything in common that a single representative can handle.

I left my previous state because I felt like I had no voice in my government. This gerrymandering will rob so many folks of their own voices. If people do not feel represented, they will find a place that fits their values more and leave. And while some in the committee may relish at the thought of these Texans leaving, it will soon turn. Those 40 seats you are promised may never come. I'm sure you've already seen the slow down in some major cities and growth in other states. If you do not listen to the voices of the people, they will find those who do listen.

But most of all, I am worried about the jar of worms this redistricting will open. Blue States will respond in time, which will lead more Red States to follow, and then more Blue and so on and so forth. Soon the largest states in the union will have straggled the voice of 50% of its population. If your idea of governing is silencing the voices of those you disagree with, then you should not be a public servant. You are here for all Texans, left, right, red and blue. Stop trying to treat us like we are just numbers in your ledger.

The Eyes of Texas are upon you now. We are watching closely. But not just the Eyes of Texas.. The eyes of the Union. Let Texas stand up for States Rights, reject the Federal Governments Pressure and stop this ridiculous power grab by a man who does not represent the values Americans should be unifying around. Togetherness, love and mutual respect for everyone opinions. Not silencing those you disagree with. Don't let this be the first step in a long line of regretful mistakes that echo through out the country. Make Texas a Leader of this new century... not a subservient observer.

Thank you for your time.

Michelle Palacios
Self
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose this bill. This dilutes the voting power of minority communities. Redistricting should not suppress the voices of minority people all around the state. This is not free of partisan influence when you have the president on TV asking for 5 more seats and this clearly undermines the integrity of the democratic process. Listen to the people for once, please.

Maria Acevedo, Mrs.
Self
San Antonio, TX

It is illegal to be redistricting at this time, and to have a President deliberately asking the governor to do so is a low and disturbing act. He wants to silent the people. He is afraid of a flip. It would be a disgrace and dishonor for Texas to do so. This is discrimination, racism and a stain on Texas. For a state that claims to be pro life and family morals, it sure isn’t doing so by trying to control and take away. Don’t be hypocrites.

Andrew Gaudet
self, educator
AUSTIN, TX

As a resident of Texas, and a constituent in District 49, I am writing to strongly oppose the proposed unscheduled redistricting of House seats, particularly HB 4 by Hunter.
This mid-decade redistricting, occurring outside of the established decennial census cycle, appears to be a politically motivated attempt to secure partisan advantage in the upcoming elections. Such actions undermine the foundational principle of a healthy democracy, where citizens' votes freely shape government decisions and power is balanced between parties.
The redrawing of district lines in a splintered manner often leads to gerrymandering, where elected representatives serve disparate households with distinct needs. As a neuroscientist, I appreciate the need for clear and functional systems; similarly, a truly representative democracy requires districts that enable elected officials to genuinely understand and represent their constituents. This proposed redistricting risks further eroding effective representation for Texans and exacerbating political polarization across the state and nation.
Texas has a crucial opportunity to uphold democratic integrity and reinforce our fragile political system. I urge you to vote against this unscheduled redistricting and to champion a transparent, non-partisan approach to drawing electoral maps that truly serves the people of Texas for generations to come.
Thank you for your time and consideration of this critical issue.
Sincerely,
Andrew Gaudet

Ryan Rayle
Self / Technician
Leander, TX

It’s really sad to see this states representatives bowing to someone like Trump. And for what? The only rationale answer is power. These maps are a sign. I do not support the redrawing of the maps mid decade at the request of a president that legitimately asked you to rig the system so that he doesn’t lose control in the midterms because he knows that he’s going to lose if something doesn’t change.

It’s really shameful and you’re gonna read and hear a lot of of the same viewpoints. Please do not put your political career over the representation of hundreds of thousands of people

Please do the right thing. I really hate that the Republican Party has become such cowards to just one man that everyone knows is a complete fake. You guys are better than this and if one of you turn on him at the same time, it will be the best reality TV show we have ever seen. Please fire Donald Trump by not Redistricting. Thank you .

Dana Myers, MD
self, business consultant
Houston, TX

As Conservative Texans, we live in Harris County. Our homestead is in Congressional District 7, Senate District 15, & House District 134, each held by a member of the Democratic Party.
The 2022 United States Census Bureau Post Enumeration Summary indicated a significant undercount of the Texas population. However, Texas can consider this data when determining the boundaries for its congressional districts.
The 2024 election showed a dramatic change in Texans' voting tendencies. The nearly 14% margin supporting President Trump & the conservative agenda is dramatic and well-documented. Many of these conservative voters were minorities who previously had supported Democratic candidates. Democrats seek to silence these voters.
Not all minorities have changed their voting patterns, but a voter's race is not at issue in this redistricting process — the partisan voting pattern is the sole consideration.
Because of this important partisan voting shift, Texas is justified in redrawing its congressional districts to ensure these voters are not disenfranchised.
Attempts to hinder redistricting are merely an attempt to diminish and even silence the voices of Texas' conservative groups that Democrats have previously considered "their" voters. The Democrats' fight to silence these voters is unacceptable & discriminatory.
In the 2019 case Rucho v. Common Cause, No. 18-422, 588 U.S. 684 (2019), the United States Supreme Court held that" partisan gerrymandering claims present political questions beyond the reach of the federal courts," deferring to the state's constitutional power to draw districts.
Beyond this black letter legal ruling, the Texas Legislature's plan to redraw congressional districts satisfies established principles.

- Compactness: The districts proposed by the Texas Legislature are more compact than before.
- Contiguity: All parts of the proposed new district structures are connected.
- Preservation of counties and other political subdivisions: The proposed districts are purposely drawn to minimize crossing political subdivisions, even though some smaller political subdivisions violate this principle.
- Preservation of communities of interest: The new congressional districts seek to preserve the connections of the communities served by the proposed districts. Arguments against this are race-based arguments that undermine the rights of the majority conservative voters to choose the candidates they prefer and to have their voices heard.
- Core preservation: The proposed districts will preserve the core of their predecessor districts.
- Avoiding incumbent pairing: The proposed districts do not place incumbent representatives in conflict.

Texas voters should not be silenced to preserve the status quo & protect the ineffective Democratic Party that does not represent the values of Texans.
Please ratify the new districts as proposed.
Dana Myers, MD
Jon Spiers, MD, JD

Kimberly Sheppard
self
Fort Worth, TX

Redistricting so that representatives choose their voters, rather than voters choosing their representatives, is anathema to a truly democratic, just, and fair society. Redistricting mid-decade for the express purpose of giving more seats to a party deeply in thrall to fascism is particularly egregious. This is a blatantly unethical power grab. Texas' representatives should reflect the values of ALL Texans.

Christopher Currie, Mr.
Texas State Employees Union
Grand Prairie, TX

To Whom It May Concern:
I am writing to express my opinion on the current plan to facilitate a complete redistricting of congressional House voting districts in Texas. I do not support this endeavor. I only support doing redistricting after a 10 year census count. I do not feel the current redistricting map is fairly drawn. It is very biased and will have long term problematic outcomes with respect to voter participation. Public officials in Texas should endeavor to make sure that all citizens who are 18 and older should feel empowered and encouraged to vote in all elections and feel that their votes are equally weighed against their neighbor's.
Instead of the current redistricting plan which is enacted by members of the state legislature with a dominance of numbers, I have an alternative proposition: A fully independent citizen-led redistricting commission.
This will require a creation of a commission, and I support a constitutional amendment to that effect. Here's how the commission should look:

The Texas Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission can be established and it can also be supported by a state constitutional amendment aimed at curbing partisan gerrymandering. The commission should consist of 13 members: four Republicans, four Democrats and five independents. The Texas Secretary of State oversees the application and selection process, involving a random draw from a vetted pool of applicants to ensure balanced political representation. Ideally there would be representation from most areas of the state.

The commission members must meet specific eligibility criteria, such as being registered voters in Texas and not having held or sought partisan office in Texas for the past six years. This provision minimizes conflicts of interest and maintains independence. The commission operates under transparency guidelines, with all meetings fully open to the public and all documents subject to the Freedom of Information Act.

The commission follows criteria outlined in the Texas Constitution to ensure fairness and representativeness. Compliance with the U.S. Constitution and the Voting Rights Act is the top priority, ensuring equal population distribution and protecting minority voting power.

The voting districts must be geographically contiguous and respect existing municipal and county boundaries to maintain community integrity. The commission also evaluates partisan fairness and competitiveness, but these considerations are secondary to respecting Constitutional soundness. Partisan fairness prevents undue advantages for any political party, while competitiveness encourages voter engagement by enabling substantive and meaningful electoral choices.
The map approval process includes public hearings across the state to gather feedback and suggestions. Proposed maps are released at least 40 days before final approval, providing time for public review. Thank you for your time.

Sharon Baron
self
Colleyville, TX

I believe that honest numbers for redistricting are important. The flood of people into Texas makes it necessary to redraw the lines. Please do!!

Barbara McArthur
self
Austin, TX

I have lived in Texas for many years. I cannot tell you how disappointed I am in the gerrymandered redistricting map that has been proposed. The Republican President won 56.2% of the statewide votes in Texas. He asked Texas legislators to deliver 5 more house seats, and you are trying to oblige him with your map. You are redistricting so that 79% of Texas House seats could be held by Republican House Representative. That is not democracy, it is not fair and it is not moral.
Gerrymandering is destructive socially and politically. The dilution of Black and Brown political representation through racial gerrymandering is a tool of domination and has no place in 2025. Gerrymandering is destructive socially and politically. it demoralizes and disenfranchises voters, fragments communities, increases polarization and ideological segregation, and undermines trust in government.
I ask you to stop this process.
Barbara McArthur
Austin, Texas

Eli Williams, Mr.
Self/Manager
Dallas, TX

Run through the tape! Liberate Dallas from needless Democratic representation, thank you!

Bailey Woodhams
Self
Denison, TX

I am against redistricting

Brent Edminster
Self / Business Owner
Maypearl, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map

Cynthia Gustafson
Self / Attorney
Fort Worth, TX

I do not support this redistricting plan. It is nothing more than a pathetic attempt to
curry favor from man who is a rapist and a pedophile. Accepting this map is in direct opposition to everything Texas is supposed to stand for.

Christopher Crow
i, me, mine
Cedar Park, TX

you fucking people are so goddamn pathetic. you want what you want SO FUCKING BAD that you have to cheat to get it. all to protect a fucking pedophile. fuck you all to hell and back, you scumfuck pieces of shit. fuck you.

El Horsfall
self, nonprofit
Austin, TX

This bill is unnecessary and outrageous. Texas has bigger problems to worry about, and redistricting does nothing to solve any of them. This is a blatant power grab and effort to disenfranchise more vulnerable people. Focus on helping Texans recover after horrific flooding and work to prevent future disasters from occurring. Show your constituents you can prioritize their actual needs.

Geoffrey Wool
Self
Austin, TX

This redistricting effort is a naked power grab, pure and simple. You have the votes to change the rules, so you do it. This is not about public service, it's about consolidating power, perverting democracy, and muting dissenting voices. Shame on you for claiming patriotism while you undermine our democratic traditions and institutions.

Lara Davis
Swlf
Tomball, TX

Texas' Redistricting should be done by the states representatives and without bias toward one party over the other. The fact that this administration is cowering to the Trump regime is shameful and corrupt. Your constituents are watching whether you lead us with honor or contempt.

Jeannie Ryan
Self
Lorena, TX

Trump's Texas gerrymander would give Republicans nearly 80% of seats in state where he got 56% of vote. The new redistricting also seems very racist, cutting out districts held by people of color. It appears to be down right cheating. I am very against it.

Regina Remo
Aldine
Spring, TX

I am a proud member of the Aldine AFT and I am a support personnel. I find it very unfair to conduct a mid year redistricting vote. It will try and stop the minority population from being intertwined between other races.,

Ella Kugler, Ms.
Self
Austin, TX

I am in opposition of the actions of Republicans in regard to the composition of the districts for the election of members of the United States House of Representatives from the State of Texas. I am concerned that the voting power of minorities will be reduced and the state of our democracy in Texas and the United States. Regarding the potential redistricting of the city of Austin, it is clear that Austin is a diverse fast growing city with a strong Democratic stronghold, and that redistricting this area would eliminate the will of its people. The Republican representatives of Texas express cowardice in that they would shirk the will of their constituents and role as public servants in favor of bending their knee to the will of Trump.

Chris DeBremaecker
Self, nurse
Johnson City, TX

I resent the use of my tax dollars paying for your salaries while you Republicans seek to further disenfranchise citizens of Texans by even more convoluted gerrymandering.
Just because you can, doesn't make it right. If you don't know that this is wrong, either you weren't raised right or you've sold your souls to the highest bidder. In this case - Trump.
The last gerrymander threw me into a distorted district stretching from Williamson County to Kerr County..We are pretty rural in Blanco County and have not so much in common with fairly urbanized Williamson County.
Districts need to be represented by people who are familiar with the issues of their district. They need to be advocating for issues affecting most of the people living in geographical proximity. Issues in Kerrville are far different than those in Round Rock.
Y'all have forgotten you are there to represent your voters, not to rubber stamp your party's edicts.
Shame on you!

Mackenzie Geiger
Self
Austin, TX

I vehemently oppose redirecting the districts for members do the House of Representatives. This is clearly an illegal and unconstitutional attempt by the governor, directed by the tyrannical president, to steal power from what they know to be the majority of American people who do not agree nor stand for the tyranny with which the current executive branch is attempting to control the American people. Please follow your oath to lead the American people and stand up against those trying to abuse the people of Texas by stealing their voting power. This restricting is done in incredibly poor conscious. You all should be doing everything in your power to support the victims of the horrific Hill country flood, and prevent that from happening again, instead of working to destroy America's democracy.

Lulu Robles, Ms
Self
El Paso, TX

Please do not go through on redistricting Texas, this is unlawful and the people will not stand for this.

Ann Brown
Self
San Antonio, TX

I oppose this blatant partisan redistricting of Texas. This is wrong, wrong, wrong.

Sara Davis
Self
Pflugerville, TX

I strongly oppose the proposed redistricting plans in this bill. Realignment should be done following the decennial census, if warranted, not at the whims of an egomaniacal president in a mad grab to maintain power. The Republicans have run this state for more than 30 years and should take responsibility for their so-called accomplishments, rather than further disenfranchising the citizens of this state. I remember the proposed maps from 2000 - those were found to be unconstitutional and I have no doubt the proposed maps will be too. Shame on you.

Alicia Kuehn
Self
Houston, TX

I oppose the proposed redistributing map. The gerrymandering in Texas is already horrendous and this makes it worse. Changing the maps to try to ensure you retain seats when you've lost the faith of your constituents is despicable.

Kendall Toarmina
Self
HOUSTON, TX

This entire redistricting event is a racist attack on the millions of citizens of Texas. This is anti-democracy and anti-American.

The Legislature's round of proposed maps carves up neighborhoods, silences our voices and tramples on our civil rights. In Harris County alone, my historically Black district is proposed to be erased entirely, another is proposed to be packed to dilute its power, and a historically Latino district is proposed to be cracked—all to erase our voices.

This is immoral and unconstitutional. It's just plain wrong. We have laws in this country. They apply to everyone, and they apply all the time. This clearly breaks the law of the Voting Rights Act. Do your jobs, and do the right thing. Leave our districts alone.

Yvette Cantu, Dr.
Self
La Feria, TX

It is so absurd and a total disregard of the people you serve to redraw maps. Doing this to the people of the Rio Grande Valley is an abusive if power to an already extremely marginalized group of people. Honestly it feels like racism in this state is the underlining thread. Wouldn't tackling policies that actually help the people of Texas be more important? People are struggling to survive in this economy, pass bills for expanded healthcare, control the electric grid, anything that remotely helps working class families!

Kelly Ohair, Ms.
Self
Allen, TX

Native Texan here. This is cheating. This is n representing the people of Texas. This is "rigging" elections to quote your authoritarian leader who said there will be no more elections if he is elected and we won't have to vote again. This is horrific and goes against the constitution. This is also discrimination against people of color. It's too bad Republicans have to cheat to win. That says a lot. I don't think either party should use gerrymandering to win. I consider myself and independent and vote for the best candidate. Right now I am terrified of the state of our country and the our elected leaders bow down to a want to be dictator and narcissist. It's sad to watch.

Fannie Akingbala
self
Austin, TX

I am baffled by the efforts of the Republican Party to dilute the power and silence the voice of the people of Texas in the name of the president and partisan politics. As a child I watched in anguish as my parents tried to figure out how to vote once they had the right to do so. That was over 60 years ago; and here we are in 2025, facing an unprecedented power grab while trampling on the rights of people to vote for their representation in their own communities.

Why must you continue to ignore the will of the people to please a powerful few? Why do you pretend to listen to and care about our desires, when in reality, you do not. Your actions prove this every day.

I oppose any plan for redrawing the congressional district maps in Travis County and in the State of Texas. I vote no to further gerrymandering and splitting our communities apart. We deserve and should have the right to choose public officials who live in our vicinity and know the people, problems, and issues in that vicinity.

We talk about putting the Ten Commandments in our public schools to teach values and respect for each other and human life. It appears to me that our Republican friends and our president need to go back and read and follow the Ten Commandments.

The new proposal for redistricting Texas is pure gerrymandering, cheating, and a blatant attempt to disenfranchise/squash voters who do not think, act, believe, or look like you. Stop the suppression of the people, stop the rigging, cheating, and stealing. Our State of Texas and our nation deserves better.

Ami Gandhi, Ms.
Self, Educator
Cedar Park, TX

I am writing to express my extreme disapproval of and disgust at Governor Abbott calling and using a Special Session to conduct a rare mid-decade act of redistricting in order to SILENCE the voices of MANY of HIS constituents. I find it truly disgusting and truly corrupt that he has redrawn the map in such a way to eliminate Democrat House seats from areas where the majority may vote Democrat; that he is slicing up the majority in parts of Texas so he can ensure more Republican seats in the house, a FALSE representation of the people who live in those parts of Texas. I also find it abhorrent that Governor Abbott has sold Texans, the people who have put and kept him in his office, in order to shamelessly do the bidding of President Trump. These actions are shameful, corrupt, and illegal, and I am very much opposed to any kind of resdistricting occurring during this Special Session. I sincerely hope and pray that Governor Abbott and his administration are called to task for their failure to govern by any kind of honorable moral or ethical code and that they are held accountable for their corrupt actions. Thank you for your time.

Shaler Keenum
Self
Waco, TX

Further gerrymandering of the state of Texas inaccurately represents the population of our state. For a state that claims to support freedom and individual liberty, gerrymandering directly opposes these proclaimed values and disenfranchises voters. The districts in Texas should be drawn to accurately represent the people within our state.

Ginnifer Joe
Self, mental health graduate student
Austin, TX

I oppose redistricting as I see this effort as gerrymandering and an attempt to further suppress voters in Texas.

Charles Ellis
Self - AI Trainer
Arlington, TX

I appose HB4 - The redistricting bill.

Dee Miller, Ma
Self
San Antonio, TX

NO CONGRESSIONAL RESISTRICTING!! NO KINGS IN THE USA!!

Maxwell Pederson
self
Austin, TX

I oppose unnecessary mid-census redistricting. I do support compact districts reflecting communities of interest.

Ann De Rouffignac
self
Austin, TX

I thought the elected representatives to the US House were supposed to represent their constituents. I moved to Austin in 1968; then left in 1977 for work; then returned to live permanently in 2009. I'm an Austinite. I do not live in rural Texas or small town Texas. The latter have their representatives in Congress. Now the Republican Party wants all Austin US house representatives to be elected from a group of people who have little if anything in common. Big city issues are different from rural ones. Both important; Both require fair and undiluted representation. Austin needs representatives who can focus on Austin's needs period. This bill is truely unfair to me and to my city.

Marie Mina
self, student
Houston, TX

Texas's redistricting plan faces strong calls for change due to significant data-driven and legal concerns.

The current maps, drawn in 2021, have faced multiple lawsuits and legal challenges, with federal courts having found at least one of Texas's maps to be in violation of the Voting Rights Act every decade since its inception. We argue the new proposal to create five new GOP-leaning districts further dilutes the voting power of minority groups, particularly in urban areas of Dallas and Houston. While Texas's population growth since 2020 has been driven by communities of color, the proposed maps would create more white-majority districts and reduce the number of competitive districts. The recent redistricting efforts are a political maneuver to solidify power rather than to fairly represent the state's changing demographics. While partisan gerrymandering is permissible, any plan that intentionally dilutes minority voting strength is unconstitutional and must be changed.

Could you all please explain to me directly how this redistricting effort is necessary, with specific facts and data?

Michelle Tull
Individual
Austin, TX

Your redistricting plan appears designed to further disenfranchise minority voters and democrats. Our state has a long and terrible history of gerrymandering and voter suppression. As Republicans seem to believe that they can't win without cheating.
You have sworn an oath. Your job is to represent, not rule over, the citizens of Texas. Do your job. Do not continue to betray Texans by drawing new districts that are even worse than what we have already.

Rosemary Miranda, Ms
Self retired librarian and attorney
Edinburg, TX

This redistricting proposal leaves south Texas residents de facto without representation in the congress
While aimed at Mexican Americans and blacks it is anti democratic
And is only done to appease Trump and the far right
We are hopefully not yet an autocracy although I have strong doubts
Please reject this

Martha Sanchez
Self- semi retired teacher
San Antonio, TX

I want my vote to count because it is my right to fair representation. Don't deny democrats equal representation!

Ronda Meldrum
SELF
Katy, TX

Please have the courage to stand up and represent the people of your state. This is gerrymandering, trying to overturn the local people's voting voices to satisfy the desires of a national party. You were elected by the people to represent the people. Please be fair to all.

Sarah Alverson
self, engineer
Austin, TX

Do not pass this redistricting bill. The map is still being questioned legally and we should not be allowed to implement this without being able to prove that it does not disenfranchise Texans such as myself. Texas will always be a red state but allow the democratic minded people to be represented. You do not need to crush out all representation for democrats just to have your way. I wholly oppose this and see this as a flagrant act of oppression against Texans such as myself.

Lauren Benson
Self
Dripping Springs, TX

I oppose this obvious abuse of power/attempt to silence constituents by arbitrarily redistricting. Our elected representatives should spend more time working to make bipartisan changes for the benefit of their constituents instead of wasting time in special sessions for this.

Susan Pickens
Self
Austin, TX

Please do not redistrict at this time. Let the people fairly decide who they want to represent them.

Reagan Brendle
Self
New Braunfels, TX

Texas should be focusing on flood relief and prevention and not on mid decade blatant gerrymandering. All Texans deserve to be represented, and this attempt to silence the voices of constituents is strongly opposed by the people.

Karen Steinberg
Self, retired
El Paso, TX

I am expressing my opposition to Congressional redistricting outside of the normal procedure and under the usual commission. This appears to be a blatant attempt to gerrymander the voting boundaries for the next election, hoping for a larger number of republican representatives in Texas. It is ridiculous to draw a representation boundary moving more parts of the El Paso district to a representative in San Antonio who never visits the area!!!

Cyd Goldfarb
self
El Paso, TX

I am against redistricting of the El Paso area. As part of our democracy, representation by someone who lives in our city is written into the constitution. Any attempt at redistricting outside of census years is unconstitutional, illegal, and criminal.

Charmian Wells, Dr.
Self, Professor
Denton, TX

As a Texas AFT member and public educator in Denton County, I oppose any mid-decade redistricting that reduces minority voting influence. Our communities deserve fair maps, not political manipulation.

Bettina Patterson
Self
Houston, TX

I am against the map that was redrawn and submitted in late July 2025 to limit fair representation of people who reside in the current Congressional Districts 18, 9, 29. Moreover, the maps were not submitted to citizens for review in time before the current hearing held today. Governor Abbott and the redistricting chairperson placated the citizens of Texas by holding 3 previous public hearings without sharing the map, which they both were privy to. Governor Abbot and the chairperson of the redistricting committee blatantly lied to all citizens of Texas and have denied fair and due process. These maps also impact other Congressional Districts, which did not host hearings when the map was not available for public comments. I live in CD 18 and it has been vacant since March 5, 2025 when Sylvester Turner passed. This seat was previously held by Sheila Jackson Lee, who not only fought to ensure that federal dollars were allocated for her constituents, but all Houstonians benefitted from the legislation she supported. I want to be able to vote for someone who has my best interests at heart and the interests of my city. Someone who listens to my concerns and represents me on the local, state, and national levels. My Senators, Cornyn and Cruz have done nothing to improve the welfare of Houstonians nor the city's failing infrastructure. They, along with Governor Abbott, continue to support Trump, who has dismantled services in which my federal tax dollars are allocated. I work in healthcare and have seen the immediate impacts on care provided - decreased staffing, research studies halted, cancer patients not able to afford care because slashes in Medicaid, insurance companies limiting coverage, and increasing fees. Again I say not to this bill and I hope that the committee stands up for what is rgiht and does not succumb to the evil that is pervasively rampant and deeply embedded in Republican representatives and legislation. To love God is to love humanity. This bill and many bills that have passed before it do not reflect the love of God towards all people.

Scott Woolley
yourself
JUSTIN, TX

I support this bill to Keep Texas, Texas!!

Warren Horgan
self
Fort Worth, TX

I strongly oppose this redistricting proposal.

Texas has a long history of passing discriminatory election laws, voter suppression, and racially gerrymandered maps. This continues that pattern.

Inequality - the idea that the rich make the decisions while the poor have no say in the matter and yet they bear the consequences, describes the racial discrimination we see today in these gerrymandered maps. These maps give the privileged few control over the working class and people of color whose votes are diluted and suppressed.

We need fairly chosen representatives who will be responsive to the needs of all the people, not just controlled by billionaires and special interests. This is why we need districts that reflect the diversity of our state.

District lines should preserve and protect the needs of the communities within them, especially the needs of historically disenfranchised communities.
Districts should be able to elect candidates that reflect the diversity of that district to ensure the needs of the district are well represented, not diminished.

The State is using racial discrimination in the redistricting process to prevent people of color from asserting their full voice and power. This racial redistricting will dilute and suppress the votes of people of color.
You will be disenfranchising minorities already badly harmed by racially discriminating district lines.

There is no justification for this congressional redistricting. It is unnecessary
This is nothing more than an attempt to silence many of the voices from communities of color in the state of Texas and it is racist.

Diana South
Self
Jasper, TX

Don't let Washington run our elections

Bethel Mejia
self
Irving, TX

Strongly oppose. This bill is taxation without representation, a founding principle of this country. Passing this bill is anti American and anti democratic. I am currently and independent voter. If this passes I will register as a Democrat and help each campaign that touches Dallas.

Adriana Palmeros
Self
Helotes, TX

Gerrymandering in Texas is a direct attack on our democracy.

When politicians manipulate district lines to entrench their power, they're not serving the people — they're silencing them. In Texas, we've seen blatant efforts to draw maps that dilute the voices of communities of color, split up neighborhoods, and rig the outcome of elections before a single vote is cast. This isn't fair representation. It's political theft.

The foundation of our democracy is the idea that voters choose their leaders — not the other way around. But when districts are carved up in secret, behind closed doors, with no transparency or accountability, that foundation crumbles. Gerrymandering distorts the political landscape, creating safe seats that protect incumbents, fuel extremism, and leave entire communities without meaningful representation.

Texans deserve better. We deserve competitive districts that reflect real communities, not bizarrely shaped maps designed for partisan gain. We deserve a system where every vote carries equal weight, where voters feel empowered, and where leaders are held accountable. We deserve a democracy that works for everyone — not just the powerful few.

The fight against gerrymandering is not about party. It's about fairness, integrity, and the future of our state. It's about ensuring that every Texan — regardless of race, zip code, or political affiliation — has an equal voice in shaping our laws and our lives.

This is not just a political issue. It's a moral one. And we cannot afford to stay silent.

Democracy is not a game. It's a promise. And in Texas, we must defend it with everything we've got.

Sharon Crickmer
myself
Austin, TX

I am a 6th generation Texan. I have lived here all of my life and would hate to think that my voice may not be heard in the Texas House or Senate. HB 4 is a sign that Democracy is aggressively being corrupted by the Governor and Republican Legislators of Texas. HB-4's only purpose is to steal my right as a United States Citizen to vote and be represented by the Legislator of my choice. If passed it will also set a dangerous precedent of cancelling out the opinions of millions of voters in the state of Texas. When will our STATE legislature stand up for the rights and choices of its very citizens and not be bullied around by whomever is serving in the White House? I know that you are facing a difficult situation. I only ask that you consider the rights of ALL Texas citizens to choose our own state representatives without interference from Washington, DC. HB-4 is bad for Texas and awful for the United States. Please as a Legislator sworn to support Democracy, to support our state and to support our country, do not vote for this bill. Thank You

Gail Grace
Self; Healthcare Consultant
Dallas, TX

If you are winning you don't need to gameplay and cheat. Legislators and lawmakers must stop monkeying around with voter rights and voter access. Voter rights and free and fair elections are not yours to constantly assault, they are yours to protect. You are elected by the people for the people, all the people. The redistricting and gerrymandering that has become a hallmark of the Republican party is unlawful, unconstitutional, and unconscionable. Marginalizing the communities you are elected to represent is just plain un-American. Your personal gain isn't a part of the calculation and your political party's agenda is not fair representation of the people who elected you to protect their voices and their freedoms. Personally, I cannot understand how so many have lost their way, your hate and desire for power is doing untold damage to our democracy. Bowing to a tyrant's quota, shame on you, you've sold your soul to the devil and you do not represent the ideals set forth by the founding fathers. You have heard the people of Texas - stop this now. Winners don't have to cheat, shame on you.

Laurie Pomerantz
Personal
San Antonio, TX

I am opposed to this bill and disgusted by the tactic entirely. There should be no redistricting this year. There has been no new census data and this is a senseless diversion from other real legislation that helps all Texans. Please stop the process.

Erin Inks
Self
AUSTIN, TX

I am vehemently against this special session and this bill to redistrict Texas congressional districts, with the intent to pack the US House of Representatives with more Republicans who do not represent their constituents. This constitutes illegal gerrymandering and should not be entertained under pressure from the federal government. Reject this bill!

Linda Maldonado
Self/Retired
San Antonio, TX

I commented earlier about CD 21 and changing Bexar residents to CD 21. Note that Comal County has had a population increase of 40,000 since the 2020 census.

Bexar County also had a population increase of 100,000 but the determining the number involved in the specific area would be complicated.

I am against this bill.

Paul Jarmon
Self, retired
Austin, TX

An unnecessary attempt at appeasing a convicted felon, President Trump, so as to keep a Republican majority in the U.S. House thereby reducing his risk of embarrassment come 2026 midterm elections.

Anne Reynolds
Self, retired
Austin, TX

Lloyd Doggett has been a faithful and wise Congressman for many years. I do not approve of the changes which have been proposed. HB-4 is bad for Austin and bad for Texas. Please do not vote for this bill.
Thank you,
Anne Reynolds

Kathryn Hudson, Ms.
Self, Sales Executive
Austin, TX

"As my representative, I expect you to OPPOSE redistricting! Gerrymandering is illegal, and I do not support suppression of any vote. SAY NO TO REDISTRICTING! The world and God are watching you."

Ashley Brightly
Self
Austin, TX

ABSOLUTELY UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOR from elected officials. Elections should be free and fair and gerrymandering should be illegal. The way districts have been drawn up is ALREADY unfair in favor of republicans. Further gerrymandering is tyrannical. Stealing elections is wrong and Texas is better than that. Stop bending to trumps every whim and shut this down IMMEDIATELY.

Robert (Rob) Drury
self, insurance agent
San Antonio, TX

The redistricting plan is necessary to ensure a more accurate demographic representation in elections. I am solidly in favor.

Linda Sigmund, Ms
Self
El Paso, TX

This proposed redistricting directly conflicts with the needs of the El Paso community. I strongly object to this illegitimate move to disenfranchise the citizens you have vowed to faithfully serve is unconscionable. Do not do this!!

William Byus
Self
Austin, TX

In the middle of the decade, state leaders are redrawing congressional maps with no new Census and no public demand. These proposed maps silence the voices of millions of voters, solely at the request of the federal government. The great State of Texas should not, without warrant or the will of the citizens of the Texas, simply redraw our own state district lines at the adhoc request of the executive branch.

Sally Madrid
Self
El Paso, TX

I have lived and worked here all my life. I am currently retired and hoping for the best in the future for myself, my children and my grandchildren but I don't see that happening if our State funding is sent somewhere else. I worked as a public servant for the State of Texas and always believed that our elected officials were doing everything possible in our best interest and that's what we tell our children but now I doubt we will ever see any support from our representatives if they go forward with this redistricting. Living on a fixed income is already hard enough but once our medical benefits are cut it will be even harder.

Fred Villa
Self
El Paso, TX

Do not redistrict El Paso County in favor of a representative who lives near or in San Antonio. Representation by someone 565 miles away in south central
Texas is not fair representation. It would be un-American.

Laurie Hardwick
self
Houston, TX

The current redistricting effort is not necessary and intended to dilute minority representation (and Democrat seats) in the State of Texas. This has been clearly stated by Republican leadership at both federal and state levels. Redistricting should be driven by demographic facts, based on census data, and not on the desire to have political control.

I am a resident in District 18, one of the targeted areas, and we have been left without representation for the past 6 months because Gov. Abbott chose not to call for a special election. We are already unrepresented and now this effort threatens to change the boundaries of the district to gain more Republican seats. I am not in a minority category, but believe strongly that all citizens deserve to be heard and counted fairly.

You were elected to serve the constituents in the state of Texas, not the current president or governor. It is imperative that you vote against this unnecessary and unethical redistricting effort.

All Texans deserve to be heard, not just those who support the party in power.

Cyral Miller, Ms
Self
Austin, TX

In a democracy, voters should have reasonable opportunity to elect representatives who truly reflect their values. We know that Texas has already worked hard to dilute and dismiss the votes of minority groups. This mid-cycle effort at Trump's request is a grotesque political overreach. Safeguard democracy and vote NO on these ravially gerrymandered maps!

Carlos Gutierrez, Mr.
Constituents
El Paso, TX

Please do NOT implement this unfair, unjust and borderline criminal bill. The revolutionary war was fought over taxation without representation. This bill ferments this antagonistic control by the ruling party and if passed will result in angry action by those being misrepresented! Think with your conscience and not your fear of a wannabe dictator!

Linda Zoblotsky, Ms.
"Self"
Plano, TX

Please ban partisan gerrymandering and strengthen protections for communities of color.

Ethan Elkins
Self
Houston, TX

This Redistricting is dangerous to all Texans. The mid decade redistricting will not be in the best interest of any minorities and in fact is moving towards allowing for a single political party to control an entire state. As a native Texan I do not believe any one political party should ever have full control of anything and we would be idiots to allow this to happen.

emily guerrero
Self
Austin, TX

This mid-decade redistricting is not normal. It’s a calculated, anti-democratic power grab.

We deserve to elect our own leaders in the government. There is simply so logical reason for this outside of political gain/control.

This move is disgusting and immoral. It makes me ashamed of our so called great state of Texas.

Susan Butkiewicz
self and family
EL PASO, TX

So, are the republicans going to prove to everyone that they no longer run their own party let alone make up their own minds?? Trump wants what is good for Trump with no thought to anyone else. Haven't they learned that yet? There is no way the people of America will let him go for another term and that leaves YOU to be the targets for regret/get back by the people regarding all that Trump has done to demolish our country and democracy. WAKE UP!!!! Or are you all a bunch of stiffs waiting for burial. Abbott is merely following Trump like the second dog in a line. He won't have a prayer either. Ask your children what type of world and democracy they want you to leave for them. Time to think of them and not your own political future. Think of THEIR FUTURE. we just did redistricting a few years ago. Abbot was not even thinking about it until Trump TOLD HIM TO DO IT! Be a man Abbott and do your own thinking and listen to your grandchildren. GOD HELP US ALL!!

Richard Clark, Mr
Retired
Pasadena, TX

Gerrymandering was allowed only to make a pathway for all Texans to have equal representation in the state congress.

Joe Bruegger, Mr
Self
Dallas, TX

At least Republicans are being honest about their call for new maps - power. They’re interested in choosing their voters, not vice versa. For some reason they follow King Donald’s demands to the letter - at the expense of our democracy. Here’s a chance for Republicans to do what’s best for the country and not just best for Trump. I doubt they have the moral fiber.

Sara Schulz
Self, Project Manager
Austin TX, TX

Hello! The redistricting map would split my small, municipal urban district neighborhood into 3 different districts. One of those districts touches the state of Louisiana. All three of the districts extend hours outside of my area. It is my deepest with that my elected officials are out there in the world representing me -- taking the wants and needs of myself and my neighbors to our government and representing us there. Districts like these mean that all of my representatives are hours away which makes it challenging to meet with them and prevents those representatives from spending any real time with their far flung constituents. It also means that rarely am I truly represented in government. Please, please, don't do this.

Elena Aguayo-Aguirre
self
El Paso, TX

Not in favor!!! What happened to equality and fairness? Are elected officials representing Trump or us? I vote against this redistricting!!!

Karen Conyngham, Mrs.
Self Employed
Austin, TX

I have lived in Austin, TX since March 1989. I don't remember EVER having a democrat represent me in the US Congress until Lloyd Doggett was redistricted to TX 37, where I live. I've never seen any town halls being held by the previous congressional reps for my district (Lamar Smith, Michael McCaul and worst of all, Chip Roy). I was very happy to FINALLY have someone to truly represent me. I have had the honor of working with Rep. Doggett; he has brought much-needed attention to conditions at the Austin airport (and passed helpful legislation to aid AUS); he is a defender of Ukraine and a woman's right to choose. TX 37 holds regular town halls with high turnout; we want to KEEP Lloyd as our representative.

While I don't live in Rep. Casar's district, I am also a strong support of him and know that his constituents want to keep him!

This redistricting is totally unnecessary and a bold, unconstitutional attempt by Trump to keep the House and Senate in Republican hands. Do NOT fall prey to this cheating scheme. DO NOT REDISTRICT TX 37 or TX 35.

Hilarie Benedetto
Self
Grapevine, TX

This mid-decade Redistricting is unconstitutional. Stop violating Texans' voting rights! Start representing all of your constituents not a power grabbing autocrat!!!

Sylvia Coulson
self
Waxahachie, TX

I support the redistricting map which I have seen. It better represents the voters in the areas. Thank you for your attention to this.

Jennifer Wollock, Dr. and Mrs.
Self Professor of English
College Station, TX

This is a pernicious bill. It is being forced on Texas by out of state interests, and it will backfire. Let cooler heads prevail. Stand up for Texas and the rule of law. Thank you for listening to the people who vote and who work here. Our boots are on the ground and we know what we are talking about,

Angela Coker
Americans
Fort Worth, TX

Redistricting is a Republican power grap. You know you have no way of keeping your seat otherwise after all the lawlessness that has been allowed to happen all over the country. You work for the people, not your stock portfolios.

Martha John
self/ university professor
Fort Worth, TX

As a Texas AFT member educator in Tarrant County, I oppose any mid-decade redistricting that reduces minority voting influence. Our communities deserve fair maps, not political manipulation.

Kellye Justice
Self Real Estate
Waxahachie, TX

I support this map as drawn.

Ruby Faye Woolridge
Democracy Rising
Arlington, TX

I have been a Texas voter for 41years, and I cannot recall a president of the United States telling the governor and State Legislature to take away my opportunity to have a choice in selecting my congressperson. Redistricting is doing that and it is wrong. This gerrymandering request in mid-decade is illegal and is a blatant tyrannical move by Donald Trump and his minions. I am sick and tired of being sick and tired of the racial political games being played by the Republican Party. This is a version of the Dixiecrats part 2. It was wrong the first time and it is wrong now. I resent spending taxpayer money to do the bidding of greedy power hungry grifters
in the Republican Party. Micah 6:8 says,
"What does God require of us?, to do justice, love mercy and walk humbly
with him. This Redistricting sham by Republicans who call themselves Christians is unjust, without mercy
and lacks humility for the needs of humanity. Do not Redistrict my Congressional district until after the 2030 census has been taken as required by law.

Jose Luna, MD
self
EL PASO, TX

I am writing to express my strongest opposition to the proposed redistricting plan currently under consideration. As a concerned citizen, the proposed plan, if enacted would be slap in the face to our community and an insult to our democratic principles. The purpose of redistricting is to ensure equal and equitable representation for all citizens reflecting the principle of "one person one vote." The proposed lines are a blatant and underhanded intent to dilute the voting power our community for other's political gain. This plan threatens to fragment our community and disenfranchise us from a truly democratic process. By creating irregularly shaped and non-contiguous districts the plan will disenfranchise voters. If appears that the proposed changes are driven by purely political aspirations than by a genuine commitment to a fair and representative governance for all El Pasoans. I urge you to reconsider the proposed plan for one that is more transparent and inclusive. More focused on preserving our community's interest, and committing to fair and competitive elections.

Sally Schuhmacher
Self
Austin, TX

I'm very opposed to redistricting right now. It should only be done after a new census is done. Otherwise, it's extremely unfair!

Alma Kanorr
Self retired public school teacher
El Paso, TX

I am writing as a native El Pasoan for 63 years. I am also a retired public schoolteacher. I am asking that you stop the redistricting. Any changes will effect our city in negative ways. We need representation from someone local, not someone that lives 500 miles away and isn't in touch with our citizens. We are a part of Texas as much as Austin, Dallas, San Antonio and Houston. We are often forgotten and not counted. Do not allow our voices to go unheard. Thank you.

L. Miner, Dr.
Self, retired
Grapevine, TX

The curious fact is, redistricting, was already done, and the time for reassessing this matter has not come up again. Concensus: too soon and rushed.
The other curious fact is that Pres. Trump demanded that Texas redraw the maps and deliver 5 more districts for Republicans. Concensus: D.Trump asked you to redistricting so as to get 5 more Republican districts. Illegal ask.
The othe point is, Texas Republicans have sought to accomplish Trump's demand for 5 more Republican seats/ districts.
This illegal and immoral action has been done out in the open, brazenly, as if the bully show of bravado will make it seem normal.
We see you. We see your simpering, cowering, pathetic bootlicking. Shame on you! May your soul feel the weight of your immorality. May your grow old knowing that your actions have caused immense suffering. I ask God to give you the same mercy you have shown others.

Very truly yours,
&etc.

Jean Norris, MS
self, self employed
El Paso, TX

To the Honorable Members of the Texas Legislature,

I am writing as a resident of El Paso, with deep personal ties to Brewster and Presidio counties, where I grew up and where my family continues to ranch and live. This redistricting proposal threatens both my home and heritage — dividing regions that share real economic, cultural, and historical bonds.

El Paso is not just a border city. It’s a hub of military, trade, and health care — home to Fort Bliss, the VA Health Care Center, and our international airport. Stripping these institutions from our district and tying them to distant parts of the state would be a blow to meaningful representation and local decision-making.

Out in Brewster and Presidio counties, the land is wide and rugged, and the communities are resilient — but also vulnerable. Rural life comes with challenges: limited access to healthcare, poor infrastructure, and fragile economies. As someone with active ranching and family interests there, I know how critical it is to have leaders who understand the unique demands of West Texas life. This plan would lump those counties into districts that have little in common with their needs, silencing voices that already struggle to be heard.

There’s no new census, no court order, no emergency — only politics driving this redistricting attempt. It’s unjust, it’s unnecessary, and it’s harmful.

Keep El Paso whole. Honor the legacy and future of West Texas. Reject this proposal and draw maps that reflect real communities and real people.

Sincerely, Jean Donnell Norris

Martin Silva
self/retired
El Paso, TX

I support the redistricting in Texas.

Selene Torres
Self
Pharr, TX

I am in opposition and do not support redistricting. Stop trying to gerrymander, and start working for the people instead of trying to gerrymander 5 more republican seats. The people see what you're doing, and we're not in support of this.

Monti Woodley
Self
Austin, TX

I am against this bill! Stop messing with our right to fair elections. This is a part of history and we do not want to continue a legacy of voter suppression against marginalized communities.

Olivia Cline
Myself
Frisco, TX

I'm FOR Redistricting in Texas and want my State Representative, JARED PATTERSON to YES!!

Thomas Mikelson
self, network engineer
El Paso, TX

Mid-decade redistricting is unnecessary. No evidence presented for large population redistribution since 2020 census.

Erin Green
Self, mom and educator
Pflugerville, TX

I DO NOT support this attempt at gerrymandering.

kathryn del calvo
Personal
Southlake, TX

Will you fill out this public comment form in support of HB4? Takes seconds. The hearing is 10am. In the comment, you can simply say "I stand and support of the HB4 redistricting map."

Emily Anders
self
Austin, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Michael Deffendall
Self
Schertz, TX

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen of the committee, thank you for your time. As one of the many Texans that will be impacted be the proposed maps, I stand in favor of them. First, and most importantly, they make geographical sense. At least in my district. My current CD is CD 28,running from my Guadalupe county to the Mexico border. Now,there are lots of differences between the NE San Antonio suburbs and life at the border. The new map has a sizable chuck of Bexar and the whole of Guadalupe, Wilson and Karnes. This is a geographically consistent map, even if life and needs of Eastern Bexar aren't quite the same as rural areas of Guadalupe, Wilson and Karnes. But Guadalupe too has good sized cities to deal with. And I believe it makes sense to have a district slumped in 3 and partial counties. Instead of the current mess which is our Congressional map. I strongly urge passage of HB 4.

Thank you members for your consideration.

Amy Gallo
Self, Nonprofit Director
Austin, TX

I oppose the redistricting proposed in this bill. I know this is an explicit grab of power by the Texas GOP and will not reflect the will of the people in Texas that make this state great. I urge you to have the humanity to toss this aside and to democratic leaders in the house and Senate to have the courage to use any means necessary to stop the passage of this illegal and immoral mid decade redistricting effort.

Joy Busch
self/Development Professional
Grand Prairie, TX

I've reviewed the proposed redistricting maps and do not support this effort. These districts were previously described as race-neutral, yet the changes now being proposed seem aimed at weakening minority representation. Voters have already made their choices based on the current maps.

I respectfully urge you to oppose these redistricting efforts and instead focus on the real challenges facing Texans today. Redrawing maps now not only disrupts the democratic process, it diverts attention from the issues that truly matter to our communities.

Please vote no on these proposals and prioritize the work Texans need from their leaders.

Kelsey Harrison
Self
Round Rock, TX

The gerrymandering of Texas districts that are known to lean more democratic to pander to President Trump is absolutely unacceptable. This move is so clearly not in an effort to serve the people of Texas better but for republican lawmakers to stay in power. To move forward with this redistricting plan is self righteous, short sighted, and divisive. The same politicians currently supporting this plan would be enraged if democratic lawmakers were attempting this outrageous plan.

Ashley Tanner
Self, manager
Plano, TX

Texas House Committee,

I’m writing to oppose this mid cycle Redistricting push that will disenfranchise millions of Texas voters.

You should be spending this time helping Central Texas and passing bills to alleviate the damage caused by the devastating floods and passing legislation to mitigate future disasters. Instead you’re spending your time appeasing a president who doesn’t have the best interests of our state in mind.

Please do the right thing for ALL Texans and oppose redistricting.

Thank you

Marcia Daughtrey, Ms
Self
Tyler, TX

Fair representation is happening in Texas at this time. Texas is welcoming 1,000 new residents everyday. Current precincts, and congressional districts are lopsided. Representation needs to be rearranged asap. Let’s get this done. Vote yes

Shani Durland
Self
Austin, TX

Opposed

Ale DeAngulo
Self
Austin, TX

I appose this bill.
I’m against the proposed redistricting plan. These maps are clearly designed to silence voters and weaken fair representation. How could we call this country a representative democracy when my representative could leave 4 hours away from me. I need a representative that truly represents my interests. Someone that stands for what I believe in and that can empathize with me as a constituent. You know this is wrong, please do the right thing.

Glenn Story
Self
SOUTHLAKE, TX

I support HB 4 written by Hunter for Texas redistricting.

KarenSue Zoeller, Ms
Self
Boerne, TX

Nothing but a Trump/Abbott/GOP plan to disenfranchise voters to keep control of the US House. Please stop the effort and respect the voters of the districts who may not agree with you. Everyone has the right to vote and be represented.

Bernadine Nowell
Self
Austin, TX

I live in House District 48, I am a retired teacher and live on a pension. My neighborhood is a diverse mix of individuals and families. I do not believe the redistribution of districts proposed will represent the needs of an aging, or economically deprived population.

We deserve fair maps that reflect our communities and values. The new congressional map that has been proposed at the insistence of national republicans represents one of the most extreme partisan gerrymanders in the nation. Texans deserve a fair map that represents the diversity of our state, not one that silences our voices.

This map does not represent the Texas I'm from.

Do your job in advocating for your constituents rather than bending a knee to DonaldTrump and national GOP

Nicholas Daley
Friend of True TEXAS Project
Arlington, TX

We have an opportunity to enable TEXANS to Save our REPUBLIC. This redistricting plan is how we Fight to keep our Republic. Redrawing these districts now will best reflect our TEXAN Values! Fight, Fight, Fight!!

Tom Currie
Self - Electricity Broker
Crane, TX

According to a report I saw on NewsMax, Trump carried 30 of Texas' 38 US House Districts by 10% or more. However, only 25 of those Districts have a Republican representative. With the proposed redistricting, there will likely be 5 more Republican representatives. This would more accurately reflect the will of the voters of Texas in the US House.

Allison Drake, Rev.
Self - clergy
Garland, TX

Please do not do this. It is not fair or representative of our great state. Allow all voices to have a say in our government. If you have to redistrict to "keep control," maybe you should listen and realize the people may not want you in control anymore. A true public servant would want everyone's voice to be heard and represented.

Josef Genet
Self, software engineer
Austin, TX

I am firmly opposed to this redistricting effort. The Texas Legislature should focus on establishing the necessary regulations and support to prevent the horrific flooding and deaths which just occurred in Central Texas. The legislature should be doing all it can to strengthen disaster preparedness and relief in general--this redistricting is totally irrelevant to the issues actually facing Texans. You should not be making a mockery of democracy with these shameful, gerrymandered voting maps. They are a disgrace to the notion of democracy. Stop these maps now.

Andrea Warlick
Self
Houston, TX

I do not support this bill.

Shirley Anderson
Self/Chaplain
Lindale, TX

As an active citizen, I urge the Texas Legislature to approve HB4. The current districts drawn in 2021 followed the flawed 2020 Census which officials have acknowledged significantly undercounted several states, including Texas, while overcounting others. Further, recent court decisions including the U.S. Fifth Circuit's 2024 ruling in the Petteway v. Galveston County established that districts based on "coalitions" of minority groups are not protected by the Voting Rights Act. It is time to correct the error of 2021, pass HB4, and restore fair Congressional seat representation in Texas. Thank you.

Joan Kincaid
Self
Austin, TX

I am against this further gerrymandering by Republicans in a blatant attempt to rig elections in their favor

LEE SCHUCH
Self, Day Trader
GEORGETOWN, TX

This new plan is a lot better plan than the current plan which gives too much emphasis to the five large metropolitan areas. In my view and estimation, the current plan vastly under represents smaller communities (say under 900,000) and give way too much influence to the these areas at the expense of the rural and mid-size cities. Keep the current plan as proposed!!!!!! I grow tired of being sending "representatives" to Austin that refuse to represent our district and constantly show only interest in representing themselves. My view is that this new plan will more accurately represent the true nature of the beliefs of Texans.

Hedrich Michaelsen
Self/retired
Austin, TX

I am opposed to this mid-decade redistricting plan. It further dilutes the voting power of minority communities in Texas and its sole purpose is to deliver more House seats for Donald Trump at the expense of voters' power. Texans want fair representation. We are already badly gerrymandered in this state. The proposed map just makes the situation worse. Passing this map may come back to bite Republicans hard, as voters turn on the current administration and anyone, including Texas Republican electeds, enabling this monstrosity.

Cecilia Ryan
self
Austin, TX

When is our Governor going to stop focusing on what Trump wants which has proven to be illegal and focus on Texans ! ! ! Here we are post flood with multiple deaths and Abbott is spending money and political efforts to build border walls, hiring masked ??? not sure who they are to terrorize citizens, letting felons out of jail, allowing bitcoin mining corporations to move in and take our water and electricity, allowing drug addicted Elon Musk to take over our state and prize beach towns...when is this going to end ? Abbott needs to be removed from office- he does not care at all about Texans he's just so afraid to say NO to TRUMP. STOP STEALING OUR RIGHTS.

Alfredo Serrato Sosa
Self, engineer
Austin, TX

This redistricting is unfair and not what the people of Texas want.

Jamie Haynes
Texans Wake Up
Canyon, TX

Advocating FOR redistricting so that we have fair and accurate representation in Congress.

Anne McKinnerney
Self - volunteer
Austin, TX

Dear Committee,
I am adamantly opposed to this attempt to redistrict! If this goes through, I will lose representation. We need districts that are truly reflective of the diversity of our state. This mid-decade redistricting is an undemocratic attempt to cling to power and take away representation for me, my family, and my fellow Texans. Focus on the actual needs of people in our state - and stop this!
Sincerely,
Anne McKinnerney

Tim Gibbs
Myself
Terlingua, TX

Gerrymandering represents the highest form of fraud against the people of the state of Texas. Our ability to elect representatives who support our interests as citizens is severely undermined through the development of gerrymandered districts for the sake of nothing but political power. That this is happening during a rushed special legislative session is an even greater betrayal. Texas districts must not be redrawn! Our state leadership is focusing on shrinking our rights while our state faces real crises like flood damage, rising costs, and broken infrastructure. Enough!

Heather Nelson
Self
Austin, TX

AGAINST - I oppose

Micah San Juan
self
Lewisville, TX

This a blatant power grab, absolutely no effort to hide the corruption. If you want a real vote in your favor at midterms, and not just a vote for the party by people who don't know better, your best bet is to have a free and fair election that actually represents the people of Texas, and not just a chance to extend your career. Redistricting is not the will of the people. It will not benefit the majority of Texans. Start focusing on things the matter, and maybe you'll get real votes. President Thump will not be president forever, but we will remember how you bowed to a dictator.

Shakira Summers
self
Lancaster, TX

RE: Opposition to Illegal Redistricting and Gerrymandering

Dear Harrison,
As a concerned constituent and proud resident of [City or District], I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed redistricting plan being advanced by Governor Abbott in coordination with national leadership — a plan that seeks to create five additional
Republican districts through unconstitutional gerrymandering.
This power grab undermines the integrity of our electoral process and threatens the very foundation of our democracy: fair representation.
Redistricting should be based on population data and conducted with transparency, public input, and in compliance with the Voting Rights
Act — not manipulated behind closed doors to entrench political power and silence the voices of communities like mine.
If this plan moves forward, it will:
Dilute the voting strength of communities of color,
Undermine urban and diverse constituencies,
Erode public trust in the democratic process, and
Open the door to costly legal challenges and federal oversight.
I urge you, as my elected representative, to oppose this effort and stand firmly in favor of fair maps, voter equity, and transparent governance. Texas belongs to all of us — not just those in power.
Please make it known where you stand on this issue. I, along with many others in your district, am watching and will be voting accordingly in
the next election.
Thank you for your time and attention to this matter of urgent importance.
Sincerely,
Shakira Summers

Julia Macdonald-Ward
Self
Dallas, TX

This is blatant corruption! Stop this madness

Elizabeth Seade
self
Austin, TX

I am adamantly opposed to this attempt to redistrict! We need districts that are truly reflective of the diversity of our state. This mid-decade redistricting is an undemocratic attempt to cling to power and take away representation for too many Texans. Focus on the actual needs of people in our state - and stop this!

Laura Kay
Self
Blanco, TX

Please keep the districts the way they are in Texas. If you feel you must make changes, please create districts that will accurately represent the people in each area. To make changes simply to add more Republican representatives in Washington DC, is racist, unfair, and not what you were elected to do. You were elected to represent ALL of the citizens of Texas, and not be a slave to the President. Please help to make Texas a state all Texans can be proud of again.

Elizabeth Spalding
Self - retired
Granbury, TX

It’s disturbing to see you considering redistributing at this time. Democracy stays strong because public policy swings right and then swings left overtime. Texas is already a strongly conservative state. Additional gerrymandering will simply fuel distrust and agitate those who feel the conservative approach is oppressive to them - and for what? Actions that oppress citizens’ voices will deceases any sense of community that exists in our cities and towns at a time when the feelings of community already seem to be at a very low point. Do the right thing vote AGAINST HB4.

Callie Butcher
self
Dallas, TX

I stronly oppose the proposed redistricting. The maps that are intended to be passed are designed to dilute votes of people like myself that live in larger metropolitan areas to remove our fair representation because the current President and the GOP does not like the party that we have elected to represent us at the federal level. The effect will be to eliminate minority representation. It is both unconstitutional and immoral.

Carol Haywood
Self
Austin, TX

Redistricting to get more districts for a particular party is immoral. Those voting for this should have ethics charges against them. I learned through my work at the City of Austin that most people who testify on any topic are against it. But our representatives should know in their soul that this is wrong. It is not right for you to choose your voters. That is not democracy. Please to the moral, ethical, correct thing and vote against this very gerrymandered redistricting. I live in one of these districts and am totally against it.

Jeni German, Mrs.
self / retired
Pearland, TX

This redistricting represents corruption at the highest levels of public office. I cannot say the holders of public office are leaders, there are no leaders in Austin. They hold, and abuse holding, public office.
The Governor, on behalf of the state, kowtows to a criminal holding the highest office in our country. His minions work to inflict their own beliefs on all citizens. The ‘leaders’ no longer ask the citizens their view, or what they want…because what we want has ceased to matter.
What we think, what we want, the direction we want to move, does not matter to Greg Abbott.
Redistricting is clearly a political tool, a power grab; it serves no useful or moving-forward paradigm. And because so many Maga fear the Felon…for reasons I fail to understand…they are all complicit.
Anyone and everyone promoting this horror show does not believe in the ‘service’ part of holding office. This is not about the government serving the people.
This is about the people serving the government. This is about creating a population of (uneducated) servants.

jeanette scott, ms
none
west lake hills, TX

HB-4's only purpose is to steal my right as a United States Citizen to vote and be represented by the Legislator of my choice. This may not be illegal, but it is absolutely unethical, unfair and cowardly. Please have some backbone. Don't pass this horrid bill.

Nicole Ramirez
Self / Oil and Gas Engineer
Midland, TX

This is a blatant power grab by the increasingly unpopular Trump administration and the disgraceful, spineless Texas GOP. For weeks now, they have pretended to hold fair hearings, feigning interest in public input, all while already having a map designed behind closed doors, a map crafted not to represent Texans, but to secure political power. This was never an honest process.
I call on Texas Democrats, especially those in the Senate, to break quorum. Texans will stand with you. We will donate, we will fundraise, and we will fight alongside you. And I call on the Texas GOP to stop capitulating.
Texas is not solid red. At the very least, we are purple, and that truth terrifies the GOP. That's why they gerrymander. That's why they refuse to allow an independent redistricting commission. If they truly believed their policies reflected the will of the people, they wouldn't be afraid of fair maps or fair elections.
When did the Texas Legislature stop working for its constituents and start working for its donors and political ambitions? This is not representative government. This is the behavior of those who fear accountability, and it is a threat to democracy. Since 1994, Texas has been under near-total Republican leadership. Do you really think it's a coincidence that Texas continues to rank at bottom of lists like quality of life, education, and healthcare access, just to name a few?
I write from Congressional District 11, a safely red district, but I will not stay silent while fellow Texans across the state are targeted for disenfranchisement. I will stand for what is right. By speaking out, I am already doing more to defend democracy than the Texas GOP, and they should be ashamed of themselves.
Do better. We are watching. And we will hold accountable those who stood by while authoritarian tactics took root in our state.
Again, I urge Democrats to break quorum, Texans will stand with you!
Texas House Representatives Vasut and Hunter are disgraceful capitulators and should be primaried and held accountable for their disturbing lack of transparency and consideration of constituents.

Crystal Zamarron
Deeds Not Words
San Antonio, TX

I am against HB 4. I am part of CD 20 - Joaquin Castro, and the proposed redistricting map would shrink the district down. This is an obvious power grab and it only leads to racial discrimination and silencing our voter strength. Listen to the people. We do not want this. Our community needs help in important ways like the grid infrastructure, flooding and any other weather hazard prevention and communication, healthcare for Texans, and more! You, our elected officials, are putting a priority somewhere wrong for someone that only wants to do harm on people. I'm writing this for you to protect Texans. I'm watching my hometown in the Rio Grande Valley be torn apart for fascist values. Now my current location of beautiful San Antonio is meeting the same fate. This is corruption. This is control. Greg Abbott, Rep. Hunter, the authors of the bill, and the allies that align with this behavior— you all are dangerously ignorant and harming Texans. This is unacceptable. Let HB 4 die. Better yet, redraw the lines where it's fair. This is a blue state and you know it. Which is why you're going so far to oppress our vote and voice. You're scared that we'll vote you out and you should be. We will. We vote for the people of Texas and not for any dictator. You should to! At this point, Texas democracy is broken and it's because of you. Democracy is broken and it's because of you! Vote against HB 4 and any proposed amendments and legislation that continues to oppress the people.

Naomi Narvaiz
Comal County Republican Party Precinct 306
New Braunfels, TX

Chairman and members, I urge you to pass the map adding 5 republican congressional districts to our State. My family and I have lived under democrat elected for over 50 years and we never been represented or given opportunity to be heard. This is the first time that we would be under republican representation and I believe we would finally be able to communicate with our representative and be heard. I support HB4 and urge every State House Legislator to do vote for this bill.

Sabelyn Arden
self
Austin, TX

Dear Representatives,
I write as a concerned constituent to oppose House Bill 4, which would allow off-cycle redistricting in Texas.
Proponents argue that Texas's rapid urban and suburban growth requires more frequent boundary adjustments than the usual decennial cycle. They claim mid-decade redistricting would keep districts aligned with shifting populations. However, this approach undermines voter trust and invites opportunistic map-making. It relies on interim population estimates that can be inaccurate and unevenly distributed.
Allowing legislators to redraw lines mid-cycle ostensibly increases accountability—voters could punish gerrymanders at the ballot box. In reality, it creates a conflict of interest: map-makers protect their own seats, turnout in off-cycle elections is low, and partisan battles only intensify. Independent or judicial oversight, though imperfect, helps ensure impartiality.
Advocates also suggest off-cycle maps can produce stable majorities, reducing razor-thin margins that stall policy. Yet engineered landslides often marginalize minority or dissenting voices, foster complacent incumbents, and drive extreme mid-decade policy swings.
They further contend that mid-cycle revisions could preserve majority-minority districts under the Voting Rights Act. But packing minority voters tokenizes communities, and courts frequently strike maps that use race as a partisan proxy—precisely the litigation HB 4 claims to prevent.
Finally, supporters say off-cycle redistricting avoids protracted lawsuits and clarifies rules early in the election season. Instead, mid-decade changes often spark new legal challenges, confuse voters and election officials, and require judicial intervention—prolonging uncertainty rather than resolving it.
Every redistricting model has drawbacks. Yet frequent legislative control lacks the stability and fairness that Texans deserve. I urge you to oppose HB 4 in favor of impartial reforms: independent commissions, algorithm-based map-drawing, or multi-member districts. These alternatives better balance fairness, stability, and accountability, safeguarding the principle that every Texan's vote carries equal weight.
Let's put partisanship aside and get back to engaging constructively in solutions that uphold the principles of equality and mutual respect.
We the people appreciate your thoughtful consideration.

Paula Phy
Self
Jefferson, TX

HB 4 does not provide for a true representation of the citizens of the affected regions included in the bill or the state of Texas. However, this bill is representative of one of many attempts to disregard the true wants and needs of the citizens of Texas. Just another attempt by Republicans at cheating their way into power.

Sarah Fox, Ms.
Self
San Antonio, TX

This bill is a clear effort to follow the will of Donald Trump, rather than follow the will of the people you were elected to represent. It is a clear effort to cheat even more, in an already gerrymandered state. Texans will not forget those of you who vote for this disgraceful bill. Do what is right for the people who put you there.

Sondra Halweg
Self
Austin, TX

Thank you for allowing me to speak about my concerns for a fair & open redistricting process against HR 4. I live in State District 47 and US District 37 which are both served extreme well by Rep. Vikki Goodwin and the Honorable Lloyd Doggett. Throughout my life, I have been an advocate for children, students, and equal rights for all. You, as legislators were elected to serve ALL the people, just as I was expected to work with ALL children in my classroom and ALL students who came into my counseling office. BUT, that is not what you are doing! You are drawing districts for LESS representation for communities of color. You are putting your hand on the scale of justice for your desired outcome, not what serves ALL OF YOUR CONSTITUENTS EQUALLY. THIS IS A DEEPLY FLAWED PROCESS!
The Texas population over the last decade has been fueled by communities of color, but the map the state created does NOT reflect that growth! SHAMEFUL!
We are told in the Old Testament in Micah 6: 8 to act justly, to love mercy, and walk humbly with our God. There is NO justice, love, or mercy in what you are doing! EXACTLY, WHERE IS YOUR HUMANITY?
The current congressional maps that were adopted in 2021 are still being reviewed by courts. There should be NO more changes until the 2021 Congressional Maps are approved by the courts.
DO NOT VOTE HB4 FORWARD!!!
Thank you for your consideration.

Wallace Golding
Self
San Marcos, TX

This bill and the entire mid-decade redistricting process is a plainly anti-democratic power grab. This bill undermines key democratic principles of fair and equal representation for all. This plan is clearly illegal as it redistricts Texans along racial lines, violating federal law and Supreme Court precedent. Supporting this piece of legislation is tantamount to a betrayal of democratic principles in Texas, and any and all representatives who vote in favor of this plan are complicit in undermining those principles.

Victoria Valadez
self, designer
Austin, TX

This round of Texas Congressional Redistricting is unlawful and harmful to your constituents. People who voted for you will vote you out. Please reconsider your conscience and don't bow to Trump.

Britni Cuington
Self/ Organizer
Dallas, TX

To the membership of the House Redistricting Committee:

My name is Britni Cuington. I'm a veteran, union member, and the Texas Lead Organizer for Common Defense—the largest grassroots veterans organization in the country. However, today I'm here representing myself as a lifelong constituent of Texas Congressional District 30. I didn't just land here—I was born here I was raised here. I serve from here. I organize from here. And I'm not about to be redistricted into silence. This map isn't just unfair—it's flat out voter suppression. This map is not redistricting. It's racial gerrymandering with a fresh coat of paint.

TX-30 is a historically Black district that's been a beacon of political power, service, and community—and this is a blatant attempt to carve it up like it's surplus land. Want to talk about protecting democracy? Well, democracy doesn't happen when politicians pick their voters—we're supposed to pick to you. I organize veterans and union members every day who are tired of being used as props while the services we rely on are defunded, privatized, or snatched away behind closed doors. You can't say you support the 1.5 million veterans in this state while gutting our communities and handing our healthcare to private contractors. The VA is Not for Sale campaign, is defending every inch of our hard-earned access to care.
But this map makes that harder. This isn't representation. This is elimination.

As a union member, I know what solidarity looks like—and this ain't it. As a veteran, I know what justice for all looks like—and this ain't it.

I come from TX-30, and we don't back down. We build power. Have you met our Congrresswoman? Veterans, Black voters, Latino voters, working-class Texans—we are the heart of this district. And you will not rewrite us out of history.

Eddie Bernice Johnson—our forever congresswoman—warned us:

"Power concedes nothing without a demand."

So here's mine: Stop drawing the map like you're afraid of a fair fight.

Jane Fuchs
self along with many others
Austin, TX

Do not redraw the lines.....again! Just let us VOTE!

Lauren Kern
Self
Irving, TX

I am against the redistricting effort. There is no valid reason to redistrict prior to the results of the next census. This will create uncertainty, which will not only disenfranchise millions of voters but also make Texas an unstable and unattractive place for business.

The only reason our state leaders are even considering redrawing maps is at the behest of the president asking for 5 more seats in the house. That seems like textbook gerrymandering to me, which is not only illegal but also short sighted. Some excuse has been given which was only manufactured after the fact. Studies show that gerrymandered areas have a worse economic outlook: people have worse credit in part due to apathetic representation which will mean less spending, small businesses are discouraged from operating where their concerns won't be heard, and it will cost the state many dollars in legal fees.

Redistricting will also erode voter trust, which may backfire on our current leadership. If they are no longer trusted, then with slimmer margined districts, they may loose their seats and open the door for retaliation when a new party is in power.

It is in Texas' best interest to play by the rules, to keep things fair and trustworthy by not redistricting ahead of schedule. Don't tread on us.

Stetson Akers, Dr.
Self
Clyde, TX

I want to state that I am in no way in favor of congressional gerrymandering for the sake of any party. Districts should be representative of the people who live in them and boundaries should be drawn based on logical definitions of populations and areas. By no means should districts be drawn with consideration for which party is at an advantage if boundaries include or exclude particular voter affiliations.

Lisa Whaley
Self
Austin, TX

This is voter suppression. Texans value our independence and representation. You are stripping that from the people and the people will remember.

Susana Carranza, Dr.
self - retired engineer
Austin, TX

I oppose HB4 and this entire rushed mid-decade redistricting process. I have lived in the same downtown Austin address for 20 years, but if this map passes, I could see 3 different districts within 6 years due to gerrymandering techniques such as cracking and packing.

Do you know what downtown Austin, where I live, has in common with Trinity County, 200 miles away?
They each are home to about 15,000 people
They are both in Texas! (duh!)
And they would both be moved to heavily gerrymandered CD 10 if HB4 passes

And this is far from the worst district in the proposed map.

I am sick and tired of some of you claiming ignorance about who drew the map, that the map intentionally drew Crockett and others out of their current districts, of the past court cases, and of the issues the community raises. To quote the matrix: Ignorance is Bliss!

You keep adding more white majority districts, despite the Texas population growing more diverse. You turn yourself into pretzels to claim these maps increase minority representation when every org representing you minorities is telling you otherwise.

You are cracking and packing all major metro areas, disenfranchising the largest economic centers in Texas. You are biting the hands that feed you!

You are breaking down historic districts and splitting up communities of color, ignoring the VRA. And most importantly, you are ignoring the overwhelming majority of people who spoke, registered, or sent comments.

But it is not too late to do the right thing. I urge you to withdraw HB4 now and dedicate all the Lege focus to disaster relief and prevention.

Ian Moreau
Self, RN
Austin, TX

My name is Ian Moreau. I am a life-long resident of Texas and was once a Republican. I am no longer due to the dishonest, un-caring, un-American actions of both the Texas GOP and the national GOP. This bill is an attempt misrepresent our state at the national level, consolidate the power of the ever expanding Executive branch of the Federal government, and a cowardly deference to a demagogue that does not represent GOP or American values. If any Republican Texas House member considers themselves a representative of the people, not the party, not the businesses, not the lobbyists; they should reject this bill.

Gerrymandering damages the credibility of our state government and our national government. Taking this action at a time where our national divide grows deeper, any diminishment of our government credibility pushes us deeper into instability and potential conflict, weakening our nation overall. As a resident wishing to be represented, I am ashamed of our state acting as a lapdog to an increasingly authoritarian Executive branch. If you truly want to represent liberty and justice for ALL, you will reject this bill.

Hillary Janes, Dr.
Self
Houston, TX

Dear Representative,

As one of your constituents, I’m writing to urge you to REJECT this corrupt redistricting process and all gerrymandered maps.

Gov. Abbott is letting Trump control him while ignoring the real problems in our lives. Please do everything in your power to fight back and put Texans first!

I strongly urge you: REJECT this process!

Rhonda Denman
Self
Kemp, TX

I support Texas redistricting for fair representation in Washington across the State.

Nathan Burge
Self
Austin, TX

Here’s your script:

I strongly urge the committee to reject this mid-decade redistricting proposal.

As a lifelong Texan and resident of Travis County, I oppose any mid-decade redistricting that reduces minority voting influence.

Texans deserve better than blatant manipulation by one party to silence their fair and equal representation in our government. Our communities deserve fair maps, not political manipulation

Michael Lambert
Self retired
Lantana, TX

I am a Texas voter, and I oppose any mid-decade redistricting, especially while the current maps are still being challenged in court. Furthermore, I oppose any redistricting that does not result in fair representation for all Texans. Texas has a long history of racial gerrymandering and discriminatory voting practices, so I urge you to prevent communities of color from being deliberately divided, thereby weakening their political voice.

Texans have the right to fair and equal representation that's achieved through a thoughtful, transparent process that allows meaningful public input. Lawmakers should have the necessary information to create legally compliant district maps, protect minority voting rights, and respect county lines, city boundaries, and communities of interest. A rushed 30-day special session packed with unrelated agenda items is not the way to achieve this.

Texans deserve to have a redistricting process that is fair, transparent, and results in equal representation for all, not this rushed and deeply flawed process. Flood recovery efforts and the safety of Texans should be the top priority, not redrawing political maps.

Thanks for responding to this urgent need.
Michael Lambert

Rachel Sergeant
Self - Healthcare
Lewisville, TX

Redistricting in the middle of the typical decade redistricting process sets a dangerous precedent. There is no need to continue with this redistricting, it is blatant gerrymandering and an awful show of partisanship. As a constituent, I am urging the Texas government to not follow through with this heinous act.

Bree Monson
Self
Pflugerville, TX

Hello, my name is Bree Monson. I am a native Texan, and live in Pflugerville, which is located in Congressional District 17. I am testifying on the Legislature's attempt to redistrict our congressional districts mid-census. I am strongly opposed to these efforts. This brazen move by the Governor and the DOJ to increase Republican representation in the U.S. House by taking it away from communities of color is shameful. It is blatant racial discrimination.

How districts are drawn affects every political issue, from the economy to healthcare to public education. If politicians are elected from districts that don't reflect the population, you end up with situations where politicians support policies that the vast majority of people oppose, or they won't support policies that the vast majority of people support. When politicians manipulate maps for personal or political gain, it prevents residents like me from having our voices heard on all of these policies that affect us.

I urge you to reject HB 4 and allow a fair redistricting process, with input from the constituents being affected. Don't take our representation away.

Sarah Little
Myself
Benbrook, TX

I oppose the Redistricting that is currently proposed.

Stephanie Morris
self - RN, Beekeeper
Leander, TX

Against redistricting. Flood relief for Tex
Good morning, Chair and Members,
I'm Stephanie Morris: fourth-generation Texan, nurse, and beekeeper.
I live in Leander, where the South San Gabriel flows across our land.
On July 5th, our home and beeyard flooded as the river rose 35 feet with filthy water and debris.
We've lost so much — but we are lucky.
Texans are suffering — from floods and the policy failures that made them worse.
We need your help — not partisan map games.
Short-sighted development changed our lives and land long before this flood.
We live downstream from the "best, most beautiful" pollutant discharge in the state. Millions of gallons per day of poorly treated wastewater turn a pristine stream into year-round stinky, rotting, algae-covered quick-sand.
It pollutes our land and degrades the river.
They take our water and replace it with wastewater, flash floods and fire.
Those who profit rape and pillage, then move on to the next paradise to destroy.
At our expense.
Unscrupulous individuals are exploiting freedoms meant for Texans who know freedom comes with responsibility.
They profit off of reshaping the land — raising grade, filling creek beds, and paving native ground.
Water does what water does when people get up in her business.
Now even small rains flood faster and angrier.
Between storms, our wells, springs, and creeks dry up.
It's not developers or cities with deep new wells going dry.
It's ours.
And it's not those sending their waste downstream who live with the consequences.
We do.
Our rivers. Our land. Our health.
Land use isn't just about property.
and
Lives are lost after floods — not just during them.
The stress is crushing. People get sick. People die.

Our lives, livestock, livelihoods, and Texan way of life are in your hands.
You may think redistricting isn't about floods, land use, or water — but it is.
Drawing lines decides who has a voice — and who gets left behind.

Please — do better for Texans.
Not for the Developer-in-Chief.
Thank you. God bless you — and God bless Texas.
(Two example Photos are attached to my written testimony)

IMG_5615.HEIC – 7/5/2025 @ 06:57 View from our raised second floor of the swollen South San Gabriel River.
A 10-foot rise is considered a flood—this was about 30 of the 35+ feet it would rise that morning. Photo taken just after calling 911 to request evacuation of San Gabriel Ranches, as CR270—our only egress—was about to flood where the creek that's "not-a-creek" (per the Bryson developer) was breaching the road. The flood temporarily scoured our limestone riverbed clean.

IMG_9954.JPG 8/16/2020 @ 1534 - View of the polluted South San Gabriel River of wastewater from the riverbank cliff behind our home.

Respectfully,

Stephanie Ryder Morris
Birds N Bees Farm
512-563-2488

1409 Orchard Drive
Leander, Texas 78641

"God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference...
- Reinhold Niebuhr

Nathaniel Pyle
Self
Austin, TX

Thank you for taking the time to read my input. This redistricting is anti-American. We should win elections by using the time in power to show we deserve to be there. Make peoples lives better and they will vote for you. This redistricting only works to further divide the citizens of Texas by allowing only those in power now to determine who they get to vote for. Governor Abbott claimed this process was to allow for everyone to vote for who they wanted. That is not for him to decide or arrange. Each citizen can choose to vote for whoever they'd like, whether they move districts or not. Again, this action is cowardly and un-American. Be better.

Kim McMenamin
Self - retired
Austin, TX

I am a registered Republican voter residing in House District 35. I fully support this bill that would redraw the district as Republican. I urge passage of this bill.

Angie Bado
Self
McKinney, TX

I adamantly oppose the unfair redistricting of US House districts, with the sole purpose of silencing voters voices. This is unconstitutional and unconscionable, and unjust.

Keith Dagen
Self
Richardson, TX

The 32nd district currently includes portions of the Dallas metro area including Richardson. As drawn, the new map will keep Richardson in the 32nd district but will strip it out of the Dallas metro area and push the boundaries of the district far to the east, picking up large swaths of primarily rural areas. I do not believe that this will result in quality representation for both the urban and rural portions of the district. I am against the proposed map.

Richard Howe, Mr.
self
Plano, TX

Chair and committee members,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments regarding HB4.

I begin with this question. Is the Republican Party of Texas becoming the West's version of the CCP?

As a lifelong conservative Texan, I am alarmed! Texas has long been a laboratory for one-party rule, with Republican lawmakers wielding gerrymandering like a scalpel to carve away competitive democracy. But the latest redistricting efforts go even further. Accountability is no longer an inconvenience. Elected Republicans have declared it an obstacle. So, when is enough, enough?

By shielding themselves from electoral consequences, elected Republicans aren't just redrawing maps; they're redrawing the very rules of democratic engagement. The result? A political landscape where dissent is punished, opposition is sidelined, and party loyalty is paramount. If that sounds familiar, it's because it echoes the centralized control strategies of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP).

Texas Republicans probably aren't adopting the CCP's ideology, but they seem to admire its efficiency in consolidating power and silencing critics. This isn't traditional conservatism. It's an authoritarian impulse to dominate indefinitely.

Texans deserve better than leaders who govern for themselves. This isn't just about redistricting, it's about resisting the slow transformation of Texas into a place where democracy becomes a lip service instead of a practiced principle.

I oppose this out of cycle redistricting and the resulting HB4, which is being dictated from outside of Texas and blindly implemented by elected Republicans here. Instead, I urge this redistricting committee to take this opportunity to implement a more fair and rational redistricting policy, by putting forward a joint resolution for a ballot referendum, to establish an independent, non-partisan commission to be responsible for future redistricting.

We need more competitive districts, NOT more NON-competitive districts. This out of cycle redistricting push will take us further in the WRONG direction.

District boundaries should be drawn compact and contiguous. Many of our districts are not. The configuration of those that are not, undermine the principles of fair representation. They defy logical and geographic coherence. And they compromise the integrity of democratic processes.

Frankly, this entire out-of-cycle redistricting effort is embarrassing.

Steve Liter
Self
Lago Vista, TX

STOP the redistricting. This is a power grab. Cease redistrcting!

Ronald Applewhite, LTC, Retired
Self
Fort Worth, TX

I am strongly opposed to the re-districting bill.

Mary Esther Escobedo
Self
San Antonio, TX

Texas and Texans are currently suffering from lack of health care and stable energy sources as well as lack of safety from natural disasters. Instead of addressing these and other pressing issues, this Legislature has taken on redistricting a mere four years after the last maps were drawn and presented. There as been no new population census taken that might trigger such an action. We, the public, are informed that this Legislature was "asked" by the current US President to find five new districts in Texas to give him five more Republican seats and votes in Congress. He seems to fear that his actions, decisions and policies these past seven months have caused his approval ratings to slip.
It is the function of the Texas Legislature to address and provide redress for the concerns, problems and issues faced by the populace of Texas and not to prop up the political standing of one man. The representatives of the people of Texas are public servants whose duty is to serve the public. Our electric grid is holding for now but Texas had to rely on solar, wind and battery power these past two years to shore up energy provided by fossil fuels. Is the Legislature supporting these alternative energy sources? People are having trouble securing health insurance. Is the Legislature finding ways to help them? So far the answer to both questions is no.
Texas' population has grown since the last census. Experts tell us this is primarily due to the increase in Latino and Black population. The last maps drawn have been litigated due to denying this increased population the correct number of districts in which said population can truly make a choice when voting. The current proposed maps appear to reduce the number of these districts from 13 to 8. These proposed maps would have population that is over 60% "minority" that population withof control 21% of the Congressional districts of Texas. The proposed plan for new maps discriminates against minority voters.
The rush to produce new maps does not give voters time to fully review them and to comment on them.
I urge the Legislature to reject the newly proposed maps, to serve the voters and people of Texas, and to refuse to bend to the whims of the US President.

Susan Korbel, Dr.
Bexar County Precinct 3067
San Antonio, TX

Is it too much to ask for our representatives to be able to represent a community with common physical area and culture? Why are there so many different districts in this plan in adjacent neighborhoods, and then stretching out into farmland. How should representatives become familiar with our unique issues and events? By further carving up metro areas and stretching them out into farmland, this bill cynically abandons the idea that representatives speak for unique communities, and instead become just generic urban/suburban/rural politicians who need massive amounts of money to bridge the media markets and highways they purportedly serve. I recommend instead choosing a plan with more contiguous areas, such as George Korbel's PlanC2224, displayed at: https://dvr.capitol.texas.gov/Congress/72/PLANC2224

The map under consideration in HB4 is ludicrous, but also legally impossible to defend in court. Please add to my comment Ellen Katz's "Redistricting Texas Now is Illegal and the U.S. Department of Justice is the Reason Why" which can be accessed at this link: https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=5371287

Linda Hedges
Self
Fort Davis, TX

No to redistricting. It does not represent Texans fairly.

Elizabeth Evans, Ms
Self
Katy, TX

As a Texas AFT member and public school educator, I oppose any mid-decade redistricting that reduces minority voting influence. Our communities deserve fair maps, not political manipulation. We deserve better.

Madison Cornwell
self
College Station, TX

Entire household is in disagreement with this bill. This bill does not accurately represent the constituents of Texas. I strongly oppose this bill

Ayanna Monderoy
Self
Houston, TX

Good day,
Texas democracy and voices of Texans are at risk of being SILENCED if congressional districts are redistricted to unjustly give 5 seats to Texan Republican representatives.
Texans have a RIGHT to have their voices and concerns addressed by the representative they ELECT by vote, not by gerrymandering Texans into a district with a representative they DID NOT elect.
The Texan state government claims to follow the values of democracy which has given many state officials positions by Texans VOTING for them.
I urge the Texas House to not redistrict to unfairly give Republican representatives seats in Congress.
Please do one of these:
1. Follow in the footsteps of other states who hire independent redistricting committees to handle redistricting, which benefits Texans of all political affiliations and representatives of Democrats, Republicans, and Third parties by eliminating political party bias.
Or
2. Let residents living in the district VOTE on whether to change the district boundaries or keep the boundaries as it is.
This gives Texans the opportunity to choose what they want to do in a fair, democratic process.

Ryan Dilbert
Self
Houston, TX

This is wrong and you know it. Make common sense districts not gerrymandered nonsense. History is watching you.

Angelica Hernandez
Self
Austin, TX

I am strongly against the proposed redistricting of Texas as presented by this bill. It will limit, if not virtually get rid of, the voices of so many Texans and is just a power ploy. I want my vote to mean something, and this redistricting limits that. Any lines drawn should not be by a partisan group.

Bobbie Martinez
CWA 6215
Josephine, TX

This is a clear power grab that is only going to hurt the districts your re-drawing. Please remember you represent everyone and silencing voices is not democratic.

Nancy Dillard, Precinct Chair 2086
My precinct
The Colony, TX

This redistricting Bill is critical to correcting setting districts for the people of Texas

Philip Eash-Gates
Self; engineer
San Antonio, TX

Chairman and Members of the Committee,
My name is Philip Eash-Gates, and I am a longtime resident of San Antonio. I appreciate the opportunity to submit written testimony in strong opposition to the proposed redistricting plan currently under consideration.
Redistricting is a serious responsibility meant to reflect population shifts and ensure fair representation for all Texans. Traditionally tied to the decennial census, it should not be used as a tool to serve political ends mid-decade. This current proposal—absent a constitutional mandate or population-based necessity—risks undermining faith in the electoral process and sets a dangerous precedent for future partisan overreach.
Texans—regardless of political affiliation—value fairness, transparency, and strong local representation. Sadly, this proposal falls short on all three. In cities like San Antonio, where communities are diverse, hard-working, and civically engaged, this plan slices through cohesive neighborhoods in ways that dilute their voices and weaken representation. Our ability to advocate effectively for public safety, infrastructure, small business support, and education depends on being respectfully and accurately represented—not fragmented across political boundaries.
When district lines are drawn not to reflect communities, but to tip the electoral scale, it shifts power away from voters and toward political operatives. That reduces incentives for elected officials to listen to their constituents and increases the risk of unaccountable governance. Competitive districts—where both parties must engage with voters and earn support—produce better policy outcomes for all Texans.
Further, this mid-decade redrawing is troubling because of how it's being conducted: rapidly, with limited public input, and in the face of significant public opposition. Many residents, including myself, are deeply concerned that the voices of everyday Texans are being sidelined in favor of short-term political goals.
Finally, I urge the Committee to consider the broader consequences. If Texas uses redistricting as a political weapon, it invites retaliation in other states. Such a trend could degrade public confidence in our democratic institutions nationwide—and that is a risk we simply cannot afford.
In closing, I urge you to reject this redistricting proposal. It weakens representation, reduces accountability, and erodes trust in the foundational principles of our democracy. We need maps that reflect the people of Texas—not political priorities.
Thank you for your time and your service to our state.
Respectfully,
Philip Eash-Gates
San Antonio, Texas

Katie Fike
Self
Austin, TX

This redistricting does NOT represent Texas and its citizens. It is an unfair power grab and as a Texan I am asking you to say no to Trump and this administration and do what's fair and right by Texans.

Carolyn Alexander
Burnet County Republican Women
Meadowlakes, TX

I support HB 4 by Hunter

Tomoko Shannon
Self
San Marcos, TX

I am an educator from San Marcos in Hays County, I oppose any mid-decade redistricting that reduces minority voting influence. Our communities deserve fair maps, not political manipulation.

Adrienne Flannery
self - self-employed
Austin, TX

This redistricting initiative is politically motivated and shows our inability as a state to stand up for what is right. It is being used to water down the power of our votes and I am appalled that this is even being considered. This practice of gerrymandering undermines democracy by allowing the current dominant political party to select their voters instead of the voters selecting their representatives. This may placate powers in Washington, but will most certainly cement our fast slide into fascism. This further erodes public trust in the political system and those who represent us. We have elected officials to represent ALL constituents, not only those cherry picked through redrawing district lines. This is not in the best interest of the citizens of this state and will most certainly hurt everyone. Do not succumb to political pressure. This is not right. The future of our country hangs in the balance. Do not be on the wrong side of history. Vote no so we actually have a future here in this country for our children.

Meaghan Murphy, Ms.
Self
Pflugerville, TX

This proposed redistricting is not just wrong—it undemocratic. It you can’t win your argument through debate, maybe rethink your position. Manipulating a voting map to achieve political goals is not just wrong, it’s immoral. It’s cheating, plain and simple. Listen to your constituents and have the map accurately represent the will of the people who live within its borders.

leroy haverlah, mr
self
austin, TX

I respectfully support leaving Congressional Districts as they are. Our representatives need to live where their people live, to keep democracy working.
I have viewed the proposed redistricting maps. They are perfect gerrymandering and should be considered an affront to any thinking person.
I am a lifelong Texan, 86 years, a retired social service administrator, a resident of Steiner Ranch in Austin, an honorably discharged Navy veteran, a respected family man, and a thoughtful, active Voter in every local and national election. Graduate of Tulane University, Master's degree, 1967.

Ellen Kranz
Self
Austin, TX

As a Texan, I loudly reject these gerrymandered redistricting efforts. These redrawn districts are unfair to the population of Texas and democracy as a whole.

Ryan Buck
self
Houston, TX

This is disgraceful. People are still trying to recover from the floods and the state's response is to redraw congressional districts? Absolutely disgusting. All this does is further drown out the voices of the people, so a few impotent, feckless individuals can stay in power. And to what end? To appease the whims of a fascist pedophile? Someone who has time and again shown that he values no one but himself? I guess I shouldn't be surprised. That's exactly the type of people running the show in Texas too. This once great state has been nothing short of a laughing stock for the past few decades. I know none of the Republicans in office care about the citizens of Texas, regardless of their political affiliation. They will refuse to listen to the people, just as they always have. But if any of you want to prove me wrong, vote against this bill.

Lucy Glover
Self, retired attorney
Austin, TX

The proposed redistricting map is a despicable, blatant attempt to deprive me of my voice locally, statewide, and nationally. Needless to say, I strongly oppose HB 4 on moral, ethical, and common sense grounds. I can't imagine how anyone with a conscience could propose it, back it, or vote for it.

Jessica Sanchez
Self
Laredo, TX

I strongly oppose this bill. The impact of this bill will be felt for generations. Redistricting in small towns for the benefit of "Friday night lights" is something pretty much every Texan has heard of and lived through. Now, the scope is wider and the consequences are far greater. Representation for many of us will be pretty much irrelevant and none existent. Why is this not up for vote on the ballot for all Texans? This gerrymandering needs to be stopped and our voices should matter.

Lyle Hufstetler
Self - project manager
San Antonio, TX

I do not support the proposed redistricting map in its current form. It runs afoul of our constitutional republic by bending to the will of the federal executive. In approving this map, the Texas Legislature is forfeiting its right to self governance. The fact that President Trump has admitted to netting an additional 5 Republican seats proves this is a political power grab.

JODY JOHNSON, JD
SELF/ATTORNEY
DALLAS, TX

I object to the illegal mid-decade redistricting plan. It is outrageous that the last set of maps in 2021 are still in litigation because they were impermissibly drawn in a racist manner. Something the Republicans have forcibly argued against, and yet, now they decide there was a problem so they need to redraw them. People of color make up 60.2% of Texans, and yet they currently only hold 43.2% of the congressional seats. The proposed maps will take away even more seats from people of color. CD33 was drawn in response to findings that Texas violated the Voting Rights Act, and now that district is being redrawn in a manner that will take away the Congressman those voters elected (Marc Veasey). The map also redraws Jasmine Crockett's district such that she no longer lives in the district AND the maps packs that district with people of color which dilutes their voting power because they are crammed into this area. An overriding principle of drawing districts is that we should keep communities of interest together. That can be racially or in other ways such as urban/rural. I live in CD32. Besides the fact that the maps effectively suppress the votes of everyone who voted for the Congresspersons that are being stolen from us, I am now placed in a district with people I have very little in common with, and the drawing of CD32 does the same for the people within Dallas.
This is such a disgusting overreach, made even more sickening by the number of Republicans who constantly quote the Bible to justify their reprehensible actions. I don't know how those members sleep at night. For the Democrats - break quorum and do whatever you have to do.

Mary Lowry, Ms.
self/author
Austin, TX

I am writing to oppose HB 4 which creates new redistricting maps designed to dilute the voting power of people of color. This response to Trump's demand that Texas give him five more house seats is flagrantly partisan and unethical. This new map has not been drawn to represent the voice of Texans. It's been drawn to cater to the whims of Donald Trump. It's been drawn illegally to silence the voices of communities of color. Merging the 35th and 37th districts is illegal voter suppression of Black and Latino central Texans. As a voting resident of Travis County, I urge you to oppose this bill!

Catherine Sims
self
Austin, TX

I oppose mid-census redistricting. I support compact districts that reflect communities of interest.

Michelle Shackelford
Self, Florist
Waco, TX

I strongly oppose the new districts map for the Texas House of Representatives. It clearly does not represent the people of Texas, and it unnecessarily gives more power to one party over another. Let us be clear about what is being attempted - it is called gerrymandering. Not only is it unconstitutional; it is immoral and purely evil. It seeks to silence the voices of those who work the hardest to make our state what it is. It excludes and marginalizes, it does not empower or assist. The government does not rule the people. The government is here to SERVE the people. Government officials are elected by the PEOPLE. Therefore, they work for the PEOPLE. Not above them, but representing them in what must be a fair way for all. The proposed map clearly defines who is in and who is out. This is unlawful, and it is evil. I, a resident of the state of Texas, strongly oppose this new map. The representatives who serve in MY state, to represent ME and MY best interests, will vote no on this new map. May the record state what the people want, not what the political parties in the White House want. Those who have ears to hear, let them hear.

Brandon Watson
Self
Plano, TX

I strongly oppose the redrawing of congressional districts at this time. If you want to win play the damn game how it goes.

Breanna Rollings
Self
Austin, TX

As a native Texan and one of your constituents in Travis County, I am deeply concerned about the current attempts at redistricting in Texas. This is clearly a partisan power grab that doesn't serve citizens but rather a craven party with policies so unpopular they can only win by cheating. It's appalling, anti-American, and anti-democratic. Your job is to serve the American people, not one man hell-bent on consolidating power. I urge you to strongly oppose these redistricting efforts.

Jacob Ibarra
Self
Channelview, TX

I strongly oppose the proposed redistricting of congressional districts in Texas. These maps dilute the political power of diverse communities, especially communities of color, by manipulating boundaries in a way that undermines fair and equal representation. Redistricting should reflect the population growth and demographic shifts seen in the state, not serve as a tool to protect incumbents or favor one political party. The current proposal appears to ignore the voices of voters and instead prioritizes partisan gain over democracy. I urge lawmakers to reject these maps and adopt a redistricting process that is transparent, fair, and representative of all Texans. Our districts should be drawn to empower communities, not divide or silence them. Texans deserve better.

Carolyn C. Wylie
self (retired copyeditor)
Austin, TX

As a long-time Austin resident and voter (every election since July 14, 1971) I have already endured several rounds of redistricting. I understand that it's a necessary process once a decade. I know it is not necessary this year and it has been made very clear that the only reason it is being done is to produce a few extra Republican districts for the benefit of the worst President in my lifetime. I don't this is a valid purpose. PLEASE DON'T DO THIS. ========

Emily Kelley
Self
Amarillo, TX

My name is Emily, and I am a concerned resident writing to express my deep opposition to the proposed state district changes currently under consideration.

As you are no doubt aware, these redistricting proposals appear to undermine the principles of fair representation by diluting the voting power of communities—particularly communities of color and historically underrepresented groups. The maps seem engineered more to protect political power than to reflect the demographic and geographic realities of our state.

Gerrymandering erodes public trust in our democratic process, and it threatens the legitimacy of elections and legislative accountability. I urge you, as a policymaker with the ability to influence this process, to oppose these proposals and advocate for transparent, nonpartisan redistricting that prioritizes the rights of all Texans—not just the interests of those in power.

I would appreciate any opportunity to stay informed on your stance or initiatives you may be part of to combat gerrymandering. Texas deserves fair maps.

Sincerely,

Emily Kelley

Catherine Hammond
Self - retired
McKinney, TX

There is no reason for another redistricting only around 3 years after the last one and without a new census. It smells of manipulation and interference in the current voting process. This bill should not be supported.

Hunter Holm
Self Photographer
AUSTIN, TX

Do you feel good about this? What if the other side was doing this? You'd all be screaming your heads off. Let things be and let our voices be heard through our votes - the right way. You will all have to reckon with the decisions you've made one day. I hope you lose sleep over it. Your family will erase you from their history. All for a small weak egotistical orange man-child, and you know it. How embarrassing.

Collin Stubblefield
Self
Buda,, TX

Hello, I have been a tax payer in Texas my whole life. I do not support redistricting in Texas. Please do not pass this bill.

Acacia Cognata
Myself-physician
Lufkin, TX

I think that gerrymandering has too long been the norm in Texas, and I would like it to stop. If you are going to redistribute the state then the map should be drawn up by a non-political entity, not by politicians trying to save themselves in the next election, not by the sitting president regardless of affiliation.

Dan Manco
Self
Austin, TX

I oppose this bill because it’s unconstitutional, unAmerican and nothing more than cowtowing to a criminal wannabe dictator. SHAME on you.

Neeraja Penumetcha
Self
Austin, TX

This proposed redistricting is a clearly partisan attempt at taking an already lopsided map and further entrenching an unequal and undemocratic map. It is anathema to fundamental democratic principles. That is comes mid-decade and immediately before a primary, that it comes during a special session when there are far more pressing needs at hand (Kerr Country flooding), that it is being sped through a process with limited consideration -- it all makes the partisan intent not only clear but inarguable. If passed, this map would further marginalize and dilute the voices of many Texans in the national conversation. It would stretch already limited constituent services. It will particularly harm brown and black communities. It is a naked power grab and it is shameful. It puts national political aspirations and loyalty to political party over the needs of Texans and basic principles of fairness. If the Texas Legislature ever again wants to be understood as anything but a sock puppet of the national GOP, it must reject this effort decisively.

Robert Copus
Self / geologist
Houston, TX

Please do not do this. Candidates are choosing their voters. Voters should be choosing the candidate

Laura Horansky
Self
San Antonio, TX

The redistricting maps proposed in House Bill 4 (HB 4) are designed to dilute the voting power of communities of color. Period. This malicious attack belies the constitutional rights of these specific populations in Texas. It’s unAmerican and unTexan. I demand fair representation before these maps become law.

Every Texas representative should be fighting for maps that truly reflect all Texans!

Michelle Thomas
Self - SAHM
Katy, TX

The proposed redistricting - after only 4 years since the previously being done - shows the TX GOP has zero interest in actually representing the people of TX. In my TX Civics class back in 1993 we learned that gerrymandering is wrong. Yet today the GOP is back for another round of packing and cracking districts. Where your policies are so entirely unpopular you have to resort to voter suppression and cheating you're on the wrong side of history.

Sam Douglass
Self - genetic counselor
Round Rock, TX

Redistricting should be done every 10 years with the census. This is a power grab

Margo Green

self - retired

LUBBOCK, TX

It's appalling that you would even consider doing this. We are gerrymandered to the hilt already. It's very sad that you know you can't win unless you cheat. How about just once let's have a free and FAIR election in Texas and see what happens. Maybe you won't have to stoop to gerrymandering and voter suppression after all. You won't know until you try. At any rate, I used to be a proud Texas. I was born and raised here. However, now I am ashamed to tell people where I'm from. I'm ashamed of what our state has become. I'm ashamed that you refuse to listen to the constituents you are supposed to represent. I am adamantly against this power grab and I will fight for the rest of my life to make sure another member of the GOP never gets elected to office in TX again.

Kalinda Westbrook

self, Retired ISD business manager, now self-employed accountant, Gatesville City Council Member

Gatesville, TX

I am FOR redistricting.

Roland Wake

Self, Corporate machine battery

Waco, TX

This is a further attempt to deny the people the power they have versus the growing attempt to deny the fact that texas is no longer simply "red"

Jasmine Busch

Self

Austin, TX

Dear representatives-
Please do what’s right and stop the silencing of the citizens of Texas. We all deserve representation even if it means some folks will lose power. Blatant cheating and discrimination is un-American and wrong. Let the people speak and have their votes count. Don’t let this out of cycle redistricting happen. The stakes are very high and our democracy and the people you’ve promised to and are paid to represent do not want this. Do the right thing.

Skylar Rolf, Dr.
Self, Assistant Professor
Missouri City, TX

Thank you to the committee members for the opportunity to share my concerns with you. I vehemently oppose the redistricting efforts that are going on in this special session. As a Texan and an American citizen, I believe in free and fair elections; what I see happening is a non-democratic process occurring to try to ensure partisan power. This current process is rushed, lacks transparency, and offers limited opportunity for citizens such as myself to make our voices heard in a normal process as 3 of the public hearings were before the new maps were made public. The current process does not ensure a fair, transparent, and equal opportunity for representation, and this is most harmful for the marginalized residents of our state. Further, the current maps were certified by Texas officials and there is no reasonable argument that they need redrawn outside of normal due course, which is after each census.

My requests are that this committee allow time for the court case to conclude regarding the most recent district maps in Texas. Further, I request a process that adheres to the normal standards of public input and transparency that does not require a rushed process such as this special session and allows citizens throughout the state to attend public hearings, especially those who are in marginalized communities and may not have access to transportation beyond their local communities. Finally, if district maps are redrawn, I ask the committee members to utilize an independent redistricting commission that ensures maps are drawn that are inclusive and reflects the diversity and needs of our communities. Our state must not be dictated by the Trump Administration's wishes; we need to adhere to the norms and standards of having fair representation, and I believe that the current efforts by the Trump Administration do not do that.

Thank you very much for reading this message.

Jill Bedgood, Ms.
Self / Texas citizen / artist & educator at university level
San Antonio, TX

Dear Texas, I am opposed to the current Special Session: "Kissing Trump's Ring" of redistricting the Texas electoral map. Quoting the Republican Party of Texas: ".... an essential step to preserving GOP control of Congress...." proves this is a political move, which is illegal, without consideration to Texas Constituents, plus a waste of money and time. This special session benefits you, only, thinking you will stay in power. However, Trump is a lame duck president, and if he goes down due to his relationship with Epstein and affiliation with children, you will follow like dominoes. If you are running for office in the future, you may pay the price for this, and other poor decisions, during election season. Trump doesn't care about you. If you don't know that, I have some land in Florida to sell you. Stop this charade, please, and do one small act for the citizens of Texas that would actually benefit your constituents.
Sincerely, Jill Bedgood, voter

Paula Doxey
Constituent
Coppell, TX

I want to let you know that we don't want redistricting. No to redrawing the maps!

Shannon Mulligan
Self, genetic counselor
Pearland, TX

I strongly oppose redistricting. There is no basis for redrawing the maps and doing so will cause citizens of Texas to lose representation. The maps are already heavily biased and suppress non-white voices and this bill will do further damage to the representation of people in our state.

Sara Loperena
Self, Non profit owner
Houston, TX

This is a complete miscarriage of justice. I can't imagine how the governor, the lieutenant governor, the attorney general, or any Texan Republican would respond if a Democratic state senator proposed such a plan. There isn't a single justifiable reason for this plan that the state is even trying to hide behind. Because they know that none in any way exists. It is disgusting that the moment a corrupt president says, "rig the election," the governor says "got it," and then pretends that this is in any way ok. Republicans have been screaming about rigged elections for so many years, when the only real evidence any departments or investigations have ever uncovered were actually committed by Republicans, often specifically for Trump. This shameful "redistricting" steals the voices from hundreds of thousands of Texans. We deserve for our votes to matter, even if the Texas Republican government doesn't think they should. No government gets to decide whose voice counts and whose doesn't, unless you admit that this is fascism. Do not do this. Do not approve this map. Listen to what Texans want, and for once do what is right for the people in this state.

Barbara Loven
Self
Katy, TX

This is unethical and a cheap shot to try to appease Trump; if you are Republican, you will be voted out in 2026; if Democrat, you need to stand up and walk out!!!!

Matthew Tieman
self
Friendswood, TX

I am deeply opposed to this bill. You should be funding for the recent flooding and taking care of constituents and not trying to further gerrymander an already dubious map. Politicians should not be choosing their constituents and this is a very egregious power play. Many communities in Texas were already underrepresented by the old map and this is just disenfranchising more people. Shame on anyone who votes for this bill.

AARON VELASCO, Dr.
self
EL PASO, TX

Texas's recent attempt to redistrict undermines fair voter representation and weakens the democratic process. The proposed maps have been drawn in ways that intentionally dilute the political power of communities of color, despite their population growth, effectively minimizing their influence in elections. This kind of manipulation—otherwise as gerrymandering—distorts electoral outcomes and denies many Texans a real voice in government. In the US House of Representatives, Texas currently has 38 seats in the US House of Representatives, help by 25 Republicans and 13 Democrats; yet the amount of registered Democratic voters hovers around 46% in Texas, illustrating the unfairness of this redristrcting. The fact that the federal government has had to intervene or investigate signals a serious failure to uphold the protections guaranteed under the Voting Rights Act. Redistricting should reflect the people, not protect power.

Holly Williams
self, retired
Austin, TX

NO TO REDISTRICTING. Texas Republicans redrawing voting district maps mid-decade allows "politicians to pick their voters rather than voters picking their politicians." This is an ACTUAL -- not hypothetical -- rigging of future elections and can NOT be tolerated by a true Democracy as well as the people of the State of Texas. Shame on those pushing for this atrocity. NO TO REDISTRICTING in TX.

Mark Jespersen
Self Pilot
Fort Worth, TX

Redistricting is great, GOP need as many seats as possible to pass Trump’s agenda

Jesse Johnson
self
Austin, TX

Vote NO to redistricting the US House of Representatives in Texas. This gerrymandering is horrendous.

Marion K Harman
Self, Retired
Arlington, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistribution map. Please take care with the wildlife. Relocate turtles ?? to a wet area. Relocate any other animals to a new home.

Rob Craven
Self
Austin, TX

Against

Mike Sivertsen
Self, retired
Keller, TX

I fully support the redistricting effort contained in HB4. This must be done to correct the population inbalance caused by Biden administration open borders and to correctly represent legal citizens. Please vote in favor.

Cathy Griggs
Myself
Georgetown, TX

Do not redistrict in favor of Republicans. Not right

Darlene Howell, Ms
Precinct Chair 2098 Denton County
Carrollton, TX

I am in favor of HB4 please vote yes for HB4

Sandy Lam
Self
Austin, TX

I do not support the Texas congressional redistricting that will target Black, Latino, and AAPI communities in Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston, and Austin. These districts already do not offer fair representation of communities in Texas and the redistricting will only further more inequity.

Brittany Trinite
self - Board Certified Music Therapist
Round Rock, TX

Efforts to gather and communicate regarding local disasters should be the priorities of this session. There is not currently a strong need for redistricting outside the president's need to organize parties in his favor. Please drop this bill and instead focus on recovery efforts for flood survivors, infrastructure improvements, and actual needs that will directly benefit Texans. Furthermore, redrawing the maps is a disservice to marginalized people who are being ignored and pushed aside in these decisions. It is inappropriate to redraw lines to push a sitting Congresswoman out of her own district.

Stephanie Marzuola
Self
Houston, TX

These maps are not representative of Texas as it is today. They are egregiously gerrymandered. The president should not influence the states right to represent itself. This is a disgrace.

Anna Winter, MRS
self, graphic designer
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose the recent redistricting of Austin, Texas, which fragments the city’s communities and dilutes the political power of its residents. This redistricting plan is a clear example of partisan gerrymandering designed to undermine fair representation and silence the voices of a diverse, progressive urban population.

Austin has long been known for its unique identity, civic engagement, and cultural vibrancy. Yet under the new map, the city is split across multiple congressional districts that sprawl into distant, politically distinct rural areas. This approach intentionally severs communities of interest, making it nearly impossible for Austin voters to elect representatives who truly reflect their values and priorities. It weakens local advocacy on critical issues such as public education, transportation, healthcare, and environmental protection.

Redistricting should be a democratic process that ensures fair and equal representation—not a tool for entrenching political power. The dissection of Austin sets a dangerous precedent and undermines the principles of representative government. I urge lawmakers, courts, and citizens to reject this redistricting scheme and demand a map that respects the integrity of Austin’s communities and the fundamental right to fair representation.

Sally Amendola
Self/Retired educator
Sanger, TX

I believe in equal representation under the law, as I believe this should be universally shared by our representatives. However, it does not seem to be the case. The new redistricting lines seem to be grossly unfair and take away this equal representation. It seems that those of us in rural areas are losing our voices. These lines that are being drawn or lines are grossly unfair. I cannot say this enough. As a representative of Texas, I beg you to reconsider these lines and give us back our voices. Sincerely, Sally Amendola.

Nicholas Flott
Self - Teacher
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose the gerrymandering happening in this bill. Seems like there are no politicians with a spine willing to stand up to Trump, republicans and democrats alike.

Elizabeth Hardage
Self - IT Consultant
Richardson, TX

This bill is unnecessary and will take time and money from much-needed flood relief and disaster planning. In addition, the proposed districts have been set up to favor certain representatives rather than reflecting the demographics, concerns, and geography of the people they are supposed to represent. There is no need to redraw the congressional district map prior to the next national census. Please drop this bill and stop wasting our time and tax dollars. Thank you.

Susan Hanson
Texas State University-San Marcos-retired
San Marcos, TX

I am beyond angry about what I see going on in the Texas capitol right now--legislators kowtowing to a president who is afraid of losing power in 2026. You should all be ashamed.

I supposed I should speak more calmly, more rationally, but what I'm seeing is truly unconscionable. Instead of working to protect Texans from natural disasters, such as the one that occurred in Kerrville, you're spending time scheming to disenfranchise as many Texas voters as you can.

As a Democrat, I'm accustomed to losing in many venues--accustomed, though not happy about it. That said, we do have a wonderful representative in Erin Zweiner, who truly works for all the people in her district, but our congressperson is Chip Roy, who is another story. Now you want to gerrymander the districts so that even fewer Democrats will have representation in Congress. Gerrymandering by either party should be outlawed, but you are doing it so brazenly that it astounds me. You know, gerrymandering works both ways, and I suspect that if you go through with this plan, Democrats will turn the tables and do so as well. We may still have the RIGHT to vote at this point (of course, that hangs in the balance as well), but if the system is so rigged that only one party's vote counts, that's no right to vote at all; that's autocracy, and it's flatly un-American.

I urge you to stop this charade at once, and to be about the business you were elected to do--to serve the people of Texas, not the would-be king in the White House.

Tissie Elliott, Ms.
Health and Justice Advocacy Network
Austin, TX

I am a life long Texan and I VOTE! Redistricting in Texas occurs every ten years and is based on the most recent census. Redistricting before the 10 year period has passed is unprecedented. Where is our backbone? I thought Texans were supposed to be INDEPENDENT and make our own decisions. Under the present state government we are not living up to our long history of taking care of ourselves. TEXAS should NOT draw new lines at this time. Donald Trump cannot win honestly so he has to do it illegally. Vote NO on redistricting>

JOHNNY SANDOVAL
self
San Antonio, TX

I do not approve of this Bill, it is a direct violation of our Democratic process and should not be allowed . I demand this bill be struck down and discarded as the trash that it is.

DAVE CHOQUETTE, Mr
CCRW, self retired
Copperas Cove, TX

I am in favor of redistricting Texas to optimize for the Republican Party. I am not in favor of having a Democrat as a chair for this committee. This is a Republican state. The majority of the citizens in this state are Republican. We sent a majority Republican representation into the legislature this Term, even if the election of the speaker was corrupted by treasonous actions I am in favor of redistricting in the favor of the Republican Party and we will fix the treason problem at the next election.

Kristen Wallman
Self, School Psychologist
Pearland, TX

I would like to request that the House reject the proposed redistricting maps. For me, it would result in a change of districts to one where my voice is not heard and no representative exists. Also this move appears corrupt and out of line with traditional methods of redistricting.

Palmer McLean
self - bookkeeper
Austin, TX

Please do NOT let the redistricting bill move forward. This is a blatant effort to rig the system. If we want a fair and honest country, then we need fair and honest voting. Redistricting like this is an unfair and dishonest way to stack the vote in one side's favor. Vote NO on redistricting. NO NEW MAPS. Thank you.

Essence Provost, n/a
self
dallas, TX

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to formally dispute the recent redistricting plan enacted in Texas. As a concerned resident and voter, I believe the newly drawn maps undermine the principles of fair representation and violate both the spirit and the letter of the Voting Rights Act.

The redistricting process should ensure that all Texans—regardless of race, political affiliation, or geographic location—have equal access to representation. Unfortunately, the current maps appear to have been drawn with partisan and racial intent, diluting the voting strength of communities of color and minimizing the influence of growing urban populations. According to recent census data, over 95% of Texas's population growth over the past decade came from Black, Latino, and Asian communities. Yet, the new maps fail to reflect this demographic reality with proportional representation.

By fragmenting minority communities and packing or cracking districts to favor one political party, this plan undermines democracy. It disrespects the voting power of citizens in places like Dallas, Houston, Austin, and the Rio Grande Valley, where diverse communities deserve strong, unified voices in government—not gerrymandered districts that dilute their influence.

Additionally, the rushed and opaque nature of the redistricting process limited meaningful public input. Maps were introduced and approved with minimal opportunity for community engagement or response. This process fails the basic test of transparency and accountability in a democratic society.

I urge the relevant authorities to reject this redistricting plan and implement maps that reflect the actual population changes in Texas, uphold the Voting Rights Act, and provide all communities with fair and equitable representation. Our democracy depends on it.

Sincerely,
Essence Provost
Dallas, TX 75225

Anthony Mirabelli
Self
Grand Prairie, TX

This is CHEATING!

My district, District 30, which is currently represented by Jasmine Crockett, has a long history of voting for democratic candidates by a very large margin. And this proposed redistricting effort mandated from Trump is a textbook definition of gerrymandering that seeks to weaken the power of the voters in this area. Another knife in the back after more than 50 years of racially motivated disenfranchisement in this state, once coined the “Tenacious Defender” of voter discrimination. We are tired of our representatives going unaccountable for voting in favor of deeply unpopular legislation. The so-called Big Beautiful Bill is a great example of this disconnect. The policies contained within it will disproportionately affect communities of color, like in Tarrant County, and make affording basic human necessities more difficult. Cuts to SNAP and Free and Reduced school lunches will leave my students hungry and make learning harder. Medicaid cuts will burden their hard working families with unnecessary expenses and medical uncertainties. Restricted loan payment plans for higher education will make it financially untenable for many of my students to earn a college degree. And those are just a few of the many unpopular, inhumane pieces of legislation that House Republican Representatives from Texas have voted for and would continue to vote for if they were given more power by these racial gerrymandering efforts. We want fair, non-partisan maps that create competitive districts, that respect vulnerable and historically underrepresented communities, and legislators that establish transparency and collaboration with voters. We want ICE to stop terrorizing our communities, especially in Dallas where innocent people are being abducted by thugs for simply following the rules and showing up for their court hearings. And we want legislators focused on flood readiness in this upcoming special session instead of trying to steal our voices with this surprise gerrymandering scheme. Texas will not continue to be a testing ground for Trump and his fascist policies. Thank you.

Joseph Bigley
Self
Katy, TX

I am disappointed in this bills considering given the antithetical nature it represents to equality for citizens of our state. Usage of these tactics by a group that has sought to pay more attention to self-interest and businesses than to the peoples whom they are the representatives of is abhorrent, and represents nothing of the American and Texan values of which I as a veteran thought we were meant to uphold as public servants. Vote against this bill, and show that you stand with the people who you have sworn to represent.

Alicia Colina-Ashby
self
Dallas, TX

I am a Texas voter, and I oppose any mid-decade redistricting, especially while the current maps are still being challenged in court. Furthermore, I oppose any redistricting that does not result in fair representation for all Texans. Texas has a long history of racial gerrymandering and discriminatory voting practices, so I urge you to prevent communities of color from being deliberately divided, thereby weakening their political voice.

Texans have the right to fair and equal representation that's achieved through a thoughtful, transparent process that allows meaningful public input. Lawmakers should have the necessary information to create legally compliant district maps, protect minority voting rights, and respect county lines, city boundaries, and communities of interest. A rushed 30-day special session packed with unrelated agenda items is not the way to achieve this.

Texans deserve to have a redistricting process that is fair, transparent, and results in equal representation for all, not this rushed and deeply flawed process. Flood recovery efforts and the safety of Texans should be the top priority, not redrawing political maps.

Thanks for responding to this urgent need.

Lloyd Amundson
Self
Lewisville, TX

Please don’t restructure Texas congressional districts. Blue states are threatening to redistrict their states California has 9 republican districts. They are threatening to get rid of all 9 so all congressmen from California will be democratic. Also new York and Illinois want to redistrict Texas. You are wasting your time. Please make this clear to president trump

Alexandra Brouse
Self
N Richlnd Hls, TX

Please do not redistrict our state. If you do, other states will follow and it cause redistricting around the US to account for the unfairness.

Jill Boullion
self
HOUSTON, TX

I am opposed to the drawing of new congressional maps that will do nothing to reduce the already significant gerrymandering of districts in Texas and will only serve the interests of a minority of people-- elected Republicans. Who can respect the laws of a State when the lawmakers take it upon themselves to diminish the value of votes by people they don’t like or whom they fear won’t vote for them or their party? It is the right of all registered Texans to vote and be counted equally. Gerrymandering by either party is an outright attack on our democracy. Those who promote gerrymandering show that they are unfit to serve in any public office in our great State! After the last census I was moved from CD2 to CD18. Because of Governor Abbott's poor decisions I have been without representation in DC since last spring. Now you propose to move me back to CD2. Please direct your valuable time and energy to issues that make a difference in the every day of life of Texans, not to the master you serve in DC.

Emily Allison
self; Sr. Marketing Manager
Austin, TX

I am an Austin resident an extremely concerned Texan. My understanding of State vs Federal Government is that the State serves its people first and foremost. This bill is using Texas as a tool for the Federal government, for the national Republican party, and for President Trump, who has proven to only look out for himself. You are in office to serve the people of Texas. Listen to the people. Do better!

Joan Barasch
Self
Pflugerville, TX

I live outside of Pflugerville in Travis County in HD17. Pete Sessions is based in Waco which is pretty different than my community. However it is still closer to my area than this new boundaries for HD11 that includes many many rural empty counties and Midland which feels like a foreign country. Rep Sessions already doesn't respond if I reach out but there's a closer office if I really needed help. A rep in west Texas is really remote and I doubt can offer help. Of course all of this ignores the willful destruction of our democracy and my inability to weigh in on a candidate of my choice.

Sandra Pedrazasself
Self
WIMBERLEY, TX

Redistricting is supposed to make sure everyone’s vote counts equally, but when maps are drawn to protect politicians instead of voters, it undermines that principle. This politically motivated manipulation of voting districts comes at the expense of Democrats and marginalized communities. The current proposed redistricting map is an obvious attempt at Republican gerrymandering and will discount the will of many voters. I respectfully ask that this attempt be withdrawn.

Linda Parker
Self - retired
Palacios, TX

Totally against redistricting under this plan. Trying to take away our rights to fair elections. Everyone has a right to free and fair elections.

Karen Thurman, Mrs
Self/Retired
Valley View, TX

Gerrymandering Texas districts again so soon to make less of our Texas votes count will not be forgotten. You know it is unfair in a democracy to only allow the minority who agree with you to be allowed to vote for representation that reflects their opinions. If you vote "for" this bill you are complicit a pedifile using his office to enrich himself. A truly deplorable move.

Cecilia Riley, Ms
Self, conservation biologist
Fort Davis, TX

The proposed redistricting plan for the state of Texas is unfair and unwise. You cannot dilute or dismiss the voting public this. Why would you want to follow the demands of a weak and deranged President? Texans are independent thinkers, you should be protecting our voti g rights. We the public will not accept the plan, regardless of how you push it. I urge all of you republicans in Austin to back off of this proposed plan, be strong, be brave and stand up for all of your citizens, regardless of party affiliation. Let’s stand together as Texans and not be led astray by Washington politics of a failing administration.

Hannah Decker
n/a
Houston, TX

I am against redistricting. The State of Texas should represent all of its citizens in a fair and equitable manner in the House of Representatives. The president should not affect this representation. Redistricting should occur only every 10 years after the new Census.

Nancy Breitfeller
Self, retired
Dallas, TX

I strongly oppose the adoption of this voting map, or anything like it!

Mid-decade redistricting has no basis in our Constitution, US election law, nor any historical precedent. It is nothing short of throwing out the basis of our Democracy and creating a Russian-style world of mock elections where the results are pre-ordained. The level of autocratic complicity involved in even considering this process is staggering. I was present for the Arlington, TX House field hearing, and it is overwhelmingly clear how little support this has among the citizens of Texas. The question becomes, to whom do you owe your vote: those who elected you? or your cult leader?

Democrats and Republican voters alike see this for what it is, and all but the most craven of them will hold you to account in future elections. Those who vote in favor will be remembered in the appeasement hall of infamy.

Melanie Berry, Mrs.
Fort Trails Republican Women
Jacksboro, TX

The USA is a constitutional republic. The foundational principle of our governance rests upon the accurate and equitable representation of the people. The representation we have in Texas cannot be allowed to be skewed to serve a small minority. I support the passage of HB4 which proposes a new congressional redistricting map creating five additional districts. These new districts are needed to give a voice to the underrepresented residents in our growing metropolitan areas (like Austin, Houston, Dallas) and south Texas. Current boundaries fail to reflect the diverse political perspectives of these areas. By realigning representation to better align with population shifts and community interests, this redistricting ensures every citizen has accurate and true representation.

Sheila Jennings, Ms
Self - retired
Austin, TX

I am here to testify to my opposition to HB 4, and not just to HB 4 but to all discussion of redistricting by this body during this session. The very fact that we are here talking about redistricting in between the US Census years is appalling enough. But now this body is considering a map created in whole cloth by the White House, and for the only purpose of trying to maintain control of the US Congress for the Republican party. This very act is unconstitutional - it robs Texans of their right to fair representation in our nation. This past week, thousands of Texans showed up at hearings across the state to make their voices heard, and we are not in support of this action, this power grab. You cannot and should not rob us of our voices - your one duty is to represent us, to take care of Texans, and do right by our state - and redistricting instead of serving the people is a dereliction of your duty, your oath. The new congressional map, suddenly ready after days of taking testimony from us and denying any map had been made yet —is gerrymandered, racist, and deeply corrupt. You cannot take our voice from us - we will object. You cannot consider this bill while there are other needs for Texas. Do your job, and table HB 4.

Charles Roeckle
Self
Austin, TX

While redistricting is occasionally needed to maintain representational fairness when there are significant changes in population growth or decline, the goal of House Bill 4 is not representational fairness. The goal of this bill is to give political advantage to one political party over another. Such gerrymandering is unjust and immoral in any circumstances, whether practiced by Democrats or Republicans. Gerrymandering is a practice that should be abhorred by all Texans who believe in justice, integrity, and true democracy. I am adamantly opposed to House Bill 4 and to gerrymandering at any time by anyone.

Merrill Poepping
Self
Austin, TX

How are you working for those that you are representing when you are trying to change the entire landscape of the population you have agreed to protect. It seems as though leaders at the current state are working within self interest and not in the interest of those they represent. Please LISTEN to what is being said without judgement, so you are able to make a decision based on those you represent

Cynthia Wills
Self/Retired
Alvin, TX

I fully support HB 4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Jessica Sullivan, Ms.
Self
San Antonio, TX

The district maps for Texas should reflect the natural community boundaries regardless of political affiliation now or at any point in time in the future. Elected officials are voted into office to truly and faithfully represent the interests of all constituents in their districts not just those who elected them. Any attempt to gerrymander the maps is a gross and depraved subversion of democracy. Any elected official willingly participating in this unconstitutional effort should be held to account to the fullest extent of the law.

Grace Jones-Taylor
self
Austin, TX

This is Gerrymandering. It’s undemocratic and a dangerous precedent. I firmly oppose this power grab, and believe that the people of Texas deserve better.

Natalie Mannix
Self
Little Elm, TX

If you can only win elections by cheating, then maybe you should change your party platform and actually listen to your constituents. Republicans are not about people anymore, only about obeying their Trump master and winning at the cost of all of us. This bill is an awful step in democracy.

Karen Santhanam
Self
Cedar Park, TX

As a Texas voter, I think the off-cycle redistricting is a waste of money and a bad precedent. We have many pressing issues in Texas, like flooding, water and electricity issues. To do redistricting instead of taking care of issues that matter to Texans is a betrayal of the trust we have put in our public officials.

Additionally, diluting the voices of minority voters is immoral and illegal. We deserve representation and need to follow the Voting Rights Act.

Regardless of the party in power, we need to follow the law and support our democracy.

Jane Layton
Self
Plano, TX

I am voicing my dissent for even considering such a blatant attempt by Republicans to manipulate districts. District maps should be drawn in the best interest of the public, allowing the people of Texas to be fairly represented in Congress. However, because republicans know that due to the disastrous, chaotic Trump administration, they stand a good chance of losing the House, and so resort to unfair and unusual practices in order manipulate the outcome in their favor. This is abuse of power at its worst. When will Republicans quit doing everything Trump tells them to do and instead represent all Texans.

Heidi Langan, Mrs.
Self
Austin, TX

No redistricting! The maps that I have seen will mean that very large areas of central Texas will not be represented by people who live in the area. We will be represented by people who live in San Antonio, Waco or Kerrville. I want to be represented by someone who understands central Texas and lives there. The new maps are racists and partisan. No redistricting!!!

Lisa Polk
Self
Colleyville, TX

Texas population has exploded over the last 5 years so redistricting will reflect Texas in 2025. It's a must do now too

Kelli Chela
Self, SAHM
Commerce, TX

Please vote in favor of the redistricting bill!

Chuck Davidson
self
Chester, TX

Latest maps I have seen are a farce; why even pretend that this is a democratic process. 100 percent political and based upon race.

Erika Valderrama, Mrs.
Self
San Antonio, TX

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Robert Stabe, N/A
self
Katy, TX

I am submitting this input in opposition to the Legislature voting to redistrict our Congressional districts in Texas. I am a retired prosecutor and have always believed in upholding the law and our Texas and U.S. Constitution. I am strongly opposed to the Trump backed Republican effort to redraw our Congressional districts.
How districts are drawn affects every political issue, from the economy to healthcare to public education. If politicians are elected from districts that don't reflect the population, you end up with situations where politicians support policies that the vast majority of people oppose, or they won't support policies that the vast majority of people support. When politicians manipulate maps for personal or political gain, it prevents residents like me from having our voices heard on all of these policies that affect us. If the people are not satisfied with the policies of the current Republican administration, the people should, at least, have the possibility of replacing their representatives with candidates more in line with the wishes of the people.
Our Founders required elections every two years for our representatives to the House. As I'm sure you know, the reason for this is so if the people did not believe that their Representative was representing them adequately, the people could replace their representative after only two years. Gerrymandering, in general, is contrary to this idea. Redistricting at this point in order to create up to 5 more Republican districts goes against everything our Constitution stands for.
Redistricting at Trump's direction is nothing more than a blatant power grab. It is unjust, unethical and contrary to the ideals of our Constitution. Our attorney General, Ken Paxton, along with Joan Huffman, have both stated that our current districts have not been drawn with race in mind. There is no legitimate justification for redistricting. The State of Texas has opposed redistricting litigation for over four years by claiming its maps were drawn entirely without consideration of race. The new Department of Justice letter contradicts the sworn testimony of Texas's lead map drawers and its elected officials, and is wrong. The Constitution and Voting Rights Act do not require destroying existing coalition districts. Claiming that districts are racial gerrymanders simply because they contain two or more distinct racial groups turns the Constitution and Voting Rights Act upside down and is not worthy of any response by the Texas Legislature.
Redistricting at this time is simply unfair, unjust, contrary to democratic principles and our democracy and contrary to the ideals of our Constitution.
If the Texas Legislature does indeed approve redistricting in our state, you will see in future history books that you were on the wrong side of history.

Brandon Schneider
self
Houston, TX

I don’t expect you to remember my earlier testimony given the volume and speed of this process, but to reintroduce myself: I’m Brandon Schneider. I am in CD 18, but maybe becoming 7 or 29? I genuinely don’t know. The published map is such low quality, with no basic tools like address search or clearly defined boundary lines, that many residents are left guessing.
I’m no politician, but I do know maps. I work with 9-1-1 call routing data that must be 100% accurate. Lives depend on clean, current data and proper boundaries. We go through multiple reviews. This “map” doesn’t come close to that standard.
In Northside Village (Houston), depending on where you stand, you might be in three different districts with no way of knowing which one you actually belong to. And Northside Village voters are predominately Hispanic.
These kinds of issues—gaps, overlaps, outdated data, poor resolution—are red flags in any GIS process. As a Senior GIS Analyst, I can’t even call this a map. It’s more like a political art project. A map informs. This misleads. That asterisk matters—this is not a spatial product, it’s a political tool for one man’s agenda. Not in the way we define "maps" in the GIS community—something reliable, reviewed, verified, and accurate.
If I’m remembering correctly, the last Senate hearing was on Tuesday July 28th. The chair was asked point blank—whether any maps had been worked on, created, or provided and by whom. Each time, they answered in the negative feigning ignorance on record. Then—less than 24 hours later—a map was published.
Even basic annexations take more time and care. This was rushed. Even small annexations require a process that takes much longer than 24 hours. Either the House and Senate chairs misled the public or someone quietly and independently finalized it behind the scenes.
And why would anyone knowingly create outdated maps with unclear boundaries? The only reason is to appease those higher up the political ladder.
You’ve heard from the people. Reject these maps and focus on urgent issues—like flood recovery. People are still hurting.
I’m not a native Texan, but I’ve heard this state proudly referred to as "The Great State of Texas." But can you still say that with a straight face?
Texas suffered catastrophic flooding and is wasting time focusing on redistricting and arresting people volunteering to help flood victims. That’s embarrassing.
If you support this map*, I urge you to reconsider. Represent people, not politics. If you truly want to make Texas great—not the red hat kind—stop this and help those in need.
In my line of work, an annexation process would require a substantial reason for emergency responders to even begin discussion on making a change, and that’s before we even begin working on a first draft of a map—this however, would immediately get rejected.
I’ll end on this: I can’t wait for the South Park episode roasting all of this. And when it comes, it won’t be satire—it’ll be a documentary.

Suzy Woodford
Self retired citizen 4th gen Texan
Buda, TX

This action to redraw maps is unconstitutional and antidemocratic. It's ironic that a bunch of Texas white men who claim that Texas oughta be a Republic so it can tell DC to pound sand are the group that kowtows to a twice convicted insurrectionist ex woman abuser we with a bad makeup job. Your desire to resurrect the ol' Confederate ways are clear to all in this nation. If you vote this agenda out of committee, you are stripping Central Texas of more representatives. You've been rigging since 2003. This is shameful and undemocratic. Instead of dealing with closing hospitals, hunger and the effects of climate change, you're busy stripping Texans of their rights. It's immoral and disgusting. Do not cater to Trump. You do not represent that bigot -- you represent us.

Nancy Reim
self
Garland, TX

I am totally against the proposed redistricting. Cheating to win is NEVER the right choice.

Karen Gross
Citizen Discourse
Austin, TX

The republican leadership pushing for redistricting is circumventing the democratic process and is trying to win by fixing the maps and cheating. To carve Travis county into 4 districts is an illustration of this. Win fairly. Vote against this map.

Celia Berry
Self
Austin, TX

Do not move forward with this illegal gerrymandering that will directly affect me as a citizen. Meeks me sick

D.S. Zamora
Self
Houston, TX

Stop working on this BS immediately and work only on the flood recovery and improved response to disasters until that's done, because the Senate will attempt to jack up whatever the House passes and force a conference committee. You folks are just begging for another event that results in a high death toll.

Or is the death toll a goal with the people that control this edition of the Legislature?

mario sanchez
Escualo energy
Houston, TX

Do it

Heather Fry
Self
Dallas, TX

The redistricting effort will divide towns and neighborhoods and dilute the voting power of communities of color. As drawn, the districts split many communities that already face systemic barriers to political participation. Every Texan deserves to have their voice heard at the ballot box and redistricting should be a tool for equal representation.

Grant Boone
Self
Abilene, TX

I am a lifelong Republican. Please don't do this. If for no other reason than it is simply unethical. That should be enough. Let ideas win without rigging the system.

Theresa Schwab
Self
Salado, TX

I am in full support of this bill. The new map better reflects my region specifically. Thank you for representing Texas well with this plan.

Clay Wisner
Self/consultant
Houston, TX

This Redistricting map is a blatant power grab by Republicans. This special session should be focused on efforts to create/improve/fund better systems to ensure that flash floods and other natural disasters don't kill innocent people. The number of "100-year" or "500-year" events are increasingly common.
This session should be about protecting Texans.
Caving to pressure from Donald Trump to "get five more seats" lays bare the craven, egotistical and racist motives behind this awful proposed map. This state should work towards modifying its rules for redistricting, changing to a nonpartisan method based on population, not wealth and race. Get some term limits in place as well, while you're at it. What a farce the Texas Government has become under Republican leadership. Wasting time on banning THC when we have missing bodies from floods, a power grid that doesn't connections national grid, property taxes that ruin families and produce some of the worst public education results in the country… this is an absurd excuse for a governing body.

Kimberly Bezner
Self-speech pathologist
Dallas, TX

I vehemently oppose the proposed rezoning of districts. I believe it is unfair to the millions of residents in Texas and serves to make Texas more opposed to democracy.

Jack Parker
Self
Houston, TX

Performing redistricting at this time will alter how Houston's representation is made up in the legislature and we don't even have a elected representative at the national level currently to fight this and bring added attention to it. There is no real reason to do this and it's a blatant violation of political standards. Our current redistricting from 2021 is still under federal investigation.

Minako Pressley
Self
Rosharon, TX

This bill is abhorrent and goes against the good of all Texans.

Adia Brown
self - marketing manager
Pflugerville, TX

I am against the redistricting of Texas.

Nancy Fisher, Precinct Chair
DCDP
Garland, TX

The unjust and blatantly political decisions by the hard right Republicans in power will catch up to them and these bills will be the breaking point. Texans deserve fairness and still want to live in a democracy. Do your job and not the bidding of Trump.

T. Lydia McKinney, Mx.
The Prodigy Production
Houston, TX

Attention. My friends, family, and peers do not support the mid-decade redistricting efforts by our officials. This blatant disregard for public opinion and the oppression of Texans must come to an end. I urge you to deeply observe and analyze your humanity to regain common ground with current social science and the opinions of the public. The oppression must stop. I urge you again to reconsider. The resulting impact will effect you negatively and the people will not forgive you.

Erica Faulkenberry
Self, solutions architect
Austin, TX

I deeply oppose this bill and the attempt to further disenfranchise Texans. Please, do the right thing and abandon this garbage.

Elizabeth Knoop
Self
Frisco, TX

This bill is a proposal at further manipulating the election districts to favor Republicans. It is a bill that stands against the democratic principles of our country's constitution which supports for fair representation. Getting elected by cheating is anti-democratic and poor professional behavior. It sets a bad example for our children and grandchildren by says that cheating is OK. It is not. So please be a Christain and respect your fellow citizen and constituent...whether they are Republican or Democrat.

Camille Owens
Self
Dallas, TX

I oppose the attempt to dilute and diminish the power of citizens votes by drawing ridiculous districts in order to give Trump and Abbott what they demand in order to cling to their offices. Clearly this is not the will of the people, but the will of those who are currently in power and who are desperate to continue to remain. Please represent the citizens of Texas and not the power hungry who want to screw Texans out of fair representation in Congress. It is shameful the way Republicans in our state, which prides itself on its independence and individuals making their own decisions, is now kowtowing to a President and Governor who are looking out for themselves and not for the Sate of Texas. I am ashamed of all of those who fall to their knees to please Trump and Abbott.and Republicans are certainly doing so. Do not sacrifice the vote of your constituents for your pathetic allegiance to those who will do nothing to better the lives of Texans.

Mark Smith
Self
Austin, TX

I am writing in strong opposition to HB4. Trump has demanded that the Texas Legislature bend to his will and redraw districts to yield five additional seats and you people are jumping. It is the most shameful thing I have seen yet out of the Legislature and I thought that was a bar that couldn't go lower. In 2021 you maintained that the gerrymandered districts you drew were race-blind. Now you are redrawing them because you agree with the bogus DOJ finding that they are NOT race-blind. Either you were lying then or your you're lying now. Or, more accurately, both are lies. They were drawn in 2021 to neutralize the vote of black and latino voters and now they are being redrawn again to further marginalize voters of color. If these districts become a reality, Democrats will be elected in 13 percent of the districts while they account for nearly 50 percent of voters in the state. These districts will weaken our democracy, fail to hold elected officials accountable, provide a template to other states to rig the next election, worsen our partisan divides, ensure even worse underrepresentation of people of color, and erode public confidence in the electoral process. Unless these are your actual goals, please reject these maps in favor of fairly drawn and representative district lines. Thank you.

Keith Brown, Mr.
Self
El Paso, TX

This bill is nothing more than an 'in my face' plan to completely drown out my vote as an African-American. The current gerrymandered map moved me from TX-16 into TX-23. The current map created an abnormally large district, one in which Rep. Tony Gonzalez has failed to properly represent all of his constituents. Enlarging Rep. Tony Gonzalez's district will lead to one swath of his western-most district literally being pushed into the 'political desert'.

Heather Summers
self
Austin, TX

Texas is facing real and urgent challenges—from the devastating impacts of recent flooding to the strain on essential services. Our legislators should be focused on solving these problems, not playing political games to appease Trump or protect party power.

Texas is already one of the most heavily gerrymandered states in the country. Redrawing districts now—years before the next census—only deepens the disconnect between voters and their representatives. Why would we double down on a broken system that silences the voices of so many Texans?

We need fair and independent redistricting that ensures every voter has a voice. Any attempt to redraw the maps now is nothing more than a power grab. Representation should reflect the will of the people—not political maneuvering.

Let’s wait for the 2030 census and do it right. I strongly oppose any efforts to further gerrymander Texas. Please stand up for democracy and for every Texan’s right to be fairly represented.

Craig Lumbatis
Self
Flower Mound, TX

I strongly oppose HB 4. This bill represents yet another attempt to manipulate district boundaries for partisan gain rather than ensuring fair and equal representation for all Texans. Gerrymandering undermines the foundational principles of our democracy, silencing communities and diminishing the voices of voters based on political expediency.

Texans deserve congressional maps that are drawn transparently, using nonpartisan data and public input—not to entrench power or diminish competition. HB 4 fails to reflect the growing diversity of our state and instead reinforces partisan divides at the expense of fair representation.

I urge lawmakers to reject this bill and commit to a redistricting process that prioritizes integrity, fairness, and the will of the people.

If you have to do this to win and/or maintain control, you’re just a bunch of cheating assholes! I guess if you’re Dallas Cowboy’s fans you will next be pushing for rules changes that would only benefit the Cowboys in order for them to win a Super Bowl. FYI, that won’t work either! Damn, now I gave you another idea!

Shalinda Kelley
Self
Cedar Park, TX

I oppose this bill.

Dulce Gonzalez, Ms.
Self
San Antonio, TX

I am completely against the proposed redistricting for the election of members for the House of Representatives. Please reconsider the proposed redistricting in favor of a more fair system.

Kent Livingston
Self Chief Technology Officer
Austin, TX

Stop representing the GOP redistricting and support free and fair elections by districts which represent all voters

Christin Bentley, Mrs.
Self, State Republican Executive Committeewoman
Winona, TX

I am in strong support of the proposed redistricting map and urge you to pass HB 4. This map is critical to strengthening Republican representation in Congress and ensuring that Texas continues to lead the way in advancing the Trump America First Agenda.

We need to increase Republican-leaning districts to provide a larger buffer for GOP seats in the U.S. House, particularly as we head into a midterm cycle. Preserving GOP control of Congress is essential to defending our conservative values, securing the border, and standing up to the radical left.

This map wisely targets opportunities in South Texas, Dallas, and Houston where Democrat-held districts can be flipped to Republican control. At the same time, rural Texas gains stronger representation under this proposal, ensuring that the voices of our small towns and agricultural communities are not drowned out by urban liberal agendas.

I strongly urge you to vote in favor of HB 4 and solidify a Republican majority for the future of Texas and our nation.

Christin Bentley

Maren Curtis
Self
Austin, TX

It’s not time for redistricting. You just defended your current maps in court, so are you saying that they were wrong? We do not want this. If you break the city of Austin up into that many groups and still keep the governors mansion in your “desired” area that makes us look so fucking stupid as Texans. Not to mention how weak and powerless you look just taking this directive from daddy Trump. Do not do this. And if you’re a Democrat, then get out of town, we will support you!

Taylor Holstrom
Self, Accountant
Dallas, TX

I am a lifelong Texan and strongly oppose HB4. The redistricting is outside of normal redistricting years and is a thinly veiled grab for power and is unconstitutional. I grew up Republican and no longer recognize how this Texas GOP party is the same as George Bush’s.

Candace Story, Ms
Home
Athens, TX

I do not approve of this plan to redistricting to attempt to swing seats to the GOP. We deserve real representation and Texas is already been gerrymandered to help GOP. This also comes in the middle of a decade not after census, which is usual cause. This attempt to keep GOP will disappoint as you all are not focusing on issues to help people. Your only focus appears to be power and money and control. It is unfair and unprincipled. Voters deserve to have their voices represented in a democratic society. Or have you all forgotten we are supposed to be a democracy?? Sometimes I wonder. Please vote this down. Candace Story

Michael Kelly
Self/Family
Austin, TX

I do not support this Bill, which appears to be an extreme form of gerrymandering, designed to disenfranchise voters in Texas' urban areas. The map as currently drawn appears to have the intent of diluting votes in urban areas by shrinking, splitting, or attaching large rural areas to the anchor points in urban areas. The timing and urgency of this bill suggest this is not in the best interests of a representative democracy, instead serving the current Republican majority in an attempt to maintain power by diluting the interests of the major population centers. This is an example of Republicans putting party over country to impose their will in an authoritarian manner.

Melissa Seal
Self
Austin, TX

I am against redistricting. I am against this bill. I think it is an attempt to end democracy

Jim Anderson
Citizens of Texas
Garland, TX

Republican credo: If you can't win with actual positive ideas and real accomplishments, then simply sabotage the election system. If you have any sense of responsibility to the citizens of Texas, vote NO on the gerrymandering ("redistricting") bill.

MLiss Moore
Self
Pflugerville, TX

I DO NOT want lines redrawn to split up Pflugerville, Austin, or Houston!

LaKenya Bills
Self
Midlothian, TX

All we can ask for is for elected officials to represent the constituents. At this point it is clear that elected officials are no longer working for the people. Gerrymandering is a blatant attempt to incentivize one party over the other. Stand for something and oppose this blatant attempt

James Robles
Self, Training and Enablement Manager
Austin, TX

My name is James Robles, and I'm submitting this comment as a concerned Texan and voter.

We've been told that the country is doing well. That under the leadership of President Trump, America is thriving, prosperous, and on the path to greatness. That there's a clear mandate from the people, and that we are "doing God's work."

So if that's the case—if everything is going so tremendously—why do Republicans feel the need to carve out five additional seats through redistricting?

To me, that doesn't reflect confidence. It reflects fear.

If the party truly believed in the strength of its leadership and the satisfaction of the American people, why wouldn't you trust the voters to speak for themselves? Why wouldn't you rely on the current districts that have already given you power?

This power grab tells me two things:

1. You don't trust the voters.
2. You don't have faith in your own message.

You can't have it both ways. Either the country is content and on the right track, or you're scrambling to rig the map because you're afraid of losing.

I'm against this redistricting effort. Not just because it's unnecessary, but because it undermines the very confidence you claim to have in the direction of this country. If you're proud of your platform, then stand on it—don't redraw the lines out of fear.

Thank you

LaCyndra Lee
Self
Mesquite, TX

Redistricting Texas would grossly misrepresent our minorities. This misrepresentation would be used against our minorities in the community and voices unheard. I am against redistricting as it will hurt our families who are already underserved.

Marsha Arvedson, Dr
self
Houston, TX

Redrawing Texas districts now is WRONG for a number of reasons:
Republican gerrymandering is being used to silence not only communities of color, but any community that dares to have goals and values that differ from the power mad Republican party.
As is typical of Republicans who do not want the public to know what they are doing, hearings on this issue and the maps themselves are drawn with no input from non-Republicans and announced with minimal notice.
Private D.C. lawyers are advising Texas lawmakers behind closed doors not for the benefit of our state but to satisfy the demands of Trump and his billionaire lackeys like Wilks and Dunn.
Already Texas citizens who are represented by Republicans have, in essence, NO REPRESENTATION since Republican representatives are owned by big money donors and are not responsible to the voters. This redistricting effort ensures that big money owns Texas.
This is just wrong.

Lindsey Autry
Self
Austin, TX

I object the gerrymandering

William Flores
Self/Security Analyst
Austin, TX

If you're going to redraw them make it fair and sensible. No district should have what looks like rivers or a bunch of edges. Make it fair and represent the people. You do want to make sure people are represented properly and fully.

Be kind to one another.

Seth Freedman
Self
Dallas, TX

This bill is a cowardly and flagrant attempt to cheat in order to steal representation from Texas residents. I am fully opposed to this bill and demand it is rejected. If you cannot win elections based on your positions, you should not be cheating to illegitimately re oke peoples' rights to representation. That is what the revolution was fought for.

Helen Bryan, Ms.
Self
Austin, TX

Gerrymandering in any form is anti democratic. HB4 is clearly a desperate power move by extreme right wing individuals who are fearful that they cannot win sn election fair and square with their negative messages and attacks. Texas is becoming a scary and awful place to live for most of its population. Please reject this bill.

Jacqueline Hardage
Self-SAHM
Angleton, TX

Strongly oppose!

Jolyn Potenza
n/a
Southlake, TX

I am a native Texan and taxpayer who stands in support of the HB4 redistricting map.

LaQresha Durst
Self
Baytown, TX

I oppose to the gerrymandering of districts. This is out right cheating and should not be allowed.

Rachael McClung
Self
Amarillo, TX

I urge our representatives to reject any effort at redistricting during a non-census year. This “demand” from Trump’s DOJ is a blatant effort to disenfranchise minority voters and those that do not align with the “ruling party”. It is undemocratic at its core, unconstitutional, and seeks to weaken the voices of YOUR constituents. This is nothing more than an abhorrent attempt to entrench control over our state and national politics by one party over another. Stand up for the people who voted for you and vote NO on any redistricting measures!

Patricia Cummings
Self
Lorena, TX

I support this bill, Pass the map out of committee as soon as the testimony ends. Do not adjourn until the map is passed. Thank you.

Carol Spencer
self
Cedar Creek, TX

Is it illegal to redistrict now? No. Is Texas growing significantly? Yes. Do the districts as drawn by Plan C2308 comply with applicable law and court decisions? Yes. Other than politics which enters into everything the legislature does no matter the bill number or issue, is there any reason this should not be done? No.

The diatribe coming from those in the opposing political party is no different than the diatribe that comes from any opposition party, unhappy with the fact that they don't have the majority and can't stop adoption should the proposing party stick together in their votes. Wipe away the political posturing and there is no reason this bill and map should not be adopted.

Voters ultimately get to choose by casting votes. Adopting this Big Beautiful Map and HB4 does not guarantee any outcome at the polls. That's clear from the outcome at the polls in many elections. They're called upsets. They happen in every election.

So, take a vote and pass the map immediately upon the end of public testimony. There will be a quorum and no reason to delay that vote. I doubt any member of the committee is going to change his/her vote, so get the job done. Do not adjourn until the vote is taken and the map is adopted!

Krystal Baxter
self; librarian
Austin, TX

The proposed redistricting map carves up the urban areas of the state in ways that decrease representation of Texas citizens. It is clear that these changes are not intended to give the average person more political representation, but to try and lock in the governing power of the Republican party. Texans deserve better than this power grab. We deserve a transparent process that includes public input and that serves the public good. These maps do not reflect the diversity of our state and do a disservice to the Texans you claim to represent. Please keep us, not partisan politics, at the heart of your work.

David Kilmetz
Self
Austin, TX

I am writing to express my deep concern and strong opposition to the proposed redistricting bill currently under consideration, which appears to gerrymander our state for blatant partisan gain. This kind of manipulation undermines the integrity of our democratic process, silences the voices of minority communities, and violates the foundational principles of equal representation. Redistricting should be about fair and equitable representation, not about entrenching political power at the expense of Texans' civil rights.

I urge you to reject this bill and instead advocate for a transparent, nonpartisan redistricting process that reflects the true diversity and will of the people. Your constituents are watching closely, and we will remember who stood up for fair democracy, and who did not.

William Carter
Self
Corsicana, TX

Greetings, as an active member of the the Navarro County Republicans, I request that you keep Navarro County in just one district. thank you

Kristina Voutas
Self
Elgin, TX

I am against the gerrymandering of Texas districts to rig the upcoming midterm or any elections. The people of Texas deserve to be represented fairly and equitably so that each one of their votes counts towards the type of Texas, we the people want to see, not what a few in power want to see. This redistricting attempt is widening the chasm of mistrust that people in Texas have for the alleged elected leadership. Let the districts stand as they are. Let the people's voices be heard. Step up and be the public servants your were elected to be. The nation is watching.

Pamela Martin
self
Austin, TX

I am opposed to the redistricting of the state of Texas in order to support Trump and this authoritarian fascist government.

Heather Abbott
Self
Austin, TX

testify

My name is Heather Abbott. I was born in Ft. Worth, raised in Allen, went to school in Denton, and have worked in Dallas and Austin ever since.

I'm writing against HB 4.

I've seen corruption in Texas politics, but never like today. Today, the Texas Republican party I have learned to navigate are unrecognizable. They are holding hands with an abusive father figure who's dictating their actions and words.

That figure has demanded my state politicians redraw the voting lines and they're abiding with HB 4. They're fast & willing to illegally suppress the votes of Black and Latino communities -- and let there be no question, white people also live in those communities.

This proposed redistricting map serves not the people of Texas. It serves not the constituents knocking at your door. It serves one man only, despite the winning feeling many Republicans may feel. It serves only Donald Trump.

Trump will be the new face of Texas -- not Greg Abbott or anyone else. But there's a chance to stop that. There's a chance to stand up to that abusive father figure. Because the abuse won't stop there.

I implore Texas Republicans to recognize this. Redrawn lines give a false sense of control of their seats, but they're not even the ones *really* drawing the lines.

Thank you for this opportunity for public comment. I remain hopeful.

Allyn Lowell
Self/Attorney
Dallas, TX

This bill allows Texas Republican leaders to kowtow to the unconstitutional demands of a president who flouts rule of law, for the express purpose of disenfranchising those of us who vote Democratic or other than Republican. There are a significant number of blue voters in this state, and this bill makes clear that Republican leadership never had any intent to represent them or their values, as true leaders would. Many Texas Democrat voters are in the upper middle class, have the ability to move elsewhere, and will do so—with our tax dollars—if this state legislature continues its egregious attempt to erase our voices and push the wholly false narrative that all Texans share the radical (and economically ruinous) MAGA platform.

This “redistricting” is pure gerrymandering—the president admitted that by ordering Texas Republicans to redraw lines so that “he” could pick up seats in the House. If passed, this law will immediately be litigated, meaning the state will then use tax dollars—including the tax dollars of the voters the bill disenfranchises— to defend it and legislators’ revolting but clear purpose of thwarting the Constitution.

Stuart Slaughter
Self. Financial Advisor.
DALLAS, TX

This blatantly devious action is a complete contradiction to what our country used to stand for - and what the founding fathers envisioned. For God's sake have some decency and courage to do the right thing.

Audrey Jisha
Self
Seguin, TX

I strongly oppose this bill

Daniel Hunt, SREC Committeeman SD3
Self
Athens, TX

This Congressional District map is extremely good for all the People of Texas. It accurately reflects the commonalities within areas. It is geographically sound. It is not gerrymandered in the slightest. It simply makes sense. Please pass HB4 favorably from Committee.

Laura Lemons
Self / Accountant
Missouri City, TX

This redistricting is illegal and only being done to placate an authoritarian dictator. Representatives should vote NO on this bill.

Kathryn Wallace
Self - dietitian
Houston, TX

It’s deeply troubling to see yet another attempt to manipulate Texas’s districts for political gain rather than for the fair representation of its people. Redistricting should be about ensuring that every Texan’s vote carries equal weight — not about carving out safe seats to entrench one party’s power. As Texans, we deserve a process rooted in transparency, accountability, and fairness. Anything less undermines the very principles of our democracy and silences the voices of countless communities across our state. I oppose this bill!

Sarah Hudgens
Self
Georgetown, TX

I do not support the redistricting measure, which is not fair or representative of your constituent makeup. Please show strength in the face of pressure from the Trump administration, which you know is corrupt. Kowtowing to this president at the expense of Texans is wrong.

Madeline Smith
Self
Richardson, TX

I am a soon-to-be teacher who lives in House District 32. My town, Richardson, has a population of 120,000. My neighborhood has a diverse mixture of people from different cultures and backgrounds, including Asian, Muslim, and Hispanic residents.

The redistricting proposed at the insistence of Republicans places us in the same district as Quitman, TX in Wood County, with a majority white population of 2,370 people with the foreign born residents numbering a total of 6.

Greg Abbot and the Republicans should know that these redistricting maps are unfair and reflect neither communities values. This partisan hacking is one of the most extreme examples of gerrymandering in the nation used to silence voices of the residents of Dallas County. Texans deserve a fair map that represents our communities, not one that silences our voices.

Do your job in advocating for your constituents rather than licking the boots of Donald Trump.

Amy Bridges
Self
Longview, TX

Redistricting in Texas is crucially important to continue to accurately reflect the voters of Texas. With thousands of new voters daily coming to Texas, fleeing liberal states seeking a conservative, businesses friendly, family friendly environment, new congressional districts to reflect that will benefit all Texans

Shondreika Isom
self
Plano, TX

Strongly oppose the redrawing of district lines.

Andrea Leinberger
Self, Multiproperty owner
Burke, TX

As a Texas property and business owner, I support this bill.

Bob Twomey
SELF
Austin, TX

This matter is the LEAST IMPORTANT of all of the matters our representatives should be looking at. Quit serving as the lapdog of the federal Executive Branch and start working on things which matter to the citizens of Texas. This bill should be tabled.

Elizabeth Cooke
Self
PFLUGERVILLE, TX

I strongly oppose the proposed redistricting of Texas congressional districts because it undermines fair representation and fractures established communities of interest. Every citizen deserves an equal voice in our democracy, and redistricting should never be used as a tool to dilute that voice for political gain.

Texas is one of the most diverse states in the country, and its congressional maps should reflect that diversity, not distort it. By manipulating district boundaries, these proposals risk splitting neighborhoods, school districts, and local economies, ultimately silencing the needs and priorities of the people who live there.

The Voting Rights Act and the principle of “one person, one vote” exist to ensure fairness and prevent disenfranchisement. Any redistricting effort that prioritizes partisan advantage over community representation fails to meet those standards. I urge decision-makers to reject this redistricting plan and commit to a process that respects demographic realities and keeps communities intact.

Isabel Anguera
Self
Austin, TX

Oppose redistricting. Need fair elections, not manipulated ones.

Bart Ewald
self/retired
Hilltop Lakes, TX

I oppose any further redistricting of Texas House, Senate, or Congressional maps outside of the regular census cycle. Texas has already redrawn its maps following the 2020 census, and attempting to revise them now—mid-decade—raises serious questions about political manipulation and the erosion of fair representation.

Texans deserve stability in their districts, not maps that are redrawn to protect incumbents or punish political opponents. Constant redistricting disrupts communities, confuses voters, and weakens the foundational trust required for a functioning democracy.

Moreover, if new maps are being drawn in response to court rulings about discriminatory districts, the priority should be restoring fair representation to voters—especially voters of color—not gerrymandering new maps to maintain partisan advantage.

Redistricting should never be used as a weapon against democracy. I urge the committee to reject any redistricting proposals that are not court-ordered remedies to past discrimination, or that do not genuinely improve fair representation for all Texans. Your time would be far better served working towards adding a constitutional amendment to insure fair and balanced districting.

Sincerely,

Bart Ewald

George Doyle
Self
Dayton, TX

I know there’s nothing I could say to sway you to do the right thing so I’ll just leave this comment. You’re a loser if you have to cheat to win.

SHEILA POUSSON
self retired
San antonio, TX

Let the people vote on this. This is a bad idea.

Huizhen Zhou
self
Sugar Land, TX

Chair and Members of the Committee,

My name is Huizhen Zhou, and I'm here today to express my strong opposition to the proposed redistricting plan.

Redistricting should be about ensuring every community has a fair chance to be heard—not about drawing lines that divide, weaken, or silence. But this map does just that. It breaks apart neighborhoods, dilutes the voices of historically marginalized communities, and puts political preservation above the needs of the people.

We're talking about communities that share schools, parks, roads, and grocery stores—families who live side by side and rely on the same resources. They deserve to have a unified voice when it comes to choosing who represents them. But this plan makes that harder.

This isn't just about maps and numbers. It's about real people who deserve fair representation. The proposed map doesn't reflect the growth, the diversity, or the lived realities of our state. Gerrymandering—no matter which side it benefits—is harmful to all of us. It erodes trust and weakens our democracy.

I urge you to do the right thing. Protect our communities. Keep them whole. Uphold the principle that every voter deserves an equal voice.

Thank you for your time and your service.

Jose Calderon, Mr
Self
Helotes, TX

No

Whitney Ajie
Self / Employed
Austin, TX

End Partisan Gerrymandering to Restore Fair Representation in Texas. Fair representation is the bedrock of our democracy. Yet, for decades, Texans have seen this principle systematically undermined by partisan gerrymandering, a practice used to manipulate electoral maps for unfair political advantage, regardless of which party is in power. The current proposed map, Plan 2308, is a prime example of this democratic decay, and they must be rejected. The facts speak for themselves. In the last decade, 95% of Texas's population growth was driven by people of color. However, the 2021 redistricting maps, drawn by the state legislature, did not reflect this reality. Instead, they actively decreased the number of districts where Black and Hispanic voters form a majority. This isn't just an oversight; it's a calculated effort to dilute the voices of growing communities to protect political incumbency. As has been the case for nearly every decade since the Voting Rights Act, which has historically triggered costly and unnecessary lawsuits and wasted taxpayer money to defend maps that are fundamentally unfair. A representative's district should unite communities with shared local interests—the places where people live, work, eat, play, worship, and build their lives. Instead, gerrymandering creates nonsensical districts that defy geographic and community logic. It forces voters into districts with communities hundreds of miles away, making it impossible for a single representative to address their vastly different needs effectively. This is not representation; it is a deliberate disenfranchisement designed to ensure that politicians choose their voters, not the other way around. When one party manipulates maps to entrench its own power, it suppresses competition, deepens political polarization, and shatters public trust in our government. This is not a partisan issue; it is a democratic crisis. It is time to end this cycle. I urge you to stop the current Republican-led gerrymandering efforts and end the redistricting Plan 2308 now. I also urge you to make partisan gerrymandering illegal in Texas and encourage support for the establishment of an independent, non-partisan redistricting commission in Texas that would use data science, ethics, equity, and peer-review practices to continuously maintain voting district maps that serve communities, not politicians, and restore the principle of fair representation for every Texan.

Joaquin Nunez
Self
Austin, TX

Redistricting the state of Texas is a shameless attempt to gerrymander and silence the voices of a growing liberal population. The people of Texas all deserve to have their voices heard and by going through with these ridiculous districts, you will be complicit in the destruction of the democracy in our state. Democracy can only survive where people's voices are heard, so do not go through with this and silence millions.

Gail Apple
Self
Longview, TX

Here is my testimony to help you understand why HB 4, on redistricting, is so very important.

"I believe the representation of we the people, should be reflective of the voters within each district. Voting districts do not stay stagnate. with fluid changes from year to year. (Our every10 year Census may need to be every 5 years). We know there has been massive voter migration within states and voter out migration to other states. Why not be transparent of this shift. To ensure each district has roughly the same population, compliance with the Voting Rights Act and fixing outdated or inequitable maps I highly recommend the passage of HB 4 without delay."

Melissa Hallworth
Myself
SAN ANTONIO, TX

You are literally taking orders from president who by all accounts is destroying our country. To take away democratic seats is messing with democracy. This will take away voices that represent people who need those voices the most.

Rebecca Morales
Self - Teacher
Houston, TX

I am a fifth generation Texan. I was a high school valedictorian. I have a master's degree, a husband, and two kids. I attended my colleges in Houston, I have a home in Houston city limits, and I am raising my kids in Houston. I'm Texan through and through because I fight for what I believe in and stand strong in my integrity. Each and every one of you congresspeople voting for this redistricting map are NOT TEXANS. You are NOT AMERICANS. Your smug ugly smiles that help you hide your corruption and hypocrisy make me absolutely sick. You should be ashamed of yourselves. The children you were would lose hope in their lives if they saw who you became. If you sleep easy at night with your disgusting choices, there is truly no hope for your lives.

You are waking up something in Texas you won't like. The real Texans who care about their civil rights aren't going to take this laying down. I plan on rising up and symbolically beating you down. I will join every single democratic party activity I can, I will fight to get every single person to every single poll I can to vote against you every chance I can. You have never held me, an actually aware person, in your Republican cloud of putrid smoke, but I didn't find my stomach turning and a gag rising when I saw your ugly faces. One day you will pay for your hypocrisy and cowardice. You really want to kowtow to the most pathetic leader we've ever had? I know what you're like behind closed doors. You know what you're doing is wrong, that you're supporting a pedophile who is systematically breaking down our government and nation for the benefit of his billionaire friends. But you're going to continue licking his boots because of the fleeting feeling of power you get and your fear of an old man in a spray tan. Seriously, you really feel proud supporting a president who gets spray tans, hair plugs, the worst face fillers ever, and somehow still looks decrepit and slimy? Are you still on his side as he protects himself and his friends who trafficked young girls? I thought you were the party who saved children's lives? (You're not, but you like to say you are.) One day, you're going to wake up and realize this path is the road to hell. I hope some of you can wake up before you die. If not, for your corrupt sakes, I'll pray that hell is actually a purgatory where you get a chance to redeem yourself.

Be careful what you sow. You're not going to like what you reap. (Getting voted out of office.)

Ashlie Mildfelt
self
Austin, TX

I strongly condemn this power grab by the GOP that will knowingly disenfranchise minority voters in the state of Texas.

Sheila Bean
Texas First Conservative Alliance of Lampasas
Lampasas, TX

I support HB4 and the redistricting of certain Congressional Districts as indicated by the map. IT is time to get this done.

Rebekkah Blashka, Mrs.
Self education
Richardson, TX

Please do not gerrymander the districts

Taylor Myers, Dr.
Self, Doctor of Audiology
Georgetown, TX

I oppose the suggested redistricting

Lindsey Reed
Self
Mt Pleasant, TX

I strongly oppose the proposed Texas redistricting plan. This map is not about fairness, representation, or the will of the people—it's about maintaining power at all costs.

This isn't leadership—it's submission to political pressure. It's not about serving Texans—it's about serving one man's agenda. Gerrymandering districts to gain partisan advantage is an attack on free and fair elections, and every lawmaker who supports this knows exactly what they're doing.

Let me be absolutely clear: anyone who votes for this plan will not get my vote. If you choose to go along with this blatant power grab, you are choosing to lose the trust and support of Texans who care about honest representation.

I urge you to reject this map and stand up for the voters, not for Trump, not for party control, and not for fear of backlash. Texas belongs to its people—not to one politician and not to one party.

Nicole Myers
self
Pflugerville, TX

The proposed Congressional Redistricting is not what is right for Texas.

1. This Redistricting Push Is a Political Power Grab
Texas doesn't need to redraw its districts mid-decade. This effort isn't about fair representation—it's a calculated move to entrench Republican power and suppress Democratic and minority voices.

Governor Abbott and former President Trump are exploiting a session originally intended for flood relief to force through gerrymandered maps. Texans deserve real solutions to urgent problems—not political theater.

2. No Transparency, No Accountability
Lawmakers are being asked to weigh in on redistricting plans that haven't even been made public. How can communities engage in the process when the maps are hidden from view?

This lack of transparency signals they know the public would oppose the maps if the process were truly open.

3. Racial Gerrymandering Targets Communities of Color
The proposed redistricting plans aim to "pack and crack" Black, Latino, and Asian voters—dividing communities to weaken their electoral power.

In one of the most diverse states in the nation, this kind of racial gerrymandering is not only unjust—it's a violation of the Voting Rights Act.

4. Texans Deserve Leaders Who Prioritize Real Needs
While Texans are still recovering from catastrophic floods, the Governor is prioritizing political map-drawing over urgent disaster relief.

Every moment spent manipulating district lines is a moment taken from the real work of rebuilding and protecting our communities.

5. Democrats Must Stand Firm
Democratic lawmakers must use every tool at their disposal—whether it's leaving the floor, mounting legal challenges, or using procedural tactics—to defend the principle of fair representation.

Just as they did in 2003 and 2021, Texas Democrats must rise to the moment and push back against voter suppression and partisan gerrymandering.

6. Gerrymandering Undermines Our Democracy
Elected officials shouldn't be allowed to choose their voters. But that's exactly what this redistricting plan is designed to do.

Texans deserve district maps that reflect the will of the people—not ones manipulated to guarantee political outcomes.

Willa Ott
self, retired
Fort Worth, TX

I am against the redistricting the Republican party is trying to put in effect. I think your time in this special session would be better spent planning on how to help the flood victims as well as trying to prevent another disaster by installing some sort of alarm system for specific areas of Texas.
I would like to know that my representative is listening to constituents and vote against redistricting and the diluting or eliminating certain areas of voters.

steve grove
Self
Houston, TX

This is blatant dismissal of any sort of democratic system of governance by a fucking spineless governor in an attempt to appease an illiterate child rapist. This is an appalling injustice to all things that should be held sacred.

Michelle Young, Mrs.
Self- mother
WYLIE, TX

I oppose the redistricting.

Deanna Theriot
Self
Houston, TX

Strongly against. This bill is yet another unlawful, underhanded attack on the voting rights of communities of color and the working class.

Megan Culpepper
Myself
Houston, TX

This is wrong. Voters should choose their representatives, not the other way around. If you break the system now it will come back to bite you eventually. Please stop doing this, it’s unethical and immoral. Be better.

Aaron Parks
Self, engineer
Austin, TX

Dear Congress,

Please don't ruin our democracy. I already feel like my voice doesn't matter at all and this will make it even worse. Trump is a criminal pedophile that has no business running our country. Grow a backbone and stand up to him. Districts should represent the people accurately, not cheat people out of their voice. Everything that the republican party is doing right now is destroying our lives and y'all should have checks. You now have all of this power to screw over your constituents just so some corporate lobbiests can avoid another regulation. You're already rich, you're already set, why do you feel like you need even more? Please quit taking away the tiny amount of rights we have left.

Elaine Burgess
Self
Bastrop, TX

No new maps until next census! Respect Texas voters and stop unfairly changing the rules. Land can't vote! Represent the people.

Matthew Ludlum
Self
Austin, TX

The recent redistricting will split my community into 3 different congressional districts spanning from Odessa to Livingston - Rattan Creek will go from one Congressional district to 2 different ones.

My son's friends who go to the school 3 doors down from me will have a congressional district that stretches all the way east of I-45, more than 3.5 hours away.

When I go pick up my son in the afternoon, I'll travel through 3 congressional districts that, in addition to the previous maps, includes congressional representation all the way to Waco.

When I volunteer to mow a senior citizen's lawn in the Austin area, I may be going to one of 6 different congressional districts!

I can only imagine the confusion for someone living on Links Lane in Round Rock - in a mere 1000ft, you can traverse 3 different congressional districts. Does the person living on the corner have more in common with someone in Lampasas or a friend down the street with someone in San Saba and they themselves with someone in College Station?

I ask you - when another 2023 Ice Storm happens, will Rep. Austin Pfluger drive the 3.5 hours from San Angelo to Austin to help emergency efforts? He'll have to drive through at least 2 other congressional districts as well - maybe he can carpool.

The reasoning behind this sudden need to move our congressional districts to a be a mere mile wide at the end of my road - yes - Tamayo to McNeil On Parmer Lane, does not seem like prudent re-balancing of districts to better represent the great citizens of Texas but rather ensure that the very spirit of dividing us further is achieved.

If these maps are adopted, I would expect every member who approves the maps to explain to me this: How can you justify the shape of maps in a way that unites us under common and fair representation? How are you going to justify that a congressional rep should have district so lopsided in it's population and so wide that it measures 340 miles?

Or perhaps you might say what is driving you to craft such partisan maps - you are doing this because someone told you to draw this way and that "No." isn't an acceptable answer.

Elizabeth Luna, Ms
Self, Baker
Leander, TX

Texans need flood relief not redistricting!

Hannah Spellman
Self, CPA
Plano, TX

This bill is making an already biased distracting map even worse. It should not pass.

Marilyn Jennings, Mrs.
Self - retired
Austin, TX

This proposed legislation is an outrageous violation of the fair representation of the citizens of Texas. Redistricting takes place following a census, not at the direction of the POTUS to enable additional seats in the House of Representatives to be won by any one party. If you plan to vote for this bill in order to protect yourself from President Trump's wrath, you should be ashamed of yourself. You represent the citizens of Texas and have an obligation to ensure fair and open elections in the State of Texas. If President Trump wants to find five additional votes for his policies by gerrymandering voting districts in Texas, let him bully some other state into complying with his blackmail. You have a duty to all of the voters in Texas to stand up, be counted, do the right thing, and to vote against redistricting in Texas. Don't prostitute the State of Texas by supporting this bill. You have a choice. We're watching how you choose.

Tom Fitzpatrick, Mr.
self, retired
Austin, TX

I am a resident of Austin; retired; have lived in the same house since 1983, and lost track of the number of times I have been redistricted. I am opposed to partisan gerrymandering. I am opposed to mid-decade redistricting that is not court-ordered. I am opposed to the current corruption in the U.S. Department of Justice which fabricated the head-scratchingly flimsy opening for the Texas Legislature to debase themselves for the current president — in the mode of our cowardly U.S. Senators and Republican congress members. They have disgraced themselves. You don’t have to — and you shouldn’t.

In the early 2000’s, part of my central city neighborhood was included for a time into a district with six rural counties across the hill country, represented by a person who chaired an important science subcommittee, but denied not just consensus climate science, but who also attacked scientific procedures generally. Almost any elementary school child in Austin had a better understanding of the current state of science than our then-representative in Congress. Austin was extremely poorly represented. Whenever I corresponded with his office I was left feeling completely UN-represented. In more recent redistricting games, Austin neighborhoods were occasionally joined with areas stretching to Houston or San Antonio or the border, trying to put a popular Austin Democrat at risk with unfamiliar voters. The most recently adopted congressional districting consolidated us back in Austin. With all respect, I would like to stay here. This is my community. There is no need to redraw districts at this time.

After the next decennial census, I hope the Legislature will use available technology to draw the most compact possible districts to reflect the population distribution required, keeping intact as fully as possible existing political subdivisions and existing communities. I definitely think there needs to be human oversight of whatever Artificial Intelligence might render, but I think it should be non-partisan oversight, aimed at giving all individuals a fair chance at meaningful representation. Until then, I hope you will stop the partisan redistricting gaming and focus on other subjects where there are real problems to solve other than creating potential backstops against future oversight and impeachment of a lawless president. I would ask you now to decline to adopt any new maps until after the next census — and go back to work during your time here on issues that might help our state.

Michelle Manning-Scott
Self
Austin, TX

I am AGAINST redistricting Texas without new census data to justify new maps. This is racial gerrymandering for the political gain of the Republican party and a cowardly capitulation move to the current Trump administration to gain favoritism at the expense of all Texans.

Tierra Durrett
SAAVETX
Allen, TX

RE: Opposition to Mid-Decade Congressional Redistricting – A Statement from South Asian Texans

Dear Governor Abbott, Lt. Governor Patrick, and Speaker Burrows,

As members of the South Asian American community across Texas, we write to express our unequivocal opposition to the mid-decade congressional redistricting plan currently before the Legislature.

South Asian Texans are one of the fastest-growing populations in this state. We run businesses, drive innovation, advance medicine, and enrich the cultural and civic life of Texas. We also vote, organize, and contribute to the democratic process.

But this redistricting proposal is not about improving representation — it is about manipulating it. These maps are being redrawn to break up strong, diverse voting blocs and weaken the collective voice of communities of color, including South Asians, who are becoming an undeniable force in Texas politics.

In major metropolitan counties where South Asians live and work — Harris, Fort Bend, Dallas, Collin, Tarrant, Travis, and Bexar — cohesive neighborhoods are being fractured and stitched together with distant rural counties. These artificial districts have nothing to do with shared interests and everything to do with diluting the political power of growing populations.

This is not representation. This is an intentional strategy to silence voters and undermine democracy.

What does a tech executive in Plano have in common with a farmer hundreds of miles away? What shared vision for Texas can come from districts designed to split communities apart rather than bring them together?

Texas should stand as a model of democratic integrity, where representation reflects the people who call this state home. Instead, this process dismantles the very pillars of democracy — fairness, accountability, and trust.

When maps are drawn for partisan gain, they don’t just distort election outcomes — they tell entire communities their voices don’t matter.

We stand with Texans in Fort Bend, Collin, Dallas, Harris, Travis, Williamson, Bexar, El Paso, Denton, and Tarrant Counties who are seeing their voting power diluted and their representation sacrificed for political advantage.

We urge you to withdraw this plan and commit instead to drawing fair maps that keep communities whole, reflect where people actually live and work, and protect every Texan’s right to representation.

Democracy only works when every vote counts and every voice is heard. These maps break that promise. Texans — all Texans — deserve better.

Sincerely,

Tierra Durrett/SAAVETX

Allen, Texas

David Lotspeich
Self
Austin, TX

This Bill disrupts established election cycles: Redistricting typically occurs every 10 years following new census data collection. Redrawing lines mid-decade, just five years after the last redistricting effort in 2021, is unusual and disrupts the normal election cycles.
This nothing more than a Partisan power grab : The current redistricting effort is primarily driven by partisan motives, aiming to solidify the Republican party's control in Texas by creating more Republican-leaning districts and weakening Democratic representation.
This Bill is all about weakening minority voter influence: Opponents argue the proposed map dilutes the voting power of minority and working-class communities in major Texas cities, including Austin, Houston, and Dallas.

This bill will lead to legal challenges and protracted battles: Any new map will likely face legal challenges, arguing it violates the Voting Rights Act and the U.S. Constitution's prohibitions against racial discrimination. These legal battles can take years to resolve and could leave the state with unclear district boundaries for multiple election cycles.
Why do the current Republican leaders in Texas want Increased political polarization? Gerrymandering, or the practice of drawing district boundaries to favor one party over another, can create less competitive districts and exacerbate political polarization by encouraging candidates to appeal to their base rather than seek common ground. This is unconstituional.
Additionally this Bill is just a costly and time-consuming process: Redrawing district lines requires significant time and resources from the state legislature and election officials, which could be better spent on other pressing issues facing the state.
This redistricting disaster will undermine faith in the democratic process: Frequent and politically motivated redistricting can erode public trust in the fairness of elections and the democratic process itself.
The effect of going through this dastardly plan will trigger retaliatory redistricting in other states: Texas' redistricting efforts could prompt other states to follow suit, leading to a nationwide "redistricting arms race" and further intensifying political polarization.

Susan CHOQUETTE, Mrs
CCRW , self retired
Copperas Cove, TX

Our household supports the redistricting for the Texas legislature with strong consideration to the Republican Party. We do not condone putting a Democrat at the head of the committee appointing a Democrat in that position is 10 amount to treason just like siding with the Democrats to elect a treasonous speaker of the house Pass the redistricting bill sent it to the governor and we will handle the rhino problem on the next election. Thank you.

Mary Katherine Marston
Self
Rowlett, TX

I do not understand why we are even having a debate about drawing new maps as we are not set to have new maps until 2031. Not only are these maps illegal and racist, it’s a complete waste of time because we already have a system that outlines when new maps should be done. This is a huge waste of time and taxpayer money. As a Texan, this is especially disheartening after the devastating floods of July 4th. These personally impacted my family, we almost died, and parts of me will never be the same. We have families and communities hurting and wondering if they will ever feel safe again. The Texas and Texans that I know, love, and respect show up for one another and take care of each other. This redistricting stunt at such a painful time is lacking clarity, judgement, and honor. Our focus should be on rebuilding and safety not further dividing Texans to appease the President.

Maria Curelli
self
Buda, TX

Hello. I am VEHEMENTLY OPPOSED to TX redistricting now. This is a PURE POWER GRAB. If these proposed redistrict maps become law, you will be disenfranchising THOUSANDS of Texans. You will be giving Mr. tRump the green light continue to act UNLAWFULLY with CRUELTY for the next several years. You will usher in a National Ugly Unprecedented Race in every state to rig their own district maps before mid terms. At your core, YOU KNOW THIS IS WRONG! Mr. tRump won't be the President forever. Mr. Abbott won't be the governor forever; probably not passed his current term. But YOUR VOTE and WHAT YOU DO relating to this BLATANT RIGGING OF OUR RIGHT TO HAVE OUR VOTE COUNT & HAVE REPRESENTATION IN DC, will go down in history. I IMPLORE you to do the right thing and vote NO to redistricting TX now. People are watching. Do the right thing.

Ruth Stiles
Self-probate attorney
Houston, TX

It is ridiculous to redistrict more often than at the census unless ordered to fix a district by the courts. Are we going to redistrict now every time the pendulum swings? And have other states do the same to offset the gains?
This is the problem with breaking norms that both parties used to abide by. It is a race to the bottom and reduces the people's faith in our government because the rules can just be discarded. And the fact that the sole purpose of this is purely and obviously political does not help.
I was born and raised in Texas. The joke of a state used to be Mississippi. Now Texas ranks close to the bottom in properly caring for the vulnerable. Children, the elderly, people with mental illness, veterans are all abandoned. And we can't even protect summer camps because Republican leadership prioritizes shiny new firetrucks over practical safety warnings on rivers that have flooded before and will flood again. Way to own the libs guys. There are serious legislatures that try to do good work. But the grand standing politicians trying to forward their own careers instead of being true public servants are eroding my pride in this great state.
Please focus on serving all of the people of this great state and not some ridiculous violation of standard practices for a measly 5 extra Republican congressmen, at most. Go home and enjoy your summers after you do something about the flooding issue.
Thank you to the people who work hard for all of the people in our state and God bless Texas.

Gwyn Varozza
Self
Leander, TX

Texas does NOT need to be gerrymandered more than it already has. Quit following every stupid move trump wants and DO THE RIGHT THING!!!

Be a real republican and let your actions earn votes…not by redistricting

Suzanne Adams-Lindergren
Self
New Braunfels, TX

I support this Bill. I feel that it will more accurately reflect and support the will of the People (voters of Texas).

Cathy Herzog
Self
Driftwood, TX

I'm sad for our state that leadership has folded to the whims of a president that cares not a whit about our state.
It is disturbing that he is so sure he will lose the midterms that he must manipulate our state to try to gain the seats he thinks he needs. Much like the phone call to get more votes.
I live in Hayes County I understand the most recent map breaks our county in multiple districts. Please note that we residents prefer to be a contiguous homogeneous community

Layna Phillips
Self
Spring, TX

I oppose House Bill 4 the redistricting bill. It is racist and illegal. It does not represent minorities fairly

Hannah McVicker
Self, Freelancer
Austin, TX

This cannot be passed. It is an egregious, transparent attempt to further gerrymander this state. This re-districting is an act of extreme cowardice meant to erode the rights and voting power of the most vulnerable among us.

David Harrison
Self
Austin, TX

I do not support redistricting. It is out of band, unnecessary, and is not in the best interests of the voters of this great state. We have bigger priorities and more important issues than this nakedly partisan redistricting effort. Texas is a state and not just an arm of the federal government; we believe in our independence, and the intrusion of the federal government in influencing the lege to try to pass this redistricting says to me that no Republican cares about the citizens of this state, only their own political ambitions.

Deborah Kelt
Self/teacher
Austi, TX

Dear Committee members,
My name is Deb Kelt, and I live in Austin, Texas. I am a proud Texas educator, about to start my 32nd year as a literacy instructor. I am writing to protest the egregious and illegal redistricting maps that have just been released. With this rushed redistricting plot (and by the way, wasn't this session about helping flood victims?) you are undermining the right and responsibility of citizens to choose the best representatives for their families and communities. As a teacher, I prioritize working in schools that have been underserved, and I am certain this redistricting scheme will further disenfranchise the most vulnerable children and parents in our state. That's not only unfair -- it's inhumane, unjust, and flat out cruel. Further, why are we pandering to what our unbelievably lame and corrupt president wants? Why are redistricting for a known rapist? Is this what we've come to, Texas? I don't always agree with a lot of what Texas does in terms of government, but I never thought I'd see the day where proud Texas lawmakers would lick the boots of a tubby, bratty, orange baby-prez. Stop this madness, please. These maps are criminal -- which I guess makes sense, as a criminal is demanding them. Just say no, Texas!!

Amanda Braziel, Rev
Self
Austin, TX

Texans do NOT want you to mess with our reps! Stop the federal power grab and let Texans’ voices be heard!!!!

Rebecca Rainwater
Self
Austin, TX

As a 15-year resident of Austin and lifelong resident of Texas, I strongly oppose the redistricting of the area, not limited to but especially due to the clear lack of attention to demographic arrangement. This redistricting measure has been pushed through at incredible, negligent, and worrying speeds. This is a clear attempt to remove democratically elected officials from their seats and give greater influence to Governor Abbott and federal powers who first planted the idea. This flies in the very face of states rights, something Greg Abbott has consistently voiced his support for. Governor Abbott should be ashamed and embarrassed that when the federal government said "jump," he responded "how high."

Linda Bennett
Self
Houston, TX

I am a concerned Congressional District 18 constituent who votes in EVERY election. I strongly oppose any attempt to redraw Texas congressional maps in a way that consolidates political power at the expense of fair representation—especially for communities of color.
Redistricting should be a tool for democracy, not a partisan power grab. Unfortunately, what is being proposed by Republican leadership, including Donald Trump, appears to do just that: undermine the voting strength of Latino, Black, and other minority communities in Texas. These communities have fueled the state's population growth and deserve equitable representation—not to be diluted or divided for political gain.
This is not just bad policy—it's an affront to our democratic values. Voting maps should reflect the people, not entrench those already in power. Fair maps mean fair elections. Efforts to silence voters, especially those from historically marginalized communities, are unjust and will be challenged.
I urge you to reject any redistricting plan that undermines the Voting Rights Act, weakens minority representation, or prioritizes partisanship over people. Texans deserve better. Moreover, this is being done because of pressure from the White House- is that ethical? TELL GREG ABBOTT AND DONALD TRUMP NO!!

Vanessa Coronado
Self
Brownsville, TX

Hello, my name is Vanessa Coronado. I proudly reside in Brownsville, Texas and Congressional District 34. I am testifying on the Legislature's attempt to redistrict our congressional districts mid-census. I am strongly opposed to these efforts. This brazen move by Governor Abbott and the DOJ to increase Republican representation in the U.S. House by taking it away all because a felon, twice impeached, wannabe dictator called and requested he be given ultimate power. My city is vibrant, historically important, and beautiful. Communities, like mine, have time and time again been intentionally split up. It has weakened our voting power and representation. I have FIRST HAND seen attempts to silence and suppress our voices and votes. How these districts are drawn AFFECTS EVERY political issue coming from the economy, education, climate crisis management and healthcare. If we have politicians who are elected from districts that don't reflect communities like mine in Brownsville, we most definitely will end up in situations where politicians will not support policies that help us OR they can support policies that directly harm us. We must not have politicians manipulate maps for political or personal gains.
We have all heard and seen the current felon in office (aka Donald Trump) make racial comments against my community of multi-generational Mexican American families. We have seen how families are targeted for simply our skin color or bilingualism. Such language has been used to incite his base of cult members who have become fans and appreciative of the racial appeals. There are currently 16 sitting Texas MEMBERS of the House of Representatives who have promoted and CONTINUE to promote election conspiracy theories and denialism. How can we trust those who are seeking to change the maps? We surely can't trust that there will be transparency. Every legislator who has a hand in such maps MUST not hide communications they've had that concerns this. We need and demand a detailed explanation of why the maps are being proposed and drawn the way they are. It is NOT normal to redraw the maps when we ALREADY had them redrawn in 2021. I am afraid of the consequences we may very well face. I hope you will take my testimony to heart and that you do the right thing. History has its eyes on you. Thank you to the committee for taking time to listen to my testimony.

Rosanna Taylor
Self
San Antonio, TX

This Bill is a blasphemy to the trust we have in Representatives upholding our rights under the Voting Rights Act. The preposed plan and the results that will follow prove that the current Presidential Administration are unethical cheats.

Jeanne Good
Self
Austin, TX

I oppose the redistricting of Texas. It is nothing but a power grab by Republicans and Greg Abbott because they know their policies are unpopular with the people of Texas. Do not attempt to silence the votes of Texans by going forward with this redistricting.

Sophia Zaia
self, consultant
Austin, TX

The redistricting fight is not where the people want our representatives to be spending their time. If Republicans play dirty, Democrats will have no choice to fight back, distracting time and effort that should be spent on the problems actually facing constituents, like flood relief, AI regulation, climate change, jobs, healthcare, etc. Please think about current and future generations and the rapid action that needs to be taken right now to prevent catastrophic climate change among other things, action that can create green jobs, cleaner air and water and cheaper energy for everyone. I am against the republican redistricting proposal. Republicans are completely delegitimizing themselves right now in the eyes of the public if you continue to take only self serving actions to consolidate your own power, and are willing to throw our lives on the line by taking away our healthcare, SNAP benefits, climate protections, FEMA, education systems, rights, the list goes on. Does it not weigh on your conscience?

Brandie Louck
Self
Austin, TX

I vehemently oppose the redistricting plan being done by Republicans. It is purely to cheat to win elections and in no way supports actually working for the people of their specific districts. It hurts Texans by spreading their districts too far apart and making it hard for their representatives to advocate for all of their needs. It's all happening purely for political gain and in no ways helps the people of Texas. It's rigging and already rigged system. It makes me sick to see Republicans doing this to Texas. Trump has publicly stated that the only reason this is happening is to steal congressional seats. It doesn't help Texas. If the only way Republicans can win is to cheat, then they really don't support the will of the people and they should step down. Do NOT pass this bill.

Alyssa Layer
Self
Lubbock, TX

I oppose this redistricting. I believe there are more important priorities. We should prioritize policies that'll help Texas thrive, such as strengthening the power grid, helping people impacted by natural disasters including the recent floods, and making sure people have access to decent quality food, shelter, and healthcare. Thank you.

John Norman, Mr.
Self- retired USPS
Florence, TX

This is a blatant attempt by the Federal Administration to manipulate our state midway through the decade to secure more votes for their party. Districts should be redone after a census is completed to fairly represent the population.

Jennifer Mcnichols
Self/ artist
Austin, TX

This redistricting is absurd. We see you and we will vote each and every one of you out.

Kenneth Rippetoe
Self
Dallas, TX

As one of your constituents in Dallas, I’m writing to urge you to REJECT this corrupt, mid-decade, redistricting process and all gerrymandered maps. Please do everything in your power to fight back and put Texans first!

Elizabeth San Marco
self (retired teacher)
San Antonio, TX

This redistricting does not seem to be in the best interest of Texans! My expectations are that my representatives represent me and my neighbors and should not be a commandeering of power from a president and a governor who wants to please him. I do not feel represented in my own state!

Charlotte Freeborn, Mrs.
Gillespie County Democratic Association
Fredericksburg, TX

This bill is simply a violation of the voting rights of all Texans. Please do what you can to defeat it soundly. Stand up and speak out against this bill. Show the political and moral dedication to human rights in this state and the United States of America. Vote against HB4!

Cierra Scott
Self
DeSoto, TX

I am against the redrawing of districts

Sylvia Showacre
Self
Buda, TX

I wholeheartedly disagree with Republicans attempting to redistrict the state of Texas in order to “find” 5 more seats at the behest of this president. In doing so Republicans would be interfering with democracy in an extreme way, and denying that this even is a democracy. I demand that this attempt at gerrymandering be stopped!!! We the people will be heard!!

Kelly Marts
Me
Spring, TX

HB 4 is wrong and Unamerica! I oppose it.

Marion Alsup
self, retired RN
Austin, TX

Attention Republicans:
Why do you want to disenfranchise Democratic voters across the state of Texas? So you can more efficiently continue to ensure that poor people don't have access to health care? So you can close more rural hospitals faster? So you can ensure that Trump gets his tariffs and gets to raise prices on almost everything, including medicine? So you can continue to torture younger generations who are burdened with unmanageable college debt while you probably benefitted from taxpayer supported public college? You just don't want these words spoken in your presence at all. It appears that you want to send those Dem reps back home so that you can cheerfully break the country without hearing of the consequences. You could prove me wrong and leave the already gerrymandered map as is.

Maria Gramatges
Self - physician
Houston, TX

Strongly oppose redistricting to artificially amplify the voice of specific populations.

Stephanie Baker
Self
Bulverde, TX

I am NOT in favor of the current restricting attempt that is going on in this state. Gerrymandering should be illegal! The state House should not be in charge of districting the voting districts themselves because it is self-serving and can be used in favor of the current majority party. This IS election cheating! This IS stealing voices from all voters in the state of Texas.

Katy Lopez
Self
Houston, TX

This is wrong and a shameless power grab by Abbott and his fellow criminals. This redistricing intentionally misconstrues, and in some cases completely silences the voices of the people of Texas.

Katherine Gipson
Self
Austin, TX

Texans deserve to be represented by members who live near them and represent their communities. We should not have districts that stretch for 100s of miles just for the sake of pure partisan gain. Please stop the nonsense and wait until 2030.

Sarah Rooney
Self
Bastrop, TX

I am OPPOSED to this redistricting!

Kimberly Doerle, Mrs
Family
Austin, TX

These map changes are deplorable. Grouping people in urban areas with people from rural areas is ridiculous and utterly stupid. We have different needs and different perspectives, and silencing people in urban areas will hurt this state and will hurt the Republican Party. Stop this craziness and no changes until the census. This makes you all look REALLY bad.

Gavin Johnson
Self
Fort Worth, TX

As an active voter, I absolutely disagree and disapprove the current redistricting plans. The proposed maps are not representative of Texas communities and are obviously partisan. I encourage my elected officials to reject these maps and, instead, push for non-partisan redistricting policies. Voters need to choose their reps...not the other way around!

Protect democracy and the will of the people! Reject these maps!

Ashley Holmes Mullenix
Self
Bonham, TX

What is the point of this redistricting effort?! It’s unnecessary and a blatant attempt to rig the next elections in favor of one party. This is not what democracy looks like. VOTE NO ON THIS MEASURE!

Jamie Price
Self
Austin, TX

Tomas Jefferson stated that a government is republican "in proportion as every member composing it has his equal voice in the direction of its concerns...by representatives chosen by himself".
Redistricting intentionally undermines the rights of citizens to choose representatives rhat reflect their values. This is anti-democratic and anti-American. Also, I don’t believe true Texans need to cheat to win.

Katalina Salas, Dr.
self
El Paso, TX

I strongly believe that our districts should remain as they are because El Paso serves a unique population with needs and priorities that differ greatly from the areas proposed under the new rezoning plan. Anyone who has visited El Paso knows we are a very unique and vibrant city that relies on community. As it stands now, our voices are being heard, our current district boundaries ensure that our concerns, interests, and values are represented by people who truly understand our community. If we are rezoned, we risk being grouped with communities whose challenges, demographics, and priorities are vastly different from our own, which would undermine the progress we've made in advocating for the issues that matter most to us.
As Rep. Veronica Escobar often emphasizes, representation is about more than geographic borders, it’s about making sure communities like El Paso can shape their own future and are empowered to speak for themselves. Changing these lines disregards the distinct needs of El Paso and threatens to dilute our voice. For the sake of preserving the integrity and identity of our community, I urge decision-makers to keep our districts as they are and to continue honoring the voices of El Pasoans.

Jonathan Lucas
Citizen
El Paso, TX

The State of Texas should not be changing rules such as redistricting after 5 years simply for political reasons. The State of Texas should have a regular redistricting rule which it follows which is currently once every 10 years. True conservatism does not continually change rules and invent emergencies. True conservatism establishes a rule and then follows that rule. The current redistricting rule is once every 10 years. Additionally, gerrymandering should serve a true democratic purpose: the constituents should live relatively close to the congressional representative. But El Paso has a crazy redistricting map which looks like it is drawn simply for political reasons. In short, conservatism really means having a set of established rules which are followed over time.

Seth Mills
Self
El Paso, TX

Anything that moves the current district of El Paso and forces the population of El Paso to be represented by persons that do not live in the area is a disservice to the people of El Paso and the border communities of the area. The population of El Paso should be a separate district and represent the people iving here.

Richard Helmling
Self, Teacher
El Paso, TX

This redistricting plan is a terrible plan. El Paso is a distinctive community, including Fort Bliss which has been a vital part of our city for generations. Dividing our community's representation is illogical and immoral. This gerrymandering is shameless and will not stand up in court!

mary Olmstead, Rev
Self
Austin, TX

I am strongly opposed to redrawing the current voter map for Texas. Let Texas Vote, let Texas Vote fairly and have all voices count. If more elected Republicans listened to the people
of Texas, you would be actually focusing on the everyday concerns that affect so many Texans instead of grabbing more power to do the bidding of Abbot and Trump. Our country is undergoing an attempted coup. It’s not too late to do the right thing. It might mean losing reelection, but it could mean saving our democracy.

Kristin Shelton, Mrs.
Self
Austin, TX

As a registered Independent, I chose leaders based on how they represent my needs, not based on party. Texas House members, please hold fast against our president's influence that tries to override your knowledge of what it right. I will support any leader who stands firm against this recent redistricting step. Please know that I will campaign harder and donate more money to candidates that have the general interests of their constituents foremost in their minds. Recently retired, I have more time to go door to door taking to people about their vote.
It is time for Texan leaders to represent their people rather than concede to the president's wishes.

Michelle Helmers
Self, retired
Leander, TX

Texas politicians have long prided themselves on their independence. Apparently that is a thing of the past. This craven effort to rig the system at the behest of a president who fears he cannot legitimately persuade Congress to carry out his agenda is pathetic and disgraceful. Texas’ congressional (and state) maps already dilute “minority” voting strength in a state whose growth is attributable to minority population growth and which is, in fact, a “majority minority” state. No one asked for this mid-term redistricting—except for President Trump and the bootlickers in his administration. The pretense that you seek to correct a potentially racially gerrymandered map (which Texas leaders have denied in past challenges) by crafting another racially gerrymandered map is ludicrous. That this new map, if adopted, will be challenged in court is inevitable, adding yet more unnecessary expenditures of taxpayer money. I urge the committee to assert its independence and reject this blatant attempt to rig future elections in Texas.

Susan Pascoe
Self / Nursing Administrator
Austin, TX

This is an undemocratic attempt to cling to power. Show some spine and represent your constituents. I demand the legislature draw maps that are truly reflective of the diversity of our state.

Timothy Mann, Dr.
self
Buda, TX

I oppose HB4 and any attempt at mid-cycle redistricting. This is an attempt to undermine democracy.

Laura Carter, Ms
Self - Retired
El Paso, TX

I am one of millions of Democrats living in Texas. My governor has failed miserably in representing me, my values, my culture, most especially during both Trump administrations, and now Texas is okay with allowing Trump to use the state to unethically benefit himself and the Republican party. Redistricting would severely impact El Paso in that we would lose local representation. El Paso is a very vibrant, diverse city full of hard-working exceptional people, and a Republican representative in another city could not understand our needs the way Veronica Escobar does, nor would they probably care like she does. Texas is not your personal property. Texas is for the people of Texas and you are elected officials sworn to uphold the laws and interests of Texas and its people - not Trump - no matter the outcome. We pay taxes, we have homes and families, we have jobs in El Paso, and we have a mutually beneficial relationship with Mexico (also very important to our economy and Texas' economy). Just because our president has questionable morals and values, doesn't value diversity, is scared to death of Mexican immigrants, and he regularly uses people to his benefit, it does not mean that the elected Republican officials of Texas have to follow suite. Do the right thing and take care of all people of Texas! Tell Trump NO. What you think you have to gain by supporting Trump's plan to lie and cheat his way through the midterms, says a lot about your morals and values and people will remember. Please, you must do much better for all of us in Texas.

Ann Bailey, Mrs.
self; tech consultant
Fort Worth, TX

Texas already redrew its congressional maps in 2021, but now Donald Trump and national Republicans are demanding a second redraw--not because of new Census data, but to protect their grip on power as MAGA extremism loses ground. In response, Governor Abbott called a rushed special legislative session just one week after devastating floods hit communities across the state, choosing political manipulation over disaster relief!
This mid-decade redistricting is not normal. It’s a calculated, anti-democratic power grab!
Do not redraw the maps without transparency, public input, or fair representation! We deserve a process that is transparent and accessible!
I demand the Texas legislature transparently draw maps that are truly reflective of the diversity of our state!
Thank you for sincerely representing all Texans!

Colin Ingarfield
self, software developer
Austin, TX

This map is an obvious gerrymander. Even if it is legal, it's an insult to the idea of democratic representation. Voters should choose their representatives. With this ridiculous map, the representatives are choosing their voters.

I'm 100% opposed to this undemocratic power grab.

Thank you.

Anna Hey
Self, attorney
El Paso, TX

Vote against partisan mid-census-period redistricting is counter to the right to vote and select our representatives. With the current iteration of the bill, some representatives will be 500 or more miles away from constituents in El Paso and on Ft. Bliss. You work for the people of Texas, not the current occupant of the White House. Do the right thing and vote no.

Elizabeth Walters
Self(student)
Fort Worth, TX

As a concerned Texan in Tarrant County, I oppose any mid-decade redistricting that reduces minority voting influence. Our communities deserve fair maps, not political manipulation.

Emily Delgado
Self
San Antonio, TX

This redistricting proposal is a clear indicator to Texans and the rest of the country that Texas' Republican Lawmakers have lost all independence and will do whatever Daddy Trump tells them to do. Texas' gerrymandering has been out of control for decades, but this is truly a blatant display of fear and power grabbing. Instead of trying to steal the voice of Texas voters, Texas Republicans should focus on making better policies for Texans. Y'all have been in control of this state for over 30 years, and if you fear your policies are so unpopular that the party is going to lose the midterm elections, maybe it's time to take a look in the mirror instead of locking Trump's boots. This attempt at redistricting shows everyone that if you can't win on your own that Republicans are willing to lie, cheat, and steal. Maybe y'all should take another look at those Ten Commandements you so desperately want in schools.

Rob Smith
Self
Houston, TX

I am against this bill, as it will disenfranchise numerous voters across the state of Texas. I urge the congress to limit themselves to the standard of redrawing maps every 10 years.

Shannon Beeler
self - Teacher
Magnolia, TX

I DO NOT approve of these manipulated maps and this attempt to get more GOP seats! What happened to democracy and fairness? It is disappointing to see the state of politics right now. We must resist the urge to create loopholes in democracy and remember what our country stood for. Everything was about checks and balances, we currently seem to have thrown those out a window and replaced it with autocracy. This is NOT ok.

brandi moore
self
McKinney, TX

As a Texas AFT member and public school educator in Collin County, I oppose any mid-decade redistricting that reduces minority voting influence. Our communities deserve fair maps, not political manipulation

Leesa Levesque
self
Austin, TX

Texas is not due for new congressional maps for another 6 years, and it's unacceptable to be redrawing our maps mid-decade purely because the party in power is afraid of losing in the upcoming mid-term election. I would have to drive five hours to get to the other end of the district I'd be in under the proposed maps, and my needs are very different from those of the people who live there. We each are entitled to representatives who will listen to us and can meet with us without embarking on a day's journey. The proposed map would remove my ability to participate in government at all. Texans deserve better, and we can do a lot better than using maps to cheat to win. All Texans would be better served by representatives who work together to face the challenges at hand instead of trying to shut out voters with a different point of view.

Jerry Johnson
Self
Austin, TX

The attempt of Republicans redistricting at this very time is unethical and waste our hard-earned tax dollars.

Abbott put redistricting on a special session agenda is clearly an attempt to STEAL the midterms.

Voted Republican for 40 years, but could never again in good faith when you pull things like this!

How about working on good policies, so you can win, because of that; instead of, wrangling your numbers dishonestly.

Berthine Mason
Self
Spring, TX

Stop trying to STEAL ELECTIONS! Let people vote as they wish without you manipulating the outcome through gerrymandering. Are you afraid that you cannot win without cheating? Voters are not stupid. WE SEE YOU!

Andrew Chastain
Self
Austin, TX

To all representatives considering supporting this gerrymandering effort: you should be ashamed of yourselves. To eliminate the seat of justly elected representatives goes against everything that representative democracy is supposed to be about.

As a Texan, I am extremely disappointed this is even being considered. I oppose this bill's redistricting plan and you should too.

STEPHEN KING
SELF/RETIRED
HOUSTON, TX

This comment is in regard to the bill covering redistricting in Texas. I write it in recognition that it is futile, that it will not prove persuasive, because it is in an appeal to conscience to those who have none; an appeal to fairness to those who believe fairness is a weakness; an appeal to democratic values to those who despise democracy and favor one-party rule through the legal though immoral and unethical manipulation of electoral rules and procedures. That is, Republicans. This new redistricting is a betrayal of the core American value of government by, of, and for the people; note that Lincoln didn't mention party. For that core value, you have substituted raw personal ambition wrapped ih obeisance to your wannabe Dictator (felon and friend of pedophiles) Donald Trump. Still, as a Christian, I was taught that miracles happen, and no one is beyond redemption; and so in that spirit, I'll make the request: Don't pass this bill. Don't redistrict. Thank you.

MARGO MCKINNEY
Self
Odessa, TX

It has become increasingly clear that very few of you actually care what your constituents want as far as redistricting is concerned. I am ashamed to live in a state that when asked by Trump to jump, they put Superman to shame. To those of you with daughters, shame on you for worshipping at the altar of what we used to refer to as a "dirty old man". Please pay attention to what your constituents want. When Trump is gone, we'll still be here. Can you afford to lose a good portion of your voting constituency?

Danny Garcia, Mr
Self/retired
El Paso, TX

El Paso Texas is such a unique place because we encompass not only El Paso but also Las Cruces NM and Cuidad Juarez Mexico. Another area that is and will always be a part of us is Ft. Bliss and all the veterans that have ever served. Our beautiful International airport gets all of us in and out from anywhere in the world. Our local, state and county representatives like Veronica Escobar work endlessly to keep our city safe, beautiful but most of all approachable. El Pasoans love and help each other and we have such a great connection with our surroundings that it would really be a shame and a crime if parts of El Paso we love were being run by other people that don't know what being an El Pasoan is all about. Although there are other great cities in the great state of Texas, El Paso is the Star of them all. We are a welcoming, united, spirited community that will stop at nothing to let others feel welcome and at home. Do what's right by all of us and allow Veronica Escobar, Cesar Blanco and others to do and decide what's best for El Paso. Although all help is always welcome, people that truly get El Paso are best when it comes to deciding what's best for our Trip State Area.

Casey Cunningham
Self
Austin, TX

I am against this unnecessary redistricting. It's an obvious power grab by Republicans. It silences the voices of thousands of BIPOC in Texas and effectively rolls back the civil rights act. Please listen to your constituents.

Melinda Chow
self
Austin, TX

Topic: Redrawing the voting maps and redistricting.

I am against the mid-decade redrawing of Texas voting maps and redistricting.

It is clear that the current mid-decade effort to redraw the Texas voting map is a surrendering of the rights of Texans to the federal government, simply because of the Trump administration. This is blatantly wrong and it must be stopped. Isn't Texas supposed to be independent? Why should we let the federal government tell us what to do in this case, especially since it will be our loss?

If this passes, history will show it as a cowardly step we chose to take to dismantle democracy and move towards fascism. I doubt this is what Texas wants to be remembered for.

Keep Texas independent and resist this capitulation to the federal government.
Thank you.

Stephanie Piland
self
Lago Vista, TX

I have concerns about the priorities of this government. It has the appearance that the focus is on retaining and consolidating power, and not on addressing the urgent needs of we everyday Texans. The proposed plan also looks like an open and obvious attempt to unfairly dilute voting power for minority Texans. I am AGAINST this bill.

Debe Glaze Debe Glaze
Self/Retired
Wylie, TX

We the people demand to be heard and it is beyond my understanding of what is happening to my rights! How can you live with yourselves making this State of Texas what President Trump wants so that We the People aren't represented equally and justifiably?? I never would have thought the elected officials that represent us would cave into a dictators demands. It is scary as hell and my children and grandchildren should not have to go through not having their votes count!! This would completely take their rights away and silence their voices! You must stand for all of us and do the right thing... so not redistricting the State of Texas! You know it's wrong.... stand up for what is right! Take a stand for We The People.

Dutch Hulen
Me
Dallas, TX

This bill is absolutely NOT going to be representative of the Texas residents. This is a blatant grab for power since the GOP refuses to listen to Texans, and doesn't give a care about what we need and want. You guys work for US! We vote you guys in. You want to keep your jobs? Actually listen to the needs of Texans and get out and make connections, so we will vote. This country was built to be a democracy, not a dictatorship. I ADAMANTLY OPPOSE THIS BILL!

Belinda Williams
n/a
Pflugerville, TX

As a Retired IT Professional living in Austin Texas Travis County, I oppose any mid-decade redistricting that reduces minority voting influence. Our communities deserve fair maps, not political manipulation.
I urge the committee to reject this mid-decade redistricting proposal as it directly impacts those districts where Blacks and Other people of color reside. This is an unfair tool to continue with the systematic silencing of the voices and needs of this community.

Sincerely, Belinda Williams

Thomas Mikelson
self, network engineer
El Paso, TX

No clear evidence of need for redistricting mid-decade. Nothing presented that shows large redistribution of population since 2020 census.

Samuel Trevino
Self, library staff
Austin, TX

This is a disgraceful bill that will only further disenfranchise Texas voters. A blatant and unconstitutional power grab at the urging of president Trump to box out the voices of Texans.

Alex Beasley
self
Austin, TX

This proposed redistricting is absolutely disgusting, and I don't know how the bill's authors and supporters even justify it to themselves. I don't think I've ever seen such a naked, anti-democratic power grab in my life.

Close to half of Texas voters routinely vote for Democrats, and this redistricting plan would leave those voters with only 20% of the state's representatives in the House. Moreover, the plan is blatantly, shamelessly racially discriminatory. In a state that is only 39% white, 63% of the state's districts would be majority white, with the number of districts without a clear racial majority reduced from 9 to just 4. Latinos - the majority of Texans, by a tiny margin - would be a majority in only 20% of the state's districts.

I realize that power and control matter to the GOP more than any other criteria, but you should at least try to be more subtle than this. Shame on all of you.

Caleb Paschall
self / Sr. Solutions Analyst
Fort Worth, TX

I am against this as I oppose redistricting. This is an incredibly out-of-cycle redistricting plan and is wrong & an obvious power grab. I believe Americans and Texans deserve fair representation and this redistricting plan does not provide that.

Pamela Young
Self
Fort Worth, TX

Stop this racist mid-decade gerrymander power grab that you all are calling “redistricting”. It is anything but. It is a disgrace. And it is blatantly discriminatory to my Black community. It is 2025. Come out of your racist stupor. God is not pleased with any of you who stand by and support this or let it happen without a fight. God hates unjust scales and this is the definition of unjust.

Laura Boland
Self, cake decorator HEB
Austin, TX

My name is Laura Boland. I am a 5th generation Texan. I was born in Houston in 1969 and have been a resident in Austin since 1987. The proposed redisticting maps in no way reflect true representation for ALL Texans. Our representatives, whether State or Federal level, whether House representatives or Senators, are supposed to represent ALL TEXANS, not just a select demographic. This naked power grab, at the behest of a narcissistic and self centered President who cares nothing for the vast majority of the American people, is a truly shameful action. I am ashamed of all of you who support this bill.

Leslie Ann Allen
Self/retired environmental profession;
El Paso, TX

There are 550 miles between El Paso and San Antonio. An elected representative residing in San Antonio cannot possibly represent the El Paso community as well as an El Pasoan. Just count the number of times the current US House of Representative who represents the far east El Paso County comes and you will confirm this point. As a El Paso resident and voter since 1969, I oppose this bill to send dissect our community's representation and send it 550 miles away.

Karen Horgan
self
Fort Worth, TX

This is an addendum to my previous remarks, but I just read that if this redistricting goes through, Tarrant County would go from having seven representatives to five. That is ridiculous! I am strongly opposed to this!
Tarrant County is the 3rd largest county in Texas. Dropping our representation from 7-5 is unacceptable. We should not be losing representation!
This whole racial gerrymandering power grab is illegal, it violates the Voting Rights Act, and it is unfair to Texans.
I DO NOT want to see Tarrant lose representation and I do not want our maps changed mid-decade without any new census data! Stop cheating.

Collette Hill
Self
Austin, TX

My name is Collette hill and I live in Austin in the 35th Congressional district.

As the saying goes, while I was not born in Texas, I got here as soon as I could. The lore and lure of Texas loomed large in my childhood as my grandmother was born and raised in Nocona, and was proud to be a native Texan.

For her, being a Texan meant being welcoming and hospitable, always willing to set a plate for whomever showed up.

A Texan was always friendly and polite, and would lend a helping hand to any neighbor in need.

A Texan showed grit and gumption, willing to courageously rise to a challenge, especially when those challenges were about doing what was right, fair and just.

A Texan was someone you could count on because they were true to their word, trustworthy, honest and would never cheat.

She was proud to be born and raised a Texan, but if she were alive today, I think this proposal to redistrict Texas would give her pause.

These new maps do not aim to amplify the voices of all, but in fact will silence and repress those in communities of color and those of us in urban areas like mine. In order for a democracy to function, we all need to have a voice in the process. We need accurate, accountable political representation in the House and elsewhere, otherwise we are quite literally inviting taxation without representation.

I’m here to ask you Texan to Texan to reject these unfair, unjust, rigged maps and if they are to be redrawn, to include more communities of color.

If you approve these maps as they are, you do so willfully knowing that you are being dishonest about what Texans really want and you do so willfully knowing that you are cheating. And that, in the words or your colleague Govenor Abbott, is “loser behavior.” Don’t be a loser, be a Texan.

Sherry Marchand
A proud Texas Citizen
New Braunfels, TX

I firmly support Congressional Redistricting efforts to change Five Congressional seats from Blue to RED to reflect the strong Republican citizenry of the area.

Chuck Tanner
Homeowner
Denton, TX

I support the proposed redistricting efforts to improve the business outlook in Texas, and prepare a better life for my 9 grandkids (all Texans)!

Christina Liserio
Self
San Antonio, TX

I oppose this bill!

Heather Buffo
self
Austn, TX

I am against this bill. This redistricting is a politically motivated order handed down from the President through the Governor. It will erode checks and balances nationally, not just here in Texas. It will decrease voter participation and representation. A functioning democracy needs more voices, not fewer. These maps are a betrayal to the people of Texas. We need flood disaster relief and hemp and THC regulation. Not this political circus.

Mario Medrano, U.S Navy Veteran, Firefighter
Self
El Paso, TX

As a Veteran and current first responder I appose the redistricting. Even people who voted republican this year are now figuring out that this administration is not for the people it's for the only minority groups that ate ruining this democracy which is the one percent billionaires. Alot of people are being effected. Who is not being effected? The billionaires, Texans are not Dumb and we know why republicans want this to happen. But rest assure that we will not be quite. Veterans are a minority group, first Responders are a minority group. Minority groups like Latinos and African Americans. None of these groups pose a threat to democracy greater than the Minority Group of Billionaires. So ask the you do the right thing.

Thank You
Navy Veteran
Mario Medrano

Danielle Gilman
Self
Dallas, TX

This is completely unnecessary. My family opposes this bill and redistricting measure. Stop trying to cheat and win the right way. If you believe in what you’re doing and that you are doing right by Texans, we will vote to keep you. Perhaps align yourself with the needs of Texans and we won’t have to vote for an opposing candidate.

Charles Johnson
Self
Dallas, TX

Redistricting should only occur every 10 years which it just did. Our representatives from Texas should not be circumventing our norms just to keep power! Trying to rid our elections for personal gain is not what us Texans put you in office for regardless of party alliances. You represent all of Texans and should be doing so ethically and honorably! I object to you all using our laws for personal gain!

Patricia Smothers
Self
San Antonio, TX

This midterm “redistricting” better known as an illegal power move is against the rule of law and against the promise of free and fair elections. It makes the Republican leadership appear to be just bowing down to outsiders not representing honorable Texans.

Caitlin Bohner
Self - claims adjuster
Austin, TX

I would love if my government represented me. This redistricting does not align with how the majority of Texans feel, please listen to us.

Melinda Bass
self, educator
Austin, TX

How do you call this a fair map? If the situation were reversed and the republicans were in the minority, would you think this map was ok to use? As an educator, I have spent the last 29 years not just educating children, but also teaching kids to do what is right, to be fair, to think of others (not just themselves), and to be honest/not cheat. This map is the opposite of all of those things. We live in a democracy, and that means we listen to other viewpoints, we consider what's best for all Texans, not just ones who vote like us. By rigging the system so you can silence thoughts you don't like, you are disrespecting the Constitution. By letting an outsider dictate how things are done in Texas, you are giving away your/our power and chipping away at the rights we have as citizens. You may not see it this way, but perhaps you can understand if this bill was about something you cared about and knew the odds were stacked against you because the rules benefited the other side. By making these districts that encompass urban, suburban, and rural districts, you are setting our elected officials up to fail. There is NO WAY that someone can represent the best interests of all of those different areas, different people. If you want to redistrict Texas, do so based on fair representation, such as population and locale (no boundary should stretch 350 miles when it is part of an urban area). This is cheating, plain and simple, and I ask you one last question: How do you sleep at night knowing you have to cheat to win/to stay in power?

Sarah Humphrey
Self, teacher
Houston, TX

This is blatant cheating. Districts should not be redistricted outside of census results.

Nancy Gonzalez
self, retired
Shavano Park, TX

Stop this unconstitutional power grab now!! We just had this redistricted and to do so again is an enormous waste of taxpayer money. Put this in the wasteful, useless category with the big beautiful wall.

Elizabeth Gjini
Self
El Paso, TX

Hello, I am writing because I am concerned about the proposed redrawing of the 16th district of El Paso. The new lines cut Fort Bliss out of the rest of El Paso. Fort Bliss generates 20 percent of jobs and 25 percent income and GDP in El Paso County. Moving this to another district may significantly hurt the public who lives in EP. Our city revolves around the military. And this separates them from us.

Joseph Styczynski
Self
Kyle, TX

This is what third-world corruption looks like. The Republicans in congress are a bunch of spineless cowards that need to use underhanded tactics to win elections rather than have a favorable message. Stop the gerrymandering.

Clarice Taylor
Self
Eagle Pass, TX

Redistricting should only be done in a non-partisan manner to ensure that every individual and group is fairly represented in the legislature. Redistricting to empower any particular political party disenfranchises voters and undermines their trust in government. Non-partisan redistricting is supported by a supermajority of voters. Create an independent redistricting committee and make the districts represent the people who live in them.

Michael Apodaca
Chair, El Paso County Democratic Party
El Paso, TX

Members of the Texas House Select Committee on Redistricting -

Last week, I voiced my concerns to this committee about the potential threat to our democratic values and constitution. The plan to redraw the congressional lines without any court order is, in my view, a power grab that serves the interests of a single individual: Donald Trump. This maneuver, devoid of any legal or moral justification, will inflict severe harm on the most vulnerable members of our society, particularly those in Congressional District 16.

This map will not only hurt El Paso County Veterans, but also our entire community. Since 1903, our congressional district has contained most of El Paso County, especially Fort Bliss, Biggs Airfield, and Beamont Hospital. The proposed redistricting plan could disrupt the support and services these veterans rely on, potentially leading to a decline in their well-being. While I am not a veteran myself, our community is considered the veteran capital of the United States. The negative impact of this map on our community cannot be overstated.

Recently, my counterpart, the Chair of the El Paso Republican Party, and I appeared on our local news on a special segment called ABC 7 Extra. While we disagreed on several items, one thing I will agree with him on: we need to get the politicians out of redistricting. He also mentioned that it was unfair that Tony Gonzalez had a district over 500 miles long and would struggle to represent it effectively. And I agree! There is no reason that important facilities like our airport, Fort Bliss, and Beaumont Hospital should be represented by someone so far away who has little connection to this community.

Our veterans deserve the promises our nation guaranteed after their service, and removing Congressional District 16 outside of the Fort Bliss and Beaumont Hospital footprint will be a great disservice to them and El Paso. El Paso veterans deserve a member of Congress in their backyard to assist with constituency services and issues, not one who lives 500 miles away. They also deserve a member of Congress who will vote and support their issues, not one who tends to cut services.

To the members of this committee, I ask for two things:

1) Stand up to this dictator's power grab. You know it's wrong, you quietly said it was wrong behind closed doors, and you know this is not how our nation works.

2) Keep Congressional District 16 with the current map, which includes our community airport, Fort Bliss, and Beaumont, the way it is. The current map allows for a close-knit representation of our community, with a member of Congress who is familiar with our unique needs and challenges. There is no reason someone from 500 miles away should be representing this area when El Paso has always represented it. Maintaining the current map is crucial for ensuring continuity and stability in our representation.

Brittany Yelverton
self - nonprofit
Austin, TX

The League of Women Voters said it beautifully: "Texans have the right to fair and equal representation that's achieved through a thoughtful, transparent redistricting process that allows meaningful public input. Lawmakers should have the necessary information to create legally compliant district maps, protect minority voting rights, and respect county lines, city boundaries, and communities of interest. A rushed 30-day special session packed with unrelated agenda items is not the way to achieve this."

I do not support this redistricting effort, and there is no moral, legal, or legislative legitimacy to pushing through legislation designed to silence the voices and votes of Texans.

Artemio “Art” Hernandez
Self
Brookshire, TX

I support this bill.

Jordan Goolsbee
Self, Software Engineer
Round Rock, TX

As a proud constituent of Texas’ 31st Congressional District, I am writing to express my strong opposition to the current redistricting efforts in our state. The blatant gerrymandering taking place is an affront to the democratic principles that should guide our electoral process. Every Texan deserves a representative who reflects their community's values and needs. I urge the legislature to put people over politics and commit to a redistricting process that is fair, transparent, and rooted in respect for communities, not partisan gain.

ERICA A REDDING
self
Austin, TX

My name is Erica Redding, and I was born in and live in Austin, Texas. I oppose HB 4 because Texans deserve fair maps that reflect our real communities, not mid-decade changes meant to entrench power. Leaders like Jasmine Crockett represent honesty and integrity, and weakening her district silences voters who depend on her voice. As a Texan, I expect our maps to be drawn to serve the people who live here, not to manipulate outcomes or punish strong, honest representatives.

Brett Bushnell
Self
Fate, TX

Please pass this. This was one of the main items for the special session. The majority of Texans want this. Many of the districts represents parts of the state better. This is excellent.

Kerri Brady
Self
Cypress, TX

The State of Texas stood firmly behind its maps in 2021. If the Department of Justice believes the Texas maps are unconstitutional, they must participate in our transparent legislative process for the Committee members and taxpayers to fully understand the issue(s) before adopting revised maps. If they do not, I urge the legislative leaders in Texas to reject their letter and continue to stand by the existing maps until the next round of census data is available or there is a directive stemming from the current lawsuits. Thank you.

Debra Haas
Self
Austin, TX

I have lived in central Austin for 40 years - 32 of them in the same house - and during that time my home has been in three different Congressional districts. From 1987-2003, I was in the 10th district. From 2003-2021, I was in the 25th district - represented not by someone from Central Texas, but from the Metroplex - and the City of Austin was broken into four parts. Neighbors only a few miles away were in a different district, but folks south of Dallas were in the same district we were in. Since 2022, I have been in the 37th District (different, but still not compact), all while living in the same place. The current redistricting proposal is partisan gerrymandering at its absolute worst, and evidence that Republicans are more concerned with representing their own interests (or those of the administration) than they are the people of Texas. I object to these maps and would request that the legislature focus on more pressing issues, like flood relief and prevention, rather than doing the bidding of the RNC.

Wendy kalthoff
Self
Austin, TX

Please do not cut up our districts. It goes by census and everyone deserves a vote.

Jane Yorke
Na
Austin, TX

Against

Kim Desjardins
Self
Austin, TX

I strongly urge the committee to reject this mid-decade redistricting proposal.

As a lifelong Texan and resident of Travis County, I oppose any mid-decade redistricting that reduces minority voting influence.

Texans deserve better than blatant manipulation by one party to silence their fair and equal representation in our government. Our communities deserve fair maps, not political manipulation

maureen zachas
self
Austin, TX

I’m reaching out today, to express my disapproval of Greg Abbott bending backwards for Trump by pushing this redrawing of congressional districts. This is a huge threat to democracy and our right to have our voices heard and represented. If you redraw the already heavily gerrymandered district lines, you will be helping pave the way for Trump to be a full dictator and having complete control over everything and anything that happens. Please stand up for Texans and our democracy and fight back against the redrawing of districts.

Diane Stafford
Self
Cedar Park, TX

Gerrymandering in Texas is wrong and undermines democracy and fair representation, creating significant harm for both voters and democracy. It allows politicians to choose their voters, rather than letting voters choose their representatives. This is wrong and is manipulation of voting results. By favoring one party over another, gerrymandering prevents genuine democratic outcomes and makes elections less reflective of the true will of the people.

Also, gerrymandering harms minority communities, particularly Texas' large Latino and Black populations. Manipulating district lines often dilutes their voting power by "packing" districts, making it harder for these communities to elect candidates who represent their interests. This violates the Voting Rights Act and exacerbates racial inequality in the political process.

Also, gerrymandering increases political polarization by ensuring that elections are decided in the party primaries, where candidates cater to extreme positions to appeal to their base. This leaves voters with fewer moderate options and exacerbates gridlock and division in government.

Lastly, gerrymandering erodes public trust in democracy. When voters feel that their voices are being ignored or manipulated, they become disillusioned with the system, leading to lower voter turnout and engagement. Instead of fair elections, gerrymandering creates a political environment that benefits incumbents at the expense of the people.

To counter these issues, Texas could adopt an independent redistricting commission, which would ensure a more transparent, impartial process that fairly represents the diverse population of the state, restoring trust in the democratic system

Jacqueline Fletcher
self, engineer
Houston, TX

This redistricting is a blatant attempt to devalue the votes of minority Texans. The governor and Texas legislature should pay attention to the people who elected them instead of the wishes of one man in Washington. Time is running out for this level of corruption, and the voters will find a way to make their voices heard. What ever happened to the party of small government?

shannon evans
self
Austin, TX

As one of your constituent members, I am writing to urge you to reject the corrupt redistricting process and all gerrymandered maps.

Governor Abbott is absolutely letting Trump control him while ignoring the real problems in our lives. Please do everything in your power to fight back into put Texans first!

I strongly urge you: reject this process!

Thank you.

Brian Reed
Self
Pearland, TX

I dissent to this redistricting effort. I have no ability to hold elected officials accountable with this constant redrawing of Congressional maps.

Michael Hoff, Retired Superior Court Judge
Self
Athens, TX

Pass the bill

Lauren Hargraves
Seld
Austin, TX

Continuous redistricting has provided an unfair and unjust moving target of representation for Texans that does not reflect the wishes or values of contemporary Texans. It is such a disservice to disenfranchise meaningful representation of all Texans to instead for representatives of the people and politicians to continue in office and hold power over policies that, again, do not represent the wishes of everyday Texans.

Rafael Alicea
Self
El Paso, TX

I need representation from lawmakers in my region, not over 400 miles away. Stop the gerrymandering.

Rhonda McGaughey
Self
Austin, TX

As a life long Texan, first I could not care less about Football, Abbott! What I do care about is people having a voice and your maps take that away! I can not for the life of me figure out what Trump is holding over all of you, or how he berainwashed you or what he bribed you with to bow down to him. Doesn’t that make you feel small? You are cowards! We don’t like cowards in Texas. So stop being sheep, grow a pair and tell Trump to mosey on. He is not Texan and has no business in our state government. Have you all never heard of states rights?

Susan Lippman
Self, retired
Austin, TX

The just-released proposed maps for U.S. House Congressional Districts show that they are designed to eliminate accountability and a fair distribution of representation that should reflect proportionately the values and ideals of the people of Texas. The maps are already skewed dishonestly to disenfranchise the interests of Texans who would reform and recalibrate the current power structure in Washington. The new maps would only exacerbate the naked objectives to concentrate power in an extremist group of representatives whose policy objectives are clearly shown in recent polling to be rejected by more and more voters every day as the true results of the current administration"s policies are revealed. This special session should be prioritizing the needs of everyday Texans, such as flood relief and the ability to receive sufficient emergency warning of weather disasters like the Central Texas Flooding. The push to make our already unfair, unrepresentative, gerrymandered Congressional district maps even more unrepresentative and unfair, should have no place in this special session. I respectfully ask you to vote against HB 4.

Anyra Cano, Rev.
Fellowship Southwest
Fort Worth, TX

Good afternoon, Chair Vasut and members of the committee,

My name is Anyra Cano, and I'm from Fort Worth, Texas. I serve as the Director of Programs and Outreach for Fellowship Southwest. Fellowship Southwest is a non-denominational Christian network that mobilizes churches and Christians to practice compassion and pursue justice.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak today. I'm here because I care deeply about the people and communities that Fellowship Southwest serves, and because we are troubled by the redistricting maps before this committee.

These changes are not about justice or fair representation. They are about imposing power and control, at the cost of silencing the voices of people who have already been pushed to the margins for far too long. The voices of Texans who work tirelessly every day, pay taxes, contribute to their communities, and trust YOU to represent them in decisions that affect their lives.

As one of the pastors of Iglesia Bautista Victoria en Cristo in Fort Worth, I can tell you that our community has built trust in and consistently voted for Representative Marc Veasey, in Texas' 33rd congressional district to represent them. These changes would disenfranchise our community by replacing their chosen representative with one they did not elect.

Texas recently voted to post the Ten Commandments in every classroom. If we are going to display that message, we should take note that those very same commandments tell not to make or worship idols, this includes the idols of politics and power.

Another commandment says, "You shall not steal." Redistricting lines that silence communities would steal their voice, their vote, and their dignity.

God calls us to love our neighbors, to speak for those who cannot speak for themselves, and to care for the marginalized, not to silence those with whom we disagree.

As a Christian organization that walks alongside communities already facing systemic barriers, we urge you to reject this plan. We need maps that reflect the people of Texas, not just those in power, but every family, every voice, and every vote.

Thank you for your time. I am happy to answer any questions.

Sidney Hollingsworth
Self
Austin, TX

I'm horrified that Republicans continue to neglect flood victims and critical disaster legislation in order to push through the election fraud they've been calling wolf about.
The proposed map is racist and unconstitutional. Redistricting should not happen until 2031.

Jenny King
Self; Consultant and Community Volunteer
Dallas, TX

I oppose this gerrymandering action to rewrite certain Texas congressional districts. It is wrong, illegal, and over the top partisan. This action would put my elected US Representative in East Texas despite me living in Dallas. This is not conducive to me engaging with my representative with ease since he or she will reside more than an hour from my home. Resist all of the extreme partisan politics of Washington DC and protect every Texan with a the map Texas's Republicans rewrote five years ago. How has it become so bad if the party wanted this in our recent past? Again, I oppose this blatantly partisan effort to redraw congressional maps in Texas to benefit one party over the other and to further reduce diversity of voices in congress. Thank you. Jenny King, Lake Highlands in Dallas, Texas.

Lauren Thapa
Self-teacher
Buda, TX

I am against the congressional redistricting. It is an obvious attempt to silence the voices of thousands of voters across the state. This is a shameless attempt to support an administration that has abandoned democracy in favor of unchecked power. By redistricting now you are admitting that you are weak, mindless, and unashamed of abandoning thousands of Texans that you are supposed to represent.

Starla Pugh
Self
Austin, TX

Against redistricting

Jessica Black
self - caretaker
Dallas, TX

I am a resident of US House District 32 who is feeling more like a political pawn than a person who deserves to feel safe and secure in their home. I am disgusted by the legislators that began this special session under the guise that they were going to do right by the Texans that recently died in the floods - and are using this time to begin their midterm election cheating process. Do you work for Texans, all of us? Or for a man who is killing America's democracy for his own gain?

Danielle Roselli
Self-teacher
Sanger, TX

I do not support this rezoning of districts. The gerrymandering is out of control.

Eduardo Medina
Self
Converse, TX

Save democracy!

Frances Soto
Democrats
Houston, TX

No redistricting

Leslie Hash, Chairman
Archer County Republican Party
Archer City, TX

Archer County is in FAVOR of HB 4. Please keep Texas RED!

Jeff Webster
Self-retired
Austin, TX

I urge this legislative body to reject mid-decade redistricting as it sets a dangerous precedent which further polarizes our state and country. This body should protect the common good of its citizens and this proposal would calcify our politics into increasingly incompatible factions, making compromise and consensus building even more difficult than it is today. By disempowering my community, you make us less safe and alienated. By resorting to mid-decade district changes at the behest of an authoritarian president and billionaire donors to our governor, you are abdicating your constitutional responsibilities; your loyalties to anti-constitutional forces appear stronger than those to your constituents. Please stand up for decency and fair play. Stand up and do what is right.

Linda Lockhart
Self
Cisco, TX

Please pass map as is!

Elaine Schreiber, Ms.
Self
Georgetown, TX

As a concerned constituent, I urge you to oppose HB4, the current congressional redistricting plan. While I value strong conservative leadership, HB4 undermines the constitutional principle of fair representation and opens our state to unnecessary legal and financial risks.

HB4 disregards significant demographic shifts by diluting the voting power of growing minority populations, particularly Hispanic and Black Texans, who now make up the majority of our population growth. As Republicans, we should be leading on fairness and the Constitution—not drawing maps that could be ruled discriminatory and invite costly federal litigation.

Moreover, HB4 risks alienating the very voters we need to expand our base. Conservative values can win across all communities when presented fairly. Gerrymandering contradicts the principle of local control and makes our party look afraid of competition.

Stand for integrity, constitutional accountability, and the long-term health of the Republican Party. Reject HB4 and demand a redistricting process that reflects the true population of Texas.

Brittany Randolph
Self
Austin, TX

The plans for redistricting the maps in Texas will not be representative of the communities in Texas and should be barred from going beyond the planning stage as it is right now.

Beth Burns
Texas Artists For Democracy
Austin, TX

I remind you that y’all are called Representatives for a reason. And I know you represent your constituents, but you swear an oath to uphold the constitution and the laws of Texas. You represent TEXANS.
As I understand, just weeks ago in the trial over our current map, we swore in court that we employed a race-blind process to draw districts. Now the Governor, per the President, wants yall to say, "Whoopsie, we lied. Time for a mid-decade do-over." But as a rule, Texans aren’t cowards or lapdogs. We don’t just jump because somebody says so. And we certainly don’t debase ourselves and call ourselves liars just because somebody might write a mean tweet. Nor should scrap our hard work because somebody snaps their fingers and tells us to protect their political career at the cost of our own dignity.
I urge you act with the strength of a Representative of the great state of Texas, and leave the map that you swore by alone. For the good of Texans, not Trump. Thank you.

Marilee Hayden
Self
Frisco, TX

Just because you “can” do something doesn’t mean you “should.” The Texas Legislature may technically have the authority to redraw maps mid-decade—but that doesn’t make it right, just, or fair.
When lawmakers push bills that defy common sense and democratic values, it feels heavy-handed. You lose the moral authority to lead. For a party that puts so much emphasis on Christian values and moral character, this move doesn’t feel very Christian—or very moral.
I watched almost all of the redistricting hearings. Over and over again, Democratic legislators asked if maps had already been drawn. And over and over again, Republican leaders—including the Senate and House Chairs—denied knowing about any maps. Now, with the maps released, Rep. Todd Hunter is openly saying they were drawn to achieve political goals. So which is it? Were the Chairs misleading the public then—or just withholding the truth on purpose?
Why didn’t they just admit that maps had already been developed? Was this some kind of strategy—to let the public fume over the secrecy, only to smugly confirm what we all suspected? If so, that’s not just dishonest. It’s manipulative. And it’s exactly the kind of behavior that causes Texans to lose trust in their government.
Rep. Hunter’s words during today’s hearing made one thing clear: this process was never about fairness or transparency. His condescending tone and repeated declarations about the legislature’s “right” to pursue partisan goals show exactly how little regard he has for the people footing his salary. He’s not even pretending this is about representation anymore. It’s about power.
Most Texans didn’t support the extreme legislation passed this year. The only reason those bills became law is because the state was already significantly gerrymandered. Gerrymandering, no matter who does it, is cheating. If you have to cheat to win, you may have secured a technical victory—but not a moral one.
If the public is expressing anger and frustration, maybe take that as a sign. Respect isn’t automatic. It’s earned through actions that reflect the will and well-being of the people. If lawmakers want to be treated with respect, they need to behave in ways that the public sees as “respectable.” Redistricting for political gain isn’t respectable—it’s a betrayal of trust. And so is misleading the public, whether through denial, omission, or carefully worded half-truths.

Juanita Boyd
True texas project
Fairview, TX

Please vote in favor and help pass this bill, thank you

Michelle Gonzalez, Mrs.
Self
McAllen, TX

We are know for democracy and gerrymandering is the opposite of democracy. Please let all our voices be heard.

Jenni Haverda
self - retired
San Antonio, TX

Gerrymandering is illegal, stop trying to dictate the will of the people.

Herbert Turner
Myself
Galveston, TX

I am opposed to the current redistricting efforts.
The proposed redistricting map amounts to a power grab by President Trump and the Republican Party. The proposed redistricting map will dilute minority and low income representation. Furthermore, the plan will be implemented before the 2030 Census and will not represent population distribution,
The proposed redistricting map for example dilutes the 18th Congressional District. The need that are unique to this population may not be adequately represented.
I also think the timing of this proposal. There are other, more critical matters to address. Central Texas just experienced a devastating flooding event with a catastrophic loss of life. I feel that the emphasis should be placed on determining what failed in the response to this disaster and what can be done to prevent another such event. The emphasis should also be placed on recovery. The emphasis on redistricting seems to place the Central Texas flood and its victims on the back burner.
Thank you for allowing me to submit my input.

Fabienne Rambaud
Self
Austin, TX

Extreme gerrymandering is not representative of the population in Texas. I am against it.

Cynthia Fulton
Self
Irving, TX

This desperate gerrymandering is wrong. Leave me & my neighbors alone.

Anita Semien
Self
Spring, TX

You all should be ashamed. You are trying to make our vote not count.

David Nguyen
Self, Student
Pearland, TX

I am a lifelong resident and constituent of Texas' 22nd Congressional District. I write today in opposition to these mid-census political tactics designed to curry favor with those in DC. As a proud Texan, it is a sad day to see our state bending the knee to outsiders. Whatever happened to Texas pride, dignity, and independence?

I strongly oppose the proposed maps. It's baffling that my suburb, Pearland, would be lumped into a district alongside Beaumont, Galveston, and Port Arthur. How does that make any logical or geographical sense? The only explanation is fear and political fragility.

These maps do not serve the people or their communities. They serve the incumbents and the ruling party. I am not writing as a Republican or Democrat, but as a Texan and an American. Once again, my community is sliced and diced in silence for political gain.

If your priority was truly representing the people, we would have fairer maps that encourage competition. If you're worried about losing elections or public opinion, let the voters decide at the ballot box. Don't resort to these cynical political maneuvers to protect your seats.

I promise you, if this bill passes, Texans and Americans will hold you accountable at the polls.

Gerrymandering should be illegal in all its forms. If we truly respect the Voting Rights Act, which protects vulnerable and marginalized communities like mine, we would empower an independent, bipartisan commission to draw fair maps that reflect our communities.

No single congressperson should represent millions of constituents. That is ineffective representation. I've had multiple congresspeople in my lifetime, but have only spoken to one once, and rarely seen them in our community.

If you care about doing what's right, listen to voices like mine who demand fair maps. Maps that represent the real communities that make Texas strong. Don't listen to the swamp puppeteers in DC or the White House dictating what we can do here in Texas.

Let's do this the Texas way—not the Trump way.

Patrick Lopez
self/retired
Austin, TX

I oppose mid-census redistricting. I support compact districts reflecting communities of interest.

Caitlin Gabor
self
Austin, TX

As a resident of Texas I oppose any mid-decade redistricting that reduces minority voting influence as it is not fair for our communities. This is political manipulation and should be stoped dead in its tracks.

Janiece Upshaw
Self - university Associate Professor
Dalllas, TX

Redistribution for any other reason than giving equal voice to the voters of Texas is self-serving to the few who hold the power. As public servants, please carry out your constitutional duties to ensure all constituents are properly represented. Hold yourselves accountable to the people not the party.

Cindy Lopez
Self-HR Director
Austin, TX

The attempt at redistricting is a blatant and shameful attempt to dilute the voices of democracy. Stop the redistricting efforts unless you truly plan to draw them fairly. There's no way I have enough life commonality with a stretch of rural Texas between Austin and Houston to warrant being grouped together. Let's not be ridiculous.

Tanya Priddy
Self / Secretary
Alvin, TX

Republicans should have more faith in themselves. This just shows how you know the democrats have a chance at winning the seats you want to keep. Problem is you are NOT representing the people of this state, you are doing Trumps dirty work and everyone sees it.
Cowards all of you!!! This will be remembered, everything this state is doing will be remembered and will be in the history books, if there are any left after you burn them all.
The world is watching our great country being taken over by a maniac in the white house and you know it. You can't be blind. Stand up for us!!!!! or we will not stand for you. I am against this bill. Texas has always looked bad and now the gerrymandering and stealing and the bending of the knee is really a disgusting look for you but I guess that's what you all want to be. Your families must be so proud.

Daniela Knight
Self. Retired
Austin, TX

Redistricting in our state absolutely needs to happen! The way some districts are drawn are clearly outdated.

Kimberly Orosco
Self, teacher
Colleyville, TX

To uphold the integrity of our democracy, election results must accurately reflect the preferences of the voters, free from any pre-election rigging or undue influence by politicians. True courage lies in competing honestly and allowing the voters' voices to prevail.

Jesse White, Retires
Self
Austin, TX

If my state representatives go along faith power grab, they may win the battle, but they will lose the war! As a moderate Independent voter, they will FOREVER lise the possibility that I will ever vote for a Republican again.

S. Dwyer, Mx.
self, professor
San Antonio, TX

I am horrified by this re-districting plan. As a Texas AFT member and educator in Bexar County, I oppose any mid-decade redistricting that reduces minority voting influence. Our communities deserve fair maps, not political manipulation.

Pauline Bryson
N/A
Austin, TX

I oppose this bill.

MaShonda Birdwell
Self
League City, TX

I do not agree with this!

Cassady Spruiell
Self
Austin, TX

The redistricting you are attempting to pass is based on the idea of creating a republican majority for midterms. Creating districts based on this goal is inherently anti American and takes away the true power of each individuals vote.

Anum Hassan
Self
Mckinney, TX

Strongly OPPOSE redistricting!

Charlotte Miller
Self
Cedar Hill, TX

Stop screwing up people of color lives. Stop trying to take control of how people can vote.

Shante Leonard
Self
Mansfield, TX

I do not agree with the redistricting maps

Chloe Latham Sikes
Self
Austin, TX

Chair Vasut and Committee Members-

I want to register my comments against HB 4 and any of the mid-term redistricting maps put forward this special session. While the proposed maps move my representation to be someone from Austin (proposed US D-37), they move the district of my neighbors to the west of me into District 10, which reaches from West Austin to east of Houston. This is not representation for the people in my community and our needs for our schools, our water supply, our energy sources, our roads, our hospitals or anything else. Moreover, these maps are being hastily handed down and considered outside of the normal process reflective of population changes. In any district representing Central Texas, where I reside, major population changes must be accounted for in the normal process of redistricting following the 10 year Census. No, our current district lines are not perfect. They are reflective of a contested process that remains disputed in courts, but that is where changes should be made as it follows a democratic process. This mid-stream adjustment with new maps handed down from on-high is offensive and affront to our Texas communities who will be stripped of representation - especially communities of color.
Please oppose HB 4.

Thank you,
Chloe Latham Sikes

Kristen Harris, Rev
Self
Abilene, TX

I am against the redistricting. Please, don't do this! I'm a lifelong Texan. I remember when I was in high school watching my dad cry when you all did this back in the early 2000s. My dad was an incredibly conservative man and influential member in the agricultural community as an ag lender, but he was a huge advocate for Charlie Stenholm. Because you people cared more about Rs and Ds beside names, you pushed a dedicated civil servant that cared about Texans out of office. Charlie was so beloved by the people he served you had to CHEAT to get him out of office. Texans are all about individual freedoms and by redistricting to quiet voices you don't want to listen to, you are going against Texas values.

Alicia Overy
Self
Austin, TX

Oppose to the map!

Steve Robinson
Self
Dripping Springs, TX

I support and encourage redistricting to capture demographic shift … alos please purge non citizens from voter rolls.

Jesus Miranda
Self Banker
El Paso, TX

I am writing as a concerned resident of Texas to express my strong dissatisfaction with the recent redistricting process and its outcomes. The redrawn districts do not reflect fair representation for all Texans, and they appear to dilute the voices of many communities—especially those of color and traditionally underrepresented populations.

Redistricting should be a transparent, equitable process that ensures all citizens have an equal opportunity to participate in the democratic process. However, the current maps seem to prioritize political advantage over fair representation, which undermines public trust in our government.

I urge you and the Texas Legislature to revisit these redistricting decisions and to prioritize a more inclusive and nonpartisan approach. Texans deserve a system where elected officials are accountable to the people, not where voters are carved into districts for political gain.

I respectfully ask that you consider the impact of these changes and support efforts to make future redistricting processes independent, transparent, and fair.

Kay Stephens, Dr
Myself
Normangee, TX

Please do not move forward with the gerrymandering of our state. It’s not right.

Kelly Alba
Self - retired
San Antonio, TX

This redistricting mid-decade is not only wrong, it is a blatant misuse of power and sounds a lot like how Texas ignored the law when slavery was abolished in the US. Dems - don’t vote on this - walk - because you know the GOP has turned their backs on doing what is right. Pharisees and hypocrites. A brood of vipers. Where have you heard that before? Oh yeah, Jesus said it. (Matt. 3:7) You can bet he’s saying it now. Shame on you all.

Patricia Cummings
Self
Lorena, TX

I support this bill and the redistricting map.

Kathleen Ramirez
self teacher
Fort Worth, TX

It is important that ALL citizens feel that their vote counts. The last redistricting put my vote in another redistricting that waters down my vote.Now my vote goes way out West. Those people and I have different needs. Rural areas have certain needs that urban areas do not, and vice versa. That Big, Beautiful Bill will not continue to support such things as hospitals. It is already hard to find doctors even in Urban areas that fit our needs. It is important not to dilute votes. There should be consistent representation. We know that the population has exploded, and areas around Dallas and Houston should be represented by people who populate the area, not out in the boondocks. You know as well as I that once you get out of the DFW area it's pretty vacant. Even where I live, there are parts that are incorporated, and people are not living in there.

Aoife Ulker
Self
Austin, TX

Elected officials serve as the pleasure of the voters. Political leaders do not get to pick their voters. This redistricting effort goes against the Voting Rights Act. Vote No.

Arlene Rodriguez
Self
Dallas, TX

. You continue to disregard the real concerns of the constituents of this state. There is still people missing from Kerr county. We are facing one of the hottest summers and our bills continue to go up. This gerrymandering is divided by racial and party lines. You cannot hide this from us, we see it. Please use resources to address real concerns from Texans

Jeffrey Hirai
Myself
Plano, TX

I'm writing about HB 4 regarding congressional redistricting that's coming up on August 1st.

I'm asking you to please oppose any gerrymandering in this bill. Fair redistricting matters because when politicians draw districts to help themselves, it means my vote counts less. That's not right.

Texas voters should pick their representatives, not the other way around. Districts should keep communities together and actually be competitive so representatives have to work for everyone, not just their base.

I know redistricting is complicated, but the basic principle is simple - every Texan deserves fair representation. Please stand up for that principle when you vote on HB 4.

I'll be watching how you vote on this issue. Fair representation is really important to me as a voter.

Thanks for listening.

Jeffrey Hirai

Caroline Limaye
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
Austin, TX

Do not cave in to Trump. Please don’t gerrymander Texas at his request.

Denise Melton
Self, RN
El Paso, TX

Don't gerrymander our state, more, please. If Republicans can't win without gerrymandering, then this is not a representation of the PEOPLE. Stop doing this to us. You are paid by US! We want representation by those we really VOTE for!!!!!

Chelsea Martin
Self
Houston, TX

My name is Chelsea Martin. I am a bachelors prepared registered nurse from Houston, Texas. I honestly don’t know where to begin. The public shouldn’t have to beg the government not to do things that are blatantly illegal. I remember first learning about gerrymandering in MIDDLE SCHOOL. How can you possibly live with yourselves practicing in such a way that even our CHILDREN are watching blatantly illegal movements be passed and implemented against the will of your constituents? How can you wake up and look yourself in the mirror when you KNOW that what you’re doing is wrong? How can you feel good about yourself, feel strong and feel right about suppressing already suppressed communities who are the ones being actively targeted by so much of our legislation? Genuinely—I would love an answer, because right now each and every one of you are the villain in this story. You are the people who will be drawn as caricatures of sheep following a relentlessly immoral leader. You will be depicted as weak, as fearful, as someone who knew their ***ONLY*** way of continuing their position and their practices is to LITERALLY change the rules of a game that is ALREADY spun in your favor. How pathetic is that? How pathetic is it that we the people are pleading with you to do what is right?

What will you tell your children, your grand children, your great grand children, when they bring home their maps to color at home and they say “mom/dad/grandma/grandpa/aunt/uncle/mentor, you’re in the government. Why is my map SO HARD to color in because the shape of the counties is so crazy and weird.”

What will you tell them?

What will you tell me?

What will you tell your maker?

I don’t know what else to say. I shouldn’t have to try to convince a grown person, with such an extremely important position, not to do something that is blatantly and objectively wrong. Please, please don’t do this. Please don’t harm us anymore. Please. Don’t silence us anymore.

Chelsea

Marcia Solmes
Self - retired RN
Cleburne, TX

I support HB4 which is congressional redistricting to reflect what is current situation in Texas. Thank you

Lisbeth Meehan
Self
Plano, TX

Do NOT pass this Bill.

Rebecca McCuistion, Mrs.
Self - operations director
Richardson, TX

It is ridiculous to attempt to pick up extra congressional seats by redistricting at the direction of a demented president. Imagine this were being led by democratic leadership and react appropriately. Be better humans. Reject the insanity. Get an actual platform and win on your ideas and solutions, not by hating and cheating.

Jennifer Guthrie
Self/retired
Dallas, TX

I strongly oppose this bill because it suppresses the rights of the people of Texas to elect representatives who share the values of the community they represent.

Misty Replogle, Mrs
Self
Leander, TX

Texas HB 4 is a blatant attempt to manipulate the redistricting process for partisan gain, undermining the fundamental principles of representative democracy! Rather than ensuring fair and equal representation, HB 4 enables gerrymandering that dilutes the voting power of communities of color—especially Latino, Black, and Asian American voters—whose populations have driven Texas's growth! The bill prioritizes partisan control over constitutional fairness by allowing legislators to draw maps that entrench power rather than reflect demographic reality! This not only violates the Voting Rights Act but also erodes public trust in elections! Fair maps should reflect the people, not protect political power! HB 4 must be rejected!

Tim Rhodes, Mr
self, retired
NRH, TX

YESSSS, pass HB 4. I SUPPORT HB 4 for redistricting. PASS IT.... PASS IT NOW !

Lee Kincaid Wood
Self
Pearland, TX

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the State of Texas engaging in off-cycle redistricting efforts that clearly lack any legal basis and violate the principles of fair representation.

Redistricting is a constitutionally mandated process intended to reflect population changes based on the decennial census. Any attempt to redraw legislative maps outside of this established schedule, without a court order or legitimate census-related justification, is a blatant abuse of power and undermines public trust in the democratic process.

It is deeply troubling that the current effort appears to be motivated by partisan interests, targeting and dismantling districts where elected officials do not align with the political majority in the legislature. This is not democracy—it is strategic disenfranchisement. By selectively redrawing boundaries, the State is silencing voters, particularly in communities of color and urban areas, and undermining the very foundations of representative government.

Texans deserve fair maps. We deserve transparency. We deserve a government that serves all its people—not just those in power. I urge you to stop this process immediately and respect the legal and constitutional norms that protect the voice of every voter.

Cheryl Moore
self
League City, TX

The notion that Greg Abbott is redistricting Texas' voting map due to pressure from Donald Trump ties into broader political strategy rather than a direct command from Trump. However, there’s a clear alignment between Abbott's actions and the Republican Party's broader agenda, which Trump has frequently championed. The redistricting process in Texas, as in many states, is a tool that can be used to maintain political control by reshaping voting districts in a way that benefits the dominant party—in this case, the Republicans.

Redistricting, or "gerrymandering," has been criticized for its role in entrenching partisan power, and this process can be seen as undermining democratic principles. When districts are redrawn to favor one party, it diminishes competition, reduces accountability, and often leads to the dilution of minority voices. In Texas, for example, redistricting has been seen as a way to consolidate power among Republicans in areas where demographic changes—such as a growing Latino population—might otherwise shift political dynamics. The redrawing of maps in ways that specifically target these demographic groups can silence their voting power and lead to outcomes that don't accurately reflect the will of the electorate.

This kind of redistricting is problematic for democracy because it results in "safe" districts for one party, which can discourage voter turnout, reduce the incentive for politicians to appeal to a broad cross-section of voters, and lead to extreme polarization. When elections become less competitive, the representation of diverse voices is undermined, and voters may feel that their votes don’t matter. Instead of voting being a genuine choice between competing ideologies and candidates, redistricting that favors one party over another can lead to skewed results that don't truly reflect the public's political will.

Ultimately, while political figures like Trump may indirectly influence these processes by supporting certain strategies, the broader issue is that partisan redistricting distorts the democratic process, weakening the principle of fair representation and leading to an electoral system that prioritizes power retention over the interests of voters. Thank you.

Brandon Stokes
Self
Dallas, TX

Gerrymandering is wrong. This redistricting is wrong. The map doesn’t begin to make sense, not that it did prior to this either. Gerrymandering silences people’s voices.

Doris Carpenter, Mrs.
Tyler
Tyler, TX

I oppose this because it discriminates.

Misha Lesley, Dr.
Self - Director of Ministry Operations Good Hope Missionary Baptist Church
Houston, TX

As a resident of Texas' 18th congressional district, I strongly oppose HB 4. This proposed legislation violates Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act (VRA) by weakening the voting strength of minority communities.
Texas gained two additional congressional seats after the 2020 Census, because of population growth in Hispanic, Black, and Asian communities—who accounted for 95% of the state's growth. Yet HB 4 fails to create any new majority-minority districts and, in several cases, reduces the voting strength of minority communities. This is not a neutral oversight; but an intentional strategy to cancel the votes of non-white Texans.
The bill is designed to racially gerrymander districts by:
1) Splitting Hispanic, Black and Asian voters across multiple districts to weaken their influence ("cracking"), and
2) Concentrating Hispanic, Black and Asian voters into a small number of districts to minimize their power elsewhere ("packing").
These two practices violate Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act, which prohibits voting procedures that result in the denial or abridgment of the right to vote based on race or language minority status. The racial gerrymandering proposed in HB 4 denies minority voters the ability to elect candidates of their choice, despite clear demographic justification for more inclusive and representative district maps.
This is also strong evidence that race was a factor in redrawing these districts. When race is used as the primary factor in redistricting, it becomes constitutionally and legally suspect. Federal courts have already allowed legal challenges against these maps to proceed, acknowledging the legitimacy of claims that the maps are intentionally discriminatory.
As a resident of Texas' 18th Congressional District, I ask lawmakers to reject HB 4 and adopt a redistricting plan that reflects the diversity of Texas. Congressional maps must be fair, lawful, and representative of all Texans—not manipulated to suppress voices and violate civil rights protections.

Ken Corniello
Self- retired
Allen, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Susan Agiewich, mrs
self
Georgetown, TX

This shows how desperate the Republicans are because they know they cannot win without cheating! They are racist, don't believe in the rule of the majority and inefficient for voters! The Republicans have no morals any longer and do not care about the poor, middle class, working people.. They only want to line their own pockets. The whole world is watching and your horrible policies will be there always in the history books. You know this is unfair and not just.. yet you want your way no matter what. You no longer are good people if you vote for this horrible gerrymandering!

Scott Justis
Self
Humble, TX

Redistricting outside the set precedent is in my opinion illogical at best and dubious at worst. I demand this process be halted immediately by removing this bill for consideration.

Sheree Rose
self
Plano, TX

I am very much in support of HB4 and the proposed redistricting maps.

susan and grant Reading

selves

Dallas, TX, TX

We highly support the redistricting of our state of Texas. It is overdue. This state overwhelmingly supports the efforts of the Trump administration, and its voting districts need to reflect that. Thank you.

MARK NIERMANN, Mr

Self, lawyer

DALLAS, TX

As a US Army Veteran (Bonze Star Operations Desert Storm and Shield), fair-minded, tax-paying Texan, I am vehemently opposed to the blatant Republican power grab in gerrymandering voting districts in Texas to stay in power. MAGA Republicans do not represent anywhere close to the majority of what Texans want for the state and our country - look at any poll. Redistricting simply to stay in power and disenfranchise voters is illegal and undemocratic and is not the country I fought for. And it’s a shame that Trump is brow-beating the Texas legislature to do his bidding. If Republicans (or any party) can’t win elections without tipping the electoral scales in their favor they don’t deserve to be in power.

Staceye Randle
Self
Irging, TX

I come before you not as a lobbyist or policy expert, but as a Black woman, a lifelong Texan, and a citizen who deeply believes in the promise of representative government.

Redistricting may sound like a technical process—but let's be clear: it is a political decision with very real, very racial consequences. When maps are drawn to undermine the voting power of Black and Hispanic communities, that is not just gerrymandering—it is racial disenfranchisement.

We've seen it happen over and over again in Texas. Communities of color that have built political power through organizing and turnout are suddenly split apart or packed into fewer districts. The result is predictable: districts that were once represented by elected officials who reflect the people—Black and Brown leaders who live in, understand, and fight for their communities—are erased or dismantled.

And let's not pretend this is accidental. The districts targeted are not just any districts—they are the ones where Black and Hispanic voters have consistently made their voices heard and chosen leaders who look like them, think like them, and fight for them. The only thing changing is not the demographics—it's the desire of those in power to hold on to that power at all costs.

This process isn't neutral. It's strategic. It's targeted. And it's wrong.

When you strip away the ability of a community to elect someone who understands their needs—who comes from their lived experience—you are saying that our voices don't matter. That our political power is conditional. That our ability to participate in democracy is negotiable.

And I reject that.

I am here to say that Black and Brown Texans will not be quietly pushed to the margins. We will not accept maps that divide our neighborhoods, dilute our influence, and silence our voices. We see what's happening. We understand what's at stake. And we are not going away.

I urge this committee to reject any redistricting plan that weakens the political power of communities of color. Respect our neighborhoods. Respect our voting power. Respect our right to choose leaders who reflect who we are and what we need.

We do not need more hearings that check a box. We need action that protects our rights. That's what democracy demands. And that's what justice requires.

Thank you.

Lowell Bartholomee, Mr
Self
Austin, TX

YOU do not get to pick who you represent. WE decide who represents us. If you're so unpopular that your only recourse is to juke the numbers, then you've lost already. You've cheapened our democracy. This blatant act of toadying up to authoritarian power will not be forgotten. Sow the wind, reap the whirlwind. (That's from the Bible so if you find it offensive, take it up with the Author.)

Hannah Simmons
self employed
Fort Worth, TX

I strongly oppose this undemocratic redistricting process. This would make Texans' voices and votes less meaningful, which is the exact opposite of what our representatives should be aiming to do. Power grabs and changing the rules in your favor have no place in a democracy.

Savvy Cornett
myself
Austin, TX

I am against this bill. It is blatant gerrymandering in an attempt to silence the people's voice in Congress. Moreover, this is a clear distraction from addressjng the real needs of people in this state: affordable childcare, healthcare, and education; and prevention, protection from, and aid after natural disasters such as those we've encountered this year. Please do not support this bill.

Garry Cox
Myself
Dalls, TX

This is an unfair ploy to give the Republican Party more control over the US House of Representatives. I'm 100% against gerrymandering.

Alexandra De La Mora
Self
Austin, TX

This call for redrawing congressional lines is nothing more than an attempt of trump and maga to ensure congressional wins because they know their popularity is dwindling. Texas already redrew congressional lines in 2021 based on census data. HB4 is a blatant violation of the voting rights act and a further attempt to finish the voices and voting power of minority communities. I vehemently oppose HB 4.

Michael Haight
Self, retired
Austin, TX

Do not redistribute until next census then only if required. Your power grab at the expense of the people you are supposed to support is transparent. This bill is a pure power grab at the people's expense.

Valerie Remley
self, retired
Colleyville, TX

Texas has been ordered by the Dept. of Justice to redraw our congressional districts! We are following the law, not emotional partisanship. The fact of the matter is that Texas' population has grown so much in the 5 years since the census, that it no longer represents the population. or it's changing viewpoint. This is not only legal, it is required by the Dept. of Justice! (and Democrats are hypocrites)!

Brenda K Estis, SREC SD15 Committeewoman
Self / Retired / SREC SD 15 Committeewoman
Houston, TX

I support HB 4 and agree with Redistricting Plan 2308.
Populations have changed and it's necessary to adapt our districts to reflect these changes. For too long, the lines have been racially gerrymandered for political manipulation. District lines should reflect COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST, and should NOT be driven by racial quotas or political manipulation. The numbers should reflect citizens only who are eligible to vote; non-citizens and/or illegal immigrants should NOT be counted for representation.

Matthew Chapman
Self - Software Engineer
San Marcos, TX

The outrageous map under consideration splits away my suburban community from Austin, which it is economically and politically attached to, in order to deny my vote. Under a fair map, Austin and its suburbs would be the majority population in three districts, and this map seeks to reduce it from two to one. If this is the plan going on here, redistricting shouldn't proceed at all. It's a blatant attempt to rig the lines to protect Republicans in the midterm election.

Ginger Coffin
Self - environmental engineer for LYB
League city, TX

The core principle of "one person, one vote" is eroded when districts are drawn to favor one party or demographic group over another. This redistricting will result in a representative not truly reflecting the will of their constituents but rather a carefully crafted voter base all to please the current POTUS.
These redistricting efforts have diluted the voting power of minority groups, particularly Hispanic, Asian, and Black voters, by splitting them into multiple districts. This violates the Voting Rights Act and deny voters of color an equal opportunity to participate in the political process and elect candidates of their choice.
Texas has experienced significant population growth, particularly among communities of color, according to The Texas Tribune. However, the state's proposed congressional map would create two more districts with a majority of white residents who are eligible to vote, going from 22 to 24. Additionally, while the state's largest demographic group is Hispanic residents, they would only form the majority in 8 districts under the new plan. This disparity shows a lack of fair representation reflecting the state's changing demographics.
This redistricting effort has a complete lack of transparency, with decisions made behind closed doors rather than through open public engagement. For example, in the recent special session, the proposed map was released only one day before the public hearings.

In summary - as a registered voter and resident of Texas since 1999, I strongly urge my representatives to vote NO on this bill that degrades our democracy.

Joseph Murphy
self
Waxahachie, TX

This is nothing but Racial gerrymandering. Which is illegal under federal law, prohibited by the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment and the Voting Rights Act of 1965. These protections are designed to prevent states like Texas from drawing maps that dilute the voting power of racial minorities.

August Garry
Self, editor
Austin, TX

Stop this naked power grab by Trump to take away Texans' right to fair representation. This map is, on its face, ridiculous. Current congressional maps are still under review by federal courts, and now this bill seeks to further gerrymander the state at the expense of communities of color. Texas should not be redistricted with the explicit goal of finding any way to secure more Republican seats in Congress. Republicans of Texas are so beholden to Trump that they have lost their way as to what's right and wrong. There is no need for this mid-census redistricting other than to silence the voices of Texans living in cities and communities of color. Despite the fact that Republicans have claimed they did not consider race when drawing the existing congressional map, the DOJ now claims that the map is "racially gerrymandered," and Texas Republicans are rolling over and letting Trump call them liars and racists. Using flood relief and emergency preparedness—topics we SHOULD be focusing on—as cover for this attempt to silence Texas voters is morally reprehensible. Our lawmakers should be out there helping their communities at a time like this, not callously sniffing around for ways to grab more power. There will be litigation if this map is approved, further wasting the taxpayers' time and money. I pay taxes so that my state can advocate for my Texan neighbors and help them when they most need it. Not so they can waste time scheming on how to keep themselves and their cronies in power. This map is a transparent and undemocratic attempt to let elected officials choose their own voters rather than work to understand the needs and priorities of the voters they have. Why has the State of Texas, in opposing redistricting litigation, claimed for four years that its current maps were drawn without any consideration of race, only to now flip-flop and expose its yellow belly in response to one DOJ letter claiming the exact opposite? The DOJ letter contradicts sworn testimony of Texas's map drawers—so who is lying? The State of Texas or the DOJ? I thought Texas's elected representatives would have more Texas pride and spine than to let some New York draft dodger come in and tell them what to do in their own house.

Samantha Niekamp
Self, Deputy Clerk
Cleburne, TX

I do NOT support this bill. Anyone with two eyes and a single brain cell can see that this is unnecessary and waste of time and resources. It is nothing more than a corrupt power grab, egged on by our very own President. If Republicans want to maintain their status quo, they should do it through legitimate means, such as connecting with their voters/constituents and showing they are truly working for them, so that they may earn their elections. This haphazard redistricting reeks of desperation from a party that knows the general public is unhappy with them and the things they are doing. They want to maintain their positions so they can continue to push their unpopular agendas, things that only benefit them and the money that lines their pockets. Leave the voting districts alone and actually go out and work for your positions.

William Perry Jr
self
Allen, TX

Although I will be unable to attend the August 1st hearing in person, I wish to express my full support for HB4 and the proposed redistricting map. Recent election results, including President Trump’s victory, demonstrate that voting patterns in several historically Democratic-leaning areas have shifted. These changes since 2020 underscore the need for updated district boundaries that more accurately reflect current voter preferences.

Brien Strelau
self, architect.
Austin, TX

This effort is yet another one to reduce democracy in this country and in our great state by taking away representation of those in the minority. Please kill this bill, uphold your constitutional responsibilities and values, and stick up for what you know is right instead of being a lackey for the most degraded president this country has known. The history books will remember this, and I encourage you to choose the side of decency and righteousness.

Jennifer Cheng
Self, Marketing Copywriter
Dallas, TX

I'm a native Texan, a woman, and a child of immigrants. Despite many of my fellow native Texan friends, family, and colleagues moving away to other states and my fear of simply existing as a woman of child-bearing age in this state, I'm still here. But my will to continue to live in Texas is weakening. Unfair redistricting would be a final straw. If there is no hope of fair representation, there is no hope for Texas. PLEASE REJECT this mid-decade redistricting proposal. This new map makes no sense, and it is a blatant attempt to silence voters, particularly people of color and low-income families. A voting map should fairly represent Texas voters and the candidates they believe should represent them. Please stand on the right side of history.

Diane Fishman
Self
Houston, TX

This bill just takes away Democrats' votes in many counties and is totally engineered to the Democratic process

Devane Clarke
Democrats
Lago Vista, TX

Please break quorum and stop Republican redistricting

Sherry Young, Mrs
Self
Rockwall, TX

I support HB4 for the good of Texas

Janene Pelosi, MPH
Self/Retired
Austin, TX

This is DISGUSTING. The Republican Party has sold their souls to a twice-impeached, 34-times convicted felon and rapist. I want a Congressional Representative who actually represents me. Do NOT pass this horrible piece of legislation.

Tamatha Gauthreaux
Self
Emory, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Zhao Guo
Self
Round Rock, TX

By: Zhao Guo
Asian American Resident, Round Rock, Texas
Date: July 31, 2025

Chair and Members of the Committee,

My name is Zhao Guo, and I'm proud to live in Round Rock, Texas — one of the most diverse and fastest-growing communities in the state. I'm here as an Asian American and a taxpayer who is deeply concerned about this midcycle redistricting process. I strongly oppose this effort.

Let's be clear: there is no constitutional requirement, no legal necessity, and no demographic urgency demanding a redraw of district lines at this time. The only change that's occurred since the 2020 redistricting cycle is that communities of color — including Asian Americans like me — have grown more visible and more politically active.

That seems to be what this process is reacting to.

The Facts:

- Between 2010 and 2020, the Asian American population in Williamson County nearly doubled, growing from 21,312 to over 40,000 residents — now representing nearly 9% of the county's population.
- In Round Rock, Asians now make up over 8% of the population, with continued growth. That's thousands of voters who want — and deserve — to be heard.
- And yet, under past maps and certainly in this redistricting conversation, our community has been treated as a statistical inconvenience rather than a political constituency.

Midcycle redistricting undermines the basic structure of representative democracy. The rules shouldn't change in the middle of the game simply because the demographics are shifting. That's not redistricting — it's resegregating the vote.

This isn't just about Round Rock. It's about whether communities like ours — communities of color, new Americans, emerging voters — are seen as equal participants in the democratic process, or as political threats to be divided and defused.

What We Risk:

- Confusing voters with unnecessary changes to representation;
- Weakening communities of interest by splitting minority populations;
- Reinforcing a narrative that the political system only serves the party in power;
- And inviting future lawsuits that cost taxpayers time and money — just like we've seen in Alabama, Georgia, and North Carolina.

Asian Americans in Texas — and in Round Rock — are organizing, voting, running for office, and raising our families in the communities we helped build. We deserve to be kept whole, not carved apart. We deserve fair maps, not maps drawn to sideline us.

If you believe in democratic fairness, in constitutional order, and in the legitimacy of voter voice, then there's only one option: Say no to this redistricting scheme.

Thank you for your time and for the opportunity to testify.

Paul Kirkpatrick
Self retired
Spring, TX

There is no need to redistrict again. Instead of germandering votes, take care of our Texas county that suffered the devastating floods.

Alex Nguyen
Self
Plano, TX

Stop this ridiculous plan to redraw the district lines. It's a mid decade year and we all see what's being attempted here.

Amy Kaiser
Self
Buffalo, TX

I support HB 4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Bertha Campos, Dr.
Self
Harlingen, TX

I believe it is out of order for the legislature to be called into special session for the sole purpose of gerrymandering districts to achieve political results that will result in skewing election outcomes toward a particular party. The fact that gerrymandering is allowed should not make it acceptable at any point or on a political whim.

Linda Fredrickson
AFT
Austin, TX

The redistricting process proposed in Texas is undemocratic. Once again Republicans have chosen to target Austin and specifically Lloyd Doggett. The plan does not reflect the will of the people,, rather these gerrymandered districts are drawn only to preserve Republican political power. I deserve an equal voice, but the current redistricting map silences me and others in Austin, Houston and Dallas. These are all cities that are dominated by Democrats.
I want my vote to count, and currently Lloyd Doggett is my representative.
You swore an oath to uphold the constitution. Vote “no”

Ruben Alvarez
Self
Arlington, TX

Districts should be created by geographical boundaries not political ones. This type of Redistricting is unfair and actually UnAmerican! STOP CHEATING!

Jennifer Coe
Self retired
Aubrey, TX

This is so unconstititional and just proves that instead of leading, republicans only try to cheat by changing the rules. Since the giant orange Cheeto took over, yall have become dime store villains. We see you. We remember what you do. We will not forget. You’re scumbags. Vote against this or be forever tarred with the orange orangutans brush.

Carol Wetterauer
self
Katy, TX

My name is Carol Wetterauer. I am Precinct Chair for 1122.. Redistricting at this time is for the sole purpose of eliminating Democrat seats in the House. We will not have a fair election in 2026, we will not have fair representation in Congress. This is an affront on our voting rights. Pure and simple, our country is overrun by greed and corruption.
Having canvassed for Lizzie Fletcher's campaign in 2018 and 2022, I spoke with many of her constituents. People appreciate her passion, hard work, and effective legislation. Changing our maps now is a ploy by republicans to control the results of the 2026 election. It is an attempt to remove Lizzie from office. I say let the people of her district make the decision to keep her in office or elect someone else. There are other Democrats currently in office who are also being targeted.
I oppose redistricting and implore our State Legislators to do the same, because it is the right thing to do. We, the people, are supposed to be the ones choosing are leaders, not the other way around.

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Sandra McSwain
Self
Brownwood, TX

Sadly, most Republicans legislators know this redistricting plan is very wrong, and yet they choose to pander to two truly lost souls. They profess to be Christians, but they don't listen to their constituents concerns or needs.

So republicans are going through the motions of having limited public hearings. It is apparent that from their previous actions and by putting HB 4 forward, they are not listening.

Since you have proceeded with this legislation, I urge you to have more public testimony in all parts of the state. Testimony has been overwhelmingly against this legislation and this corrupt map. It saddens me that my representative David Spiller is one of the authors of this corrupt legislation.

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Brian Tasset, Mr.
Rockwall County Republican Party
Royse City, TX

This is Brian Tasset and I proudly have Rep. Katrina Pierson watching over our deep red Rockwall County. I thought this would be a layup, but no-it has turned into a 3-pointer at the buzzer. I don't pretend to know what goes on in the Texas House. Maybe I am incorrect or just naive, but as a man, I am ashamed to see a lot of the male house members behaving like little boys, sucking their thumbs and crying for mommy. One of the handful with guts and courage is Rep. Brian Harrison. Where have all the good Republican men gone? I hope over the weekend, we can stop sipping on Jim Jones' koolaid and do the right common sense thing and easily give us the 5 seats.Once again, I plead with a lot of the men, like House Speaker Burrows, to grow a spine and finally stop the Democrats from kicking sand in most of the Republican men's faces. Take care…Brian Tasset

Ethan Waterman, Rev
myself.
Austin, TX

These redistricting lines are textbook gerrymandering to reduce the democratic voice in the state of texas. Without proper representation to it's people, the government of texas is no different than the English before the start of the American revolution. If you want our tax dollars, then we require proper representation.

Jake Valdez
Self
Houston, TX

This is illegal and just a ploy to shut out people of color from having the voices heard through voter suppression.

Glynis DeMone
Self
Saginaw, TX

I’m writing to strongly object to the current redistricting process in Texas. This is not just about partisan lines, it’s about basic fairness, representation, and trust in our democratic system.

Texas is not a one party state. Our electorate is diverse and growing more so every year. Yet the current map deliberately dilutes the power of millions of voters. The number of Democratic seats is not even remotely proportional to the number of Democratic voters. That’s not democracy, it’s manipulation.

Even beyond fairness, the blatancy of this corruption is alarming. Voters see what’s happening. And ironically, the more openly these tactics are used to silence opposition and rig outcomes, the more people (especially young people and independents) are being pushed to the left out of sheer frustration. In the long run, this short-term power grab may cost more than it gains.

We deserve a system that reflects the will of the people, not just the interests of those drawing the lines. I urge you to reject maps that entrench minority rule and ignore the political realites of this state. Let Texans choose their leaders, not the other way aroud.

George DeVine
Self
Pearland, TX

Texas Republicans have held all the statewide offices for years, and it is time that our Texas House, Texas Senate, and Congress elected officials reflect the overwhelming Republican base of voters throughout the state. The coalition districts created to keep Democrats like Al Green in office are not only unconstitutional, but they also disenfranchise the Republicans in those districts. I have personally witnessed how Al Green, CD9, has ignored voters in Brazoria County, which was given to him after the 2020 census redistricting. He does not reflect the demographics of voters in this district, which is a travesty. Ending coalition districts in Texas would go a long way in keeping Texas Red and maintaining Texas values.

Sherri Hammack, N/A
self; recovering bureaucratic - over 40 yrs as systems change agent within Health & Human Services
Austin, TX

The redistricting tactics are clearly intended to suppress an equitable distribution of voters across Texas. Between this tactic and voter suppression through limiting allowable ids (no student ids) and other rules (re-registering when moving in Texas) and no on-line registration make Texas 'behind the times'...NOT 'Texas tough'...it's 'Texas stupid' - and I don't think Texans are stupid. Quit making us out to look that way through shady, under-handed politics!

Fred Tate
Self
Colleyville, TX

I am a Republican activist, treasurer for 3 county gop parties and retired treasurer of RPT. I am also a 3 time appointee of Governor Abbott and have been confirmed by the Texas Senate 3 times.

I am writing to express my support for the redistricting in order to expand GOP Representation. GOP districts Nationally under represent the GOP national Majority. The GOP is intentionally under represented in Congress due to Blue State Gerrymandering. We cannot change the maps in Illinois, California, and other blue states. Texas can offset this under representation. Texas should draw maps in the same manner as the blue states as a matter of national fairness. I was once told elections have consequence. We have a right draw districts in a partisan manner.

Linda Graham
Self
Plano, TX

This effort to redraw districts outside the normal timeframe goes against what most Texans believe. It's a blatant power grab by one party to unfairly limit proper representation, particularly in certain parts of the state. We all deserve the opportunity to vote for representatives that properly reflect our values and the needs of the people in our districts. Do not allow a corrupt party and its leaders to highjack Texas voters for narrow personal gains and power. All people deserve representation. DO NOT redistrict!

Karen Clark
Self, retired
Richardson, TX

I currently live in Texas Congressional District 32. I am opposed to the proposal that it be changed from a fairly consolidated area of Dallas and Richardson into an area that sprawls all the way to east Texas. This type of redistricting rips away the voice of a community. Redistricting designed to dilute the voice of a community for the purpose of gain for a political party is wrong. Please vote against redistricting.

Sandra Jacques, Miss
Self
Houston, TX

I am against the re district ion plan. Leave things as they are! It is not fair to do so for more power grab.

Dorothy Knight
self
Dripping Springs, TX

This redistricting attempt is a scourge upon the rights of the citizens of Texas. We deserve the right to fair maps that do not illegally use the populations in current districts to change their representation without a fair process that involves the citizens of the state!!!

Naudia Johnson
Self
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose House Bill 4 as currently proposed. This bill represents a blatant attempt at partisan gerrymandering designed to manipulate the electoral process for political gain, not to ensure fair representation for the people of Texas.

Texas is one of the most diverse states in the country, with rapidly growing Black, Latino, and Asian populations. However, HB 4 fails to reflect this demographic reality. Instead, it redraws congressional maps in a way that weakens the voting power of communities of color, particularly in South Texas, Austin, Houston, and the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex. By targeting minority-heavy districts currently held by Democrats, the bill dilutes the influence of voters who deserve full and fair representation in Congress.

Moreover, the process behind HB 4 has lacked transparency and accountability. The maps were released suddenly, with minimal public notice and no opportunity for robust community input or meaningful debate. This approach undermines trust in our democratic institutions and disrespects the right of Texans to participate in decisions that directly impact their representation.

HB 4 also runs afoul of the principles set forth in the Voting Rights Act, which prohibits redistricting efforts that result in the disenfranchisement of minority voters. The proposed maps appear to prioritize partisan outcomes over compliance with federal law, and they invite costly legal challenges that Texas taxpayers should not have to fund.

Redistricting should be about fair representation not partisan advantage. Lawmakers should be drawing maps that reflect the actual population and its interests, not using the redistricting process as a political weapon. I urge members of the House Select Committee to reject HB 4 in its current form and instead develop a map that respects the will of the people, protects communities of interest, and upholds the integrity of our elections.

Texans deserve a democracy that works for everyone not just for those in power.

Celia Hernandez
Self - teacher
Laredo, TX

This is wrong on so many levels. How does this represent all Texans? It doesn't. Why are you pretending this is a great idea? Cheaters never prosper, and Texas will certainly fail to prosper if these redistricting cheaters get their way. VOTE NO!!! NO REDISTRICTING!!!

Joy Boykin
self
Austin, TX

I do not support the redrawing of Texas' congressional map. The redistricting is an example of gerrymandering and does not rightly nor fairly represent the voting population of Texas. The current map is still being debated in courts and the proposed map only exacerbates the issue.

Rita Wilson
Myself
Fort Worth, TX

I am astounded that you are trying to completely keep any minority votes from counting! You do realize that this is totally racist and illegal. The districts in Texas are already so gerrymandered that the votes of the people are severely compromised. You must not vote this map in. The people of Texas are against this. Remember, the voters choose you - you do not choose the voters!

Lauren Osborne
Self
Austin, TX

I strongly and vehemently oppose this bill. Redistricting in the middle of the decade simply because the person sitting at the top of the federal government's executive branch asked Texas legislators to 'find new seats' is an absolute perversion of democracy. This is a shameful power grab and I know that the Texan legislators who brought this bill forth would never, ever have agreed to a similar proposal if it had come from any other political party. This is also a despicable perversion of the separation of powers. The legislative branch should not bow down to the will of the head of the federation's executive branch. Texan voters can easily see this for what it is: a cowardly move by people who need to resort to cheating because they feel they can't otherwise win elections. I hope that Texan Legislators will pay more attention to the very loud signal their constituents are sending about this move instead of doing the bidding of a convicted felon. Please, please, please come to your senses and do not support this obviously anti-democratic bill.

Maureen Leehey, Dr.
Third Act
Houston, TX

I am against redistricting Congressional districts.

Redistricting was just done in the 2021 session, and an unresolved lawsuit regarding that process remains. That lawsuit needs to be decided before any further action is untaken. Redistricting now will result in more legal challenges and costs to taxpayers.

There are many other more important issues that should be prioritized. These include flood emergency relief and warning systems, natural disaster preparedness, reducing property taxes, funding water projects, eliminating the STAAR test, and protecting children from THC. A thirty-day session is not enough time to fully address all the state's priorities AND the complex task of redistricting.

Manipulating maps will erode voter confidence and call into question the results of the 2026 midterms. Redistricting in Texas could result in similar counter-efforts to redistrict in other states, resulting in more legal challenges and controversy.

Redistricting is fundamental to election integrity, voter confidence, and voter participation. Voters deserve a thoughtful, fair, and transparent redistricting process that gives every community an equitable voice through their vote.

Kardal Coleman, Chair
Dallas County Democratic Party
Dallas, TX

Chair, Members —

My name is Kardal Coleman, and I'm the Chair of the Dallas County Democratic Party. I'm writing today out of conviction and as a witness to injustice. I am unequivocally against this mid-decade redistricting process. It's not only flawed — It is fraudulent.

This process has lacked transparency from the beginning. There's been no genuine engagement with the communities most impacted and the results speak for themselves. Demographically, Texas does not look like it did in 2010. Dallas-Fort Worth has grown. It's become younger, more diverse, more dynamic. But, instead of drawing maps that reflect that progress, this legislature has chosen to draw lines that deny it.

Your proposed map was not created to represent people — It was designed to dilute power, silence emerging voices, and protect incumbents.
Let's be honest: You could do the right thing. You should do the right thing, but if history is any guide — you won't. Instead, you are attempting a political power grab that puts people's lives and representation at risk. This racial gerrymandering is not just bad policy that ultimately threatens our democracy.
I pray that you find the courage to do what is right and what is just. Reject and remove this proposed map for the good of every Texan.

May this truth set us all free.

Rebecca Smith
Self/attorney
Austin, TX

What the Texas Legislature is doing with redrawing the electoral maps mid-decade is disgusting. I already felt unrepresented in state and federal government due to the way the current maps are drawn. And why do they need to gerrymander the maps? Because they know they can't win unless they rig the game. I am so tired of living under an amoral, spineless, corrupt government. I rue the day I moved to this state nearly 20 years ago. I came to attend the prestigious UT Law School and then stayed because I liked Austin. But with the state government becoming more and more draconian, trying to take away cities' ability to have any local control, I have come to hate living here more and more. Don't worry; I am fortunate to have options and have thought of moving several times; I just love my friends here. That's the only reason I've stayed for this long. I feel sorry for all the people who don't have the option to leave. Anyway, I know the Legislature is going to do what they want to do, no matter what I say. Because they obviously don't want to give me a voice. That is why they're redrawing the maps.

Cass Bailey
Self
Corpus Christi, TX

This is beyond ridiculous and should not be happening! You're so concerned that you have to cheat to get votes. Not happening on our watch!

Ann Jaycox
Self
The Colony, TX

Vote NO to redistricting! Rather than manipulate the electoral map to maintain Republican control, EARN votes through listening to, working with and meeting the needs of your constituents. Convince us why you are the best candidate for the existing districts. Vote No!

Sarah Berman
Self enterprise sales
AUSTIN, TX

This is terrible! I am AGAINST this. Please do not allow republicans to cheat their way into winning elections.

Precious Olayinka
Self
Forney, TX

Good evening Honorable Representatives,

My name is Precious Ayomide Olayinka. I know what you are thinking immigrant so you may have tuned out but and I am a constituent of Brandon Gill in Congressional District 26. I am a Nigerian Immigrant who obtained my citizenship in 2017 so I matter. I have lived in Texas the majority of my life so please I implore you to vote against House Bill 4.

You see, my birth country, Nigeria, claims to be a democracy but it is run like an authoritarian oligarchy. Many people are disenfranchised and suffer from the decisions coming from only the wealthy and powerful. My parents ran away from this injustice and inequity in 2006 but with HB4 being passed it may seem as if their efforts were futile.

HB4 silences and disenfranchises people of color in Texas. This kind of gerrymandering is highly racist and manipulative. This could limit voter turnout and destroy bipartisanship in Texas. This is why you should vote against HB 4.

This special session should be used for more pressing matters like increasing funding for national weather services so what happened at Kerr county will not replicate itself but instead we are discussing why you should not disenfranchise millions. Please think about the dangerous precedent you are making. The educated know what you're doing and trust it will backfire. In addition quote on quote compacting is what Representative Hunter used to describe packing but we all know it's the same thing as incorporating the 3/5 compromise. Vote no on HB4. Thank you!

Stephanie Moody, Mrs
Homeowner and taxpayer, self
Temple, TX

I do not support gerrymandering

Sheila Spence, Ms.
Self
Killeen, TX

This is blatant racism. Blatant authoritarianism. Not even hiding the corruption. This is wrong. You may get away with this now but people of all races and political affiliation are waking up. You will be voted out. Stop. Listen to the people.

Angela McWilliams
Self
Richardson, TX

Currently Democrats only make up 34% of the state's Congressional Delegation. This means that Democrats are already underrepresented and the new maps would worsen the disparity. partisan gerrymandering, racial gerrymandering, intentional race discrimination under the U.S. Constitution, or violations of Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act.

David Stein
Smith County Republican Party/self
Tyler, TX

I am in full support of the proposed redistricting. The population in Texas has shifted dramatically over the last five years and I am in favor of this bill passing as is.

Nicki Goldberg
Self
Hutto, TX

It's time to stop gerrymandering

Meredith FERGUSON
Self
austin, TX

Here’s a strong, sharply worded version of a 3000-character comment that lays into the corruption of Texas government & their deference to Trump, while keeping the tone professional enough for public comment submission:

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Suggested Comment (approx. 2,750 characters):

I’m writing today not out of hope, but out of exhaustion—from watching the Texas Legislature continue its pattern of shameless self-dealing under the guise of “redistricting.” This is not about representation. It’s not about democracy. It’s about power—retaining it at all costs, even if it means disenfranchising millions of Texans and making a mockery of the democratic process.

Texas leadership has increasingly become a national embarrassment: a state government captured by political extremism, beholden not to the will of the people, but to the cult of Donald Trump and the desperate attempt to stay in his favor. This redistricting effort is yet another chapter in a long story of authoritarian creep, where officials weaponize legislative tools to punish political opponents, silence minority communities, and rig outcomes before voters even step into a booth.

The GOP in Texas has stopped even pretending to play fair. You draw districts not to reflect the reality of Texas—which is urban, diverse, and rapidly changing—but to insulate the rural white minority and prop up a dying political order. It’s cowardice, dressed up as procedure.

Let’s be honest: this state government doesn’t care about fair representation. It cares about permanent one-party rule. Gerrymandering is your insurance policy—a backdoor to minority rule in a state that is increasingly rejecting your politics at the ballot box. You stifle student voters, criminalize activists, & demonize immigrants, all while gerrymandering away their voices. These aren’t the actions of a confident party. They’re the acts of a party in decline, desperately clinging to power.

What makes it worse is the hypocrisy. Texas politicians love to talk about freedom, yet systematically take it away from those who disagree with them. You rail against federal overreach, but bend over backward to imitate the language, posture, & culture-war distractions of a man (Trump) who is under indictment, whose respect for the Constitution is non-existent, and who incited an attack on American democracy.

Your loyalty is not to Texas—it’s to Trump, to far-right donors, and to political survival. And your redistricting efforts reflect that: cynical, exclusionary, & corrupt.

I urge every ethical member of this body—if any remain—to reject this process until it is truly independent, transparent, & voter-centered. End the gerrymandering. Return power to the people. Stop using maps as weapons against democracy.

Texans are watching. The country is watching. History is watching.

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Let me know if you want it spicier, shorter, or referencing specific court cases, racial impacts, or voter suppression tactics.

Amy Gibbs
Self
houston, TX

When people ask me why I choose to live in Texas, I always cite our diversity. I believe this to be one of our greatest strengths. If we're going to make changes to CDs, it should be to lift up our diverse population, rather than trying to create Anglo-majority districts that don't appropriately reflect the makeup of our communities. I am proud to have grown up in Euless, graduating Trinity High School in 2004. At the time, it was one of the most diverse schools in the nation. I learned more about the world from my friends around the lunch table, representing multiple different races/ethnicities, income levels, families who have been in the US since its founding to recent immigrants, and at least 5 different religions, than I have in any classroom. After several years away from TX, I returned to live and work in Houston. After 10 years, I have put down roots here, making it my home. The diversity in Houston is one of the most exciting and special things about the city. While the mid-decade redistricting is wholly unnecessary, if this is a step we're going to take, the proposed map misses an opportunity for TX to become a leader in creating districts that are truly representative of our population. The way some of these districts have been cracked, packed, and shifted dilutes the voting power of some of our most marginalized communities, which are also some of our largest populations.

I was disturbed to learn from Rep. Crocket's this morning that the new boundaries mean that she, and several other current members of Congress, would be living outside of the districts they represent. It was also shocking that this was new information for the Committee. As a resident of CD18, this is deeply concerning. We have gone without representation for over 260 days since Rep Jackson Lee passed. We'll finally have the opportunity to vote for Rep Turner's replacement in Nov. We don't know who will be elected, much less where they live. I fear that we'll vote someone in 2025 who may not live within the newly drawn boundaries. After only a year, we would have no choice but to vote for yet another candidate. I can't stress the importance of having at least the opportunity to vote for continuity, after such a lengthy vacancy. CD18 is home to some of Houston's most vulnerable populations, and the lack of representation is an injustice.

Finally, the timeline for this process is inappropriate. If this were truly a need, rather than acting on the wishes of the President, the legislature would be working much more slowly and methodically. The rationale behind this is quite transparent, but the opaqueness of the process is shameful. To have a hearing only 2 days after the maps, which Texans did not draw, and then likely rush it to a vote in a truncated special session is simply wrong. If it was not important enough to even be introduced during the regular session, then it certainly shouldn't be happening now, especially on the heels of the Hill Country flooding.

Alejandro Mier
Self
Houston, TX

I am against redistricting . My district 18 has been represented by leaders like Barbara Jordan and the late Sylvester Turner, people who stood up for us. Now Abbott is trying to erase all of that by redrawing the lines and handing our district to someone who doesn’t represent us.

Louisa White
Self author
Austin, TX

I oppose this bill.

Laurie Leferink
Self
Houston, TX

NO

Bess Siritanapivat
Texas AFT
ROUND ROCK, TX

As a Texas AFT member and public educator in Travis County, I oppose any mid-decade redistricting that reduces minority voting influence. Our communities deserve fair maps, not political manipulation."

Samuel Mortimer
self, architect
dallas, TX

The proposed maps for Dallas (and the rest of the state) and a blatant attempt to push out the minority voice of Democrats from state politics. I am 100% opposed to this proposal.

Cynthia Crowell
Collin County GOP
Dallas, TX

I support HB 4

Anna Diaz
Self
George West, TX

Im conservative - i am in favor of redistricting- when Dems are in power they do it all the time and see how they hv destroyed our republic - it is way past time for true republican patriots to get Texas back to conservative common sense governing.

S Lynn Niesen
Self
San Antonio, TX

Stop this from happening! Stop giving Trump what he wants. Protect our local elections from all this gerrymandering!

Tammy Fotinos
Self. Consultant
Austin, TX

I am very opposed to this move to reset distric maps outside of the normal post-census process. This is a blatant power grab by one party to have control. It is not who we are as Texans or Americans. The political divide has become toxic and to do this only adds to the toxicity. The lines drawn make districts that are not representing. Rural needs are different from urban needs and our maps should reflect that. Please do not do this.

Elsa Solorzano
None
El Paso, TX

I oppose the redistricting of Texas!

L. Zeidan
Self
Austin, TX

Elections no longer represent our voices. With this you are amplifying the voice of the governor and his party and stomping on the rest of us. Maps are supposed to be drawn every 10 years, now to suppress us you are creating maps to count only those votes you like. This is not democracy. Texas has been an autocracy for many years where the rich get richer and the poor poorer. Once again you are proving you only care about staying in office to serve yourselves.

Hamilton Richards, Mr.
self, retired
Austin, TX

I strongly object to this proposal to gerrymander Texas's US House districts to increase the MAGA party's margin in the 2026 election.

Redistricting is supposed to be done after each decennial census. Redistricting at other times is illegitimate, and clear evidence of its proponents' well-grounded fear that they cannot win fair elections.

Vaughn Mathias
USAF VETERAN
Austin, TX

“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,
Vaughn Mathias
Veteran, USAF
Member, Common Defense
Austin, Tx
78739

James Fletcher
SELF
Houston, TX

We see how scared you are, it's beyond clear that Republicans have to cheat to win. Instead of representing the wishes of your electorate, you'll rubber stamp this farce as instructed by a New York con man. If you had any dignity left, this would surely hurt it.

We're sick and tired, and we will not be silenced.

See you in November.

Delaney Herman
Self - social worker
Buda, TX

You guys are so scared of losing that you have to cheat to win?? Losers

Aleia Schurtz
Self
Austin, TX

Please do not vote for redistricting as it is gerrymandering and unfair!

Steve Fossler
self
Bastrop, TX

Gerrymandering is UnAmerican. What the republicans are proposing is deeply disappointing. If you guys keep this up I am switching parties and will no longer support you with my time or money and especially my vote. Y'all backing a pedophile like trmp is disgusting. Shame on you

Diana Duron
retired
El paso, TX

I reside in El Paso, TX and my city is close to Juarez, Mexico and Las Cruces, new Mexico. My neighborhood is close to Fort Bliss Installation, 2nd largest military installation in the country. My city's population is 680,000 a 0.7% decrease since 2020. My city's main ethnic groups in El Paso comprise of 81.4% Hispanic, 12.8% White and 3.2% Black.
Seventy percent of El Paso speak Spanish making it one of just 22 U.S. cities with more Spanish speakers than English speakers. The Medium income is $54,000 so it is relatively poor with a poverty rate of 23.4% (national average)
What I would like to add is no one has been harmed more by map manipulation and voter suppression than our El Pasoan community. Because we also are in the far corner of the Texas map we are easily forgotten and ignored to be represented by the State, in the ballot box and in Congress. Our State House of Representative districts are #75-79 and our Congressional Districts are #16 and 23. In addition, it has taken a Latina Congresswoman to be our voice and dour representative for our city to be heard and seen.
I am deeply concerned about the deep division in our country. Gerrymandering and map manipulation continues to increase in our State with the cultural and political divide worsening by disenfranchising the minority population. This was "Evident" during the 2020 election when the Governor refudeced the curbside ballot boxes to one per county which disenfranchised counties like Harris County with population of 4.713 million back then especially affecting Black and Minority votes. Our city, El Paso had one curbside ballot box. The attempt to gerrymander and do a map redistricting occurred in 2021 to make it even harder on future elections for the Black and Latino voters and Republics were looking at removing districts to make it easier for the Conservative to gain votes. NOW it is happening again in 2025 (four years later because the man in the WH is mandating Gov Abbott to do it again and gain more red seats).
You want greater transparency, disclosure, accountability and public input for the people of Texas??? Then…
*Don't draft maps in secret backroom conferences with privately hired lawyers and a few select legislators. Open the map drafting process to the general public. Show us the maps!
*Give ample opportunity for public involvement, including advanced notice for any public hearing, not the last minute
*Give public at least 5 days to review any privately drawn maps after they are disclosed.
*Public input on any map proposal should be taken seriously and should be reflected in the maps. Brazen pursuit of partisanship does not give the Legislature a legality to exclude public input on the maps, especially input from communities of color. We are not living in the Jim Crowe era even though Republic.I expect legislators to follow the Voting Rights Act and NOT discriminate against people of color
thank you for your time.

Greg Sells
self-federal employee
Austin, TX

The newly-released map is just what I was expecting: five more Republican seats for Trump, Democrats cracked and packed into a handful of urban districts, and most districts too spread out to represent real communities of interest. A sane person would not accept redistricting any other time but after the census. It is way past time for an independent commission to take over redistricting from the Legislature.

David Buggs
Self
Leander, TX

As a public school educator in Cental Texas, I oppose the mid-decade redistricting map proposal because it is not showing fairness, equality and representation for all Texans.

Debby Whisenand
Self
Amarillo, TX

The Republicans have already cheated in the last district that were drawn illegally. Republicans do not play fair. They do not follow the law. They do not tell the truth and they're doing everything they can do to cheat. Redistricting already gerrymander districts is a horrible idea.

Samreen Khan
Self
Dallas, TX

This redistrictinf plan is a bad faith effort to dilute the power of Texans votes. It does not make any sense for Texans to be broke into districts that are so disparate from their nearest neighbors and community. This is an absolute sham.

Annette Morales
Self
El Paso, TX

I oppose HB 4, Texas’s proposed redistricting bill, which seeks to redraw congressional boundaries mid-decade without population data to justify it. This maneuver prioritizes partisan interests over voter equity and threatens the voices of communities of color.
HB 4 was introduced without public input or transparency, eroding trust in the democratic process. It fragments long-standing districts and undermines fair representation—violating the principle that every vote should count equally.
Texans deserve maps shaped by facts, not politics. Redistricting should protect communities, not divide them for advantage. I urge lawmakers to reject HB 4 and restore public trust through a fair, inclusive process that reflects the will of the people.

MaryAnn Reynolds, Ms.
Self, healthcare
Wimberley, TX

I oppose mid-decade redistricting, for the sole purpose of re-gerrymandering the already heavily gerrymandered districts in place in the state of Texas. Looking at the map, it is obvious that the purpose is to weaken the representation of the majority of people who live in the major Texas cities. It’s just a matter of time until Texas swings blue in response to this kind of injustice.

Angela Munoz
Self
San Antonio, TX

I am against this due redistricting procress and you should not be doing this. I do not want to see this go forward. Do the right thing, the humane thing by us Texans.

Cole Weaver
Self
Cedar Park, TX

I am strongly opposed to the mid-census congressional redistricting. This brazen move by the Governor and the Department of Justice to increase Republican representation in the U.S. House by taking it away from communities of color is blatant racial gerrymandering.

I would like to start by saying that the most important thing for this Committee to do is to respect federal and state law, including the Voting Rights Act. None of my testimony should be used by the legislature to justify diminishing the ability of a minority group to elect the candidate of their choice or artificially distorting maps for racial or partisan purposes.

The legislature is misplacing its priorities by focusing on an abnormal mid-decade redistricting process, right as the state reels from the tragic loss of so many lives from recent floods. Texans should be seeing caring consideration from their government, not increasing the number of Republican districts at the costs of communities of color. This is not about partisanship. This is racial discrimination.

I am also vehemently opposed to the silencing of pro-working class congressmen by having their seats eliminated in the proposed maps. Some of the seats that would be lost have done wonders to represent the interest of everyday Texans, as well as being firm allies to hardworking labor organizations. It is wrong – and unfair to all Texans – to have politicians choose their voters instead of earning their votes.

The State of Texas has a very long history of discriminating against voters of color in their racial gerrymandered maps. The State has violated the Voting Rights Act or intentionally discriminated against voters of color every decade for the past 50 years. We don't even know if the process that the state used in 2021 meets constitutional muster and if the maps that were passed uphold federal law. It is not okay for the Legislature to use mid-census redistricting to hold up our maps in court indefinitely, preventing these communities from ever seeing relief.

This redistricting proposal is not just a political maneuver—it's an existential threat to representation, resources, and rights for Black, Brown, Indigenous, immigrant, and working-class communities. When maps are manipulated, it distorts the very foundation of democracy. It silences the voices of those already struggling to be heard. This is not a fight about political parties. It is a fight about political power and who gets to wield it.

To quote historian Carol Anderson, "The racial gerrymandering in Texas is so institutionalized that, frankly, it has the aura of the apartheid era's 'white minority rule.' In the Lone Star State, whites are 45% of the state's population, but control 70% of the congressional districts. The disparity is even more obvious in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, where whites are only 20 percent of the population but have 80 percent of the congressional seats."

Mary Thomas, Mrs
Self
Houston, TX

You have an unpopular agenda and can't win so you cheat!! Anti-democratic!!
You don't deserve to be in office representing a select few and not your constituents!!

Angie Bennett
Self
Plainview, TX

I support HB4

Karen Mcdaniel
Self
Spring Branch, TX

I support HB4.

Carrie Baker, Mrs
Self
Lubbock, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

tiffany tran
self ,engineer
New Braunfels, TX

We do not need a redistricting, it is not time for it

Mary Foley
Individual
Keller, TX

Democracy requires that the majority voice is heard. It does not mean redistricting to silence voices. You took an oath to defend the constitution. Now do it!

Victoria Pojman
Self, retail
Austin, TX

I firmly oppose this bill and would not like to see it pass.

Kim Borst
Self / Realtor
Katy, TX

Here in Texas the Republicans have already gerrymandered the maps. I do not want to see any more gerrymandering especially to appease Trump!

Brian Kelley
United Workers of Harris Center CWA Local 6154
Roman Forest, TX

This is a sham! This is illegal, unethical, racist, and just plain wrong. Sham! Sham on the TX Ledg.

Tiara Zanders
Myself
Round Rock, TX

Fuck Donald trump

Edward Williams
Cwa Local 6215
Lancaster, TX

I'm against the redistricting, please vote against it.

Robbin Trusty
self
Austin, TX

oppose mid-census redistricting. This type of redistricting shows your cowardice regarding a fair fight, a fair election. Why are you stacking the deck toward stealing the election? Stop it. Be responsible adults and role models, as politicians should! I support compact districts reflecting communities of interest.

Christina norman
Self
Fort Worth, TX

To my representatives. I am crying, begging you to vote no on HB 4. This will carve democracy and representation from the people! I fear we are nearing the end of what we know as our great leaders are showing racist beliefs and a serious lack of care for the people that pay taxes for your salary
Since when does the Great State of Texas ever bent the knee to anyone. Much less a cheat, a fraud, liar, a rapist and a convicted felon?

Ashley Ashley Steele
Self
dale, TX

Disagree with the disenfranchisement this map creates.

Karen Roettele
Self
Allen, TX

I am in support of HB4. This needs to be done; it is nothing new for either party. Please pass it.

Melody Gillespie
Self
Bowie, TX

The USA is a constitutional republic. The foundational principle of our governance rests upon the accurate and equitable representation of the people. The representation we have in Texas cannot be allowed to be skewed to serve a small minority. I support the passage of HB4 which proposes a new congressional redistricting map creating five additional districts. These new districts are needed to give a voice to the underrepresented residents in our growing metropolitan areas (like Austin, Houston, Dallas) and south Texas. Current boundaries fail to reflect the diverse political perspectives of these areas. By realigning representation to better align with population shifts and community interests, this redistricting ensures every citizen has accurate and true representation.

Juan Atilano
self
San Antonio, TX

What a load! Trump Won by Very slim Margin of 56% to make district maps that disprarpotionately impact progressive voters is voter suppressions. Win by honor. I dont know the obsessiok with cheating to win this isnt a game, this state has been Republican led for 30 years and it continues to get worse, Governing should be ablut listening to all constituents

Katie Fulkerson
Self - Educator
Lantana, TX

If a party has to manipulate district lines to secure a win, then it’s cheating. Fair elections shouldn’t require rigging the rules to hold power.

Blake Hunter
Voter
Austin, TX

I oppose HB 4by Hunter

DANI VAN WIG
Self
Arlington, TX

I am appalled that the Texans that the people of Texas elected to REPRESENT THEM, have caved in to the blatant wishes of a rogue president. I know it. You know it. All God’s children know it. The efforts to redistrict my state are so obviously gerrymandering to give Trump more republican house seats. This isn’t about doing what is best for the people of Texas. It isn’t about representing the folks who put you in office. It’s about people who are not willing to grow a backbone and stand up to a bully who has made our country a laughing stock. Do your job. Do it with honest and integrity. Stop this deliberate attempt to disenfranchise people in Texas.

Jasmine Tellez
SELF
SPRING, TX

I am a constituent of CD - 2 and I strongly oppose the action of redistricting during this special legislative session. I also oppose the proposed redistricted map. The state of Texas is still under litigation for its current maps, we need to leave as is until litigation is over.

Allison Gower
Self - Marketing Professional
Houston, TX

To the Esteemed Committee,

I am writing as a concerned Texan to express my strong opposition to HB 4, which continues the detrimental practice of diluting the political power of communities of color in our state. The proposed maps under HB 4 are not "race-blind" as claimed in court in 2021. Instead, they appear to be a clear example of gerrymandering, employing tactics like cracking and packing to undermine fair representation.

Texas's population growth is overwhelmingly driven by people of color, accounting for 95% of the state's growth based on 2020 census data. The Hispanic population alone is now nearly as large as the non-Hispanic white population. Yet, the proposed maps would drastically reduce representation: while people of color make up 60.2% of the population, the proposed Congressional maps would result in only 21% POC representation. This is a significant drop from the current 34.2% POC representation, which is already disproportionate.

These maps intentionally break up communities (cracking) and concentrate communities (packing) to limit their influence. For instance, the combination of CD18 and CD9, and the dismantling of CD29, actively disenfranchises voters and leaves new districts, such as the new CD9, without a current representative residing within its boundaries. This also ensures that many current representatives, including Democrats and some Republicans, would no longer live in their districts.

Civil rights groups and the Department of Justice brought lawsuits in 2021 to invalidate previous maps under SB 2 of the Voting Rights Act (VRA) and the 14th Amendment, precisely because they deprived communities of color of fair representation and involved claims of intentional discrimination and racial gerrymandering. HB 4 appears to repeat these unconstitutional practices.

We need maps that respect "communities of interest," including racial and ethnic groups, and create "performing districts" where communities of color can elect their representatives of choice that actually do what they are designed to do. HB 4 fails to achieve this fundamental democratic principle. I urge you to reject HB 4 and advocate for truly fair maps that reflect the diverse and growing population of Texas.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Peter Dedek
self
San Marcos, TX

Redistricting Texas at this time when there isn't new census data is yet another attack on American democracy by Republicans. I'm beginning to think Republicans have given up on the idea of democracy all together. Please come to your senses and reject this blatant attack on the rights of the Texas and the American voter before we become another Russia or China with a corrupt one-party system. America and the world are watching.

Laura Coulston
self
Austin, TX

Hello members of the House Congressional Redistricting Committee:
My name is Laura, and I'm an Austin resident and community member representing a city that has long supported fair and balanced representation. I strongly oppose HB?4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Core Concerns:
1. Undermines Democratic Principles
- Redistricting mid-decade, without census data or boundary change necessity, violates norms and tilts power for partisan gain.
- This map favors one party at the expense of democratic fairness.

2. Dilutes Minority and Urban Voice
- Proposed lines fracture Black, Latino, and urban communities in Travis County. This is contrary to the Voting Rights Act's intent to protect minority representation.
- Districts like the 35th and 37th—designed by court order to empower voters of color—are being merged, risking the loss of representation

3. Process Lacks Transparency or Public Input
- Proposed maps were not made available before hearings, making meaningful public testimony impossible. At the first hearing, not one person supported the proposal, and many questioned the legitimacy of the process

Personal Perspective:
As someone who values civic engagement and equitable representation, I believe this map would silence Austin's progressive and diverse voice. Dividing our city deprives us of a unified and influential presence in Congress.

Call to Action:
I respectfully urge legislators to:
- Reject HB?4 in its current form.
- Commit to publicly releasing proposed district maps before hearings.
- Adopt fair, transparent criteria: respecting communities of interest, minority rights, and geographic continuity.
- Consider long-term reform, such as establishing an independent redistricting commission to guard against partisan manipulation.

Thank you for considering how these decisions affect Texans' fundamental right to fair representation.

Marty Shows, Mr.
Concerned Voters for Guadalupe Recovery
Houston, TX

Redistricting between census reports in order to give a favor to a corrupt grifting Trump who is too weak politically to win the midterms is disgusting to Texans. It is made more disgusting because the time and money spent on this futile travesty is money that could be used to repair the infrastructure damage caused by the Guadalupe flood and to build a modern disaster alarm system for Kerr County and other disasters waiting to happen for lack of funding in our state. This lack of response to Texans who lost family and experienced the trauma of the flood while Austin is only concerned about pleasing the most corrupt POTUS in the last 150 years is utterly shameful. This president has destroyed much of the government already and is poised to finish it off with his economy destroying tariffs and his Mafia tactics with our trading partners and allies. Why would Texas do him any favors. He always reneges on promises and throws supporters under the bus. Abbott throwing Texas voters and federal representatives under the bus for Trump is totally disgusting. What a legacy. Abbot has no spine and neither does our legislature is they knuckle under here.

Janetta Kirby
Self— retired healthcare supply chain SVP
Dallas, TX

I am opposed to this redistricting effort, which is a blatant attempt to redistribute Democratic voters to rural areas and attempt to pick up additional Republicans seats. I should be represented by a representative that understands my neighborhood concerns and my geographical area.

Erika Marquez, MS
Self: Product Designer
Austin, TX

Hi, my name is Erika Marquez, and I'm a constituent in zip code 78724. I'm not part of any organization, but just a concerned citizen who has lived in Texas all her life. We're not due for new maps until 2031 and this update to the maps I know are blatant attempts at minimizing the voices of minority voters, all so Republicans can gain 5 new seats and retain their control. As they are, the maps are already bad but the new maps would make them even worse. I'm tired of politicians playing with our lives and diluting our voices. I want a legislature that will listen to us and that looks like us and that understands us. I'm calling to demand my rep to do everything in their power to oppose redistricting efforts & fully focus on flood and disaster relief. THANK YOU.

Edith Cox, MS
Self
Highland Village, TX

In my opinion, this proposed redistricting plan for the election of members of the U.S. House of Representatives constitutes a violation of our nation's civil rights laws. We all know that this is being done so that people of color, as well as other mostly minority groups, are separated from their existing communities for the single purpose of increasing the likelihood that Republicans will be elected to an additional five U.S House of Representative seats in the coming election. This action makes you, our Texas legislators, look completely foolish and, most importantly, it is ethically wrong. Please, for the sake of our country, remember the oath you have taken and do the right thing. Vote against this Congressional Redistricting bill. Texans are not stupid and we did not elect you to be sheep.

Patrick Madden, Mr
Self
McKinney, TX

Please pass this bill

Michelle R Winkler
Self, Educator
San Marcos, TX

This unprecedented move by current Republican legislators to choose to redistrict our state with no legitimate reason or need is wrong. It is obviously not in the best interest of constituents as you have pushed this item through in record speed with open disregard for your voters during the few hearings that have already taken place. It's an egregious misuse of power and disgraceful. We have so many actual items that are meaningful to us that you need to address- our congressional map is not one of them.

Maria Hernandez-Overstreet
self
College Station, TX

This bill is ridiculous. I am fully against the redistricting and gerrymandering. Your job is to represent the people of Texas, not the Trump administration. Stop this nonsense and get to work on actual problems--water conservation, school funding, the abysmal funding of Medicaid waiver programs for young disabled Texans, infrastructure. Y'all should be ashamed for wasting time on this garbage.

Holly Arthur, n/a
self, childcare director
Austin, TX

House Committee Members,
I implore you to do everything you can to do away with redistricting maps that are gerrymandered specifically to benefit certain people or parties in power. Voting rights are a fundamental aspect of our state and national political process. Every voice should be heard without underhanded interference from those in power who are working to undermine all the checks and balances that keep our democracy safe and healthy, and that benefit EVERYONE.

Having fairly elected representatives based on votes from fairly drawn district maps is only scary to those who want to get around the law and to put their own interests above those of the people they represent. It is truly terrifying that so many elected officals are happy to take resources and rights away from their own people for the sake of a power grab for themselves and to prop up a president who has been making clear moves to break down the most important pieces of our system of government to get as much power for himself as possible.

If elected officials don't stand up to this nonsense, we will sink into a true dictatorship and we'll all be at the whims of a president and his cronies who do not care about anyone, including you.

You are wrong if you think you'll be safe from a capricious dictator - even if you choose to go along with his policies by taking away voting rights, taking food out of the mouths of children, taking healthcare away from the elderly and rural folks by cutting funding to Medicare, harming farmers with tarriffs and the cancellation of Biden era farm grants.

For the safety of every American, including yourselves and your families, stop the unfairly drawn and purposefully harmful redistricting maps.

Victoria Hines
Self
Dallas, TX

Stop the redistricting! You are taking away Texans rights.

Jessica Pino
self
Pflugerville, TX

I don't, for the life of me, understand why you would consider REDUCING representation for over a million people within Travis County. Having representation matters and I want to be sure that my concerns are being heard and served by an adequate representation and 1 representative for the entire MSA is not appropriate or safe.

Karly Stern
Self
Richardson, TX

The proposed maps specifically target Democratic and minority communities, not only in major Texas cities such as Austin and Houston, but in my district outside of Dallas as well. I am in TX 32, a majority minority district, which after this map would be altered to a majority white district. This is blatantly targeted to silence minority voters.

Carlos Batres

Self - Concerned Texan and Father

El Paso, TX

Dear Members of the Redistricting Committee,
My name is Carlos Aaron Batres, and I am a born and raised Texan. As a native El Pasoan, I want to express my deep concern about the current redistricting process. I fear the impact it will have across the entire state, but especially on communities like mine. As a Texan and avid believer in fair representation, I urge you to reject any redistricting plans. Redistricting will affect Texans by diluting the voting power of communities of color, weakening the influence border communities have, and stripping away our democracy.
El Paso is a majority Hispanic, bi-national community with unique priorities and needs. It is home to a major military base, borders a major Mexican city in Juarez, and has vibrant cross-cultural communities. El Paso is amongst the most populous cities in the state, yet is often neglected and underrepresented. This redistricting would make things much worse, as El Pasoans would be clumped into districts that extend far outside county limits. This is not as simple as lines on a map. It is about whether or not El Pasoans have the power to choose leaders who WANT to represent their needs, whether they be border infrastructure, education, or public health.
Gerrymandering has led to uncompetitive districts and a lack of trust in the democratic process. It silences voters, ESPECIALLY in communities of color. Constituents within the existing 23rd Congressional District already feel underrepresented given Tony Gonzales' record of voting AGAINST their needs. Redistricting will only make matters worse.
I ask kindly that you keep communities like El Paso intact, avoid packing Latino-majority areas, prioritize transparency and the democratic processes that our country was founded upon, and commit to maps that reflect the diversity and demographics of Texas. Land cannot vote. District 23 is already egregiously gerrymandered. Please do not make El Pasoans suffer under representatives that do not seek to represent THEM. Texans, and El Pasoans, deserve fair representation under constitutionally aligned circumstances. A constitution that at its conception, aimed to honor every voice and every vote. Please do your part to protect our democracy. Do not punish my fellow El Pasoans. I trust you will do the right thing.

Sincerely,
Carlos Batres
A proud, born-and-raised El Pasoan

Timothy Keene

Self - Tech

Austin, TX

Austinites strongly oppose this gerrymandering. This is unconstitutional and a flagrant attempt to silence your own constituents.

Augusto Rojas

Self

Pearland, TX

Please with all decency reject this bill and do what your constituents are asking for… a true democratic process. I move to Texas and expected my leaders to listen to their constituents and I implore you to not pass this bill

James Truitt

Self, Parks and Recreation Center Assistant

Dallas, TX

I am in opposition to the mid-decade redistricting. It is an attack on our democracy. This redistricting seeks to disenfranchise voters of the Democratic party while shoring up the votes of the Republican party. It is entirely partisan, and it hurts our democracy by discouraging political participation and increasing the amount of hatred each side feels for the other. Elections should be fair and should have representatives based on proportional representation, not party lines. Please reject this redistricting.

Kim Maylath
Self
Keller, TX

The redistricting map is an example of when politicians go rogue and start doing criminal things. This effort does not represent “we the people” it only serves the so-called President’s agenda to be an autocrat. We are better than this, than he is and you know better than to bow and kiss his ring. You were voted into office to serve Texans and I stand with my Texas family, friends and neighbors against this effort to steal districts. Stop it.

Lauren Appa
Self
Austin, TX

The revised map merges TX35 - Casar and TX 37 - Doggett, effectively pushing Casar out, unless he runs against Doggett in a primary. I guess the only way Republicans feel they can win the majority is to violate the rights of the minority and remove representation. That's not democracy, that's authoritarianism. Shame on you. God bless Texas.

Sterling Sacks
self and ATCS
Ponder, TX

I wanted to write in for the support of bill HB 4 and the proposed redistricting map. I urge passage of HB 4. Thank you.

Mary McCleary
Self
Nacogdoches, TX

I strongly support HB 4 by Hunter.The last redistricting put Nacogdoches in a clearly gerrymandered district that looked a little like a snake. The new map makes so much sense because we are with other East Texans who share our concerns. Please vote yes. Sincerely, Mary McCleary, Regents Professor, Stephen F. Austin State University

Edna Torres-Perry
Sisters of Sophia
San Antonio, TX

Stop maneuvering the district just to try to keep Tx. . Red.

Will do everything in my power to stop the gerrymandering that Republicans set up . Enough already!
DO your job and quit trying to manipulate the situation , pass common sense gun control so kids aren’t killed. We elected you to represent US!!! This shouldn’t be your way of life!.

Teri Huneycutt, Mrs
Self
Plano, TX

Please pass this bill. This will support the law and undo gerrymandering districts per the recent rulings. It will also better reflect the voters.

Debbie Wolgemuth, Ms.
Self-Employed, Accounting
Waco, TX

Support the Redistricting of all districts noted in HB 4 to allow increased representation for the citizens of Texas.

Dorothy Ann Compton
Self
Austin, TX

I ask you to not give Trump what he wants …we have already squeezed and or diluted black and brown votes in every way imaginable and now you want to try again?
I will work to cause this travesty to backfire for you MAGAS
Taking orders from DC …certainly not Texans for Texas
Not so much public servants as political pawns .

Tyler Payne
Self
Austin, TX

We must put an end to the unfair practice of gerrymandering, in Texas. To draw lines to favor one political party is to ignore the true will of the people. To ignore the will of the people is to ignore democracy. To ignore democracy is to enable tyranny.

James Williams
Jim Williams CPA PC
Anthony, TX

Fort Bliss and the VA are vital parts of El Paso. We depend on a congressman that takes care of our veterans and our military. We have been fortunate to have a history of serious representives who conduct veteran town halls and have well trained staff to handle their concerns. A representative from San Antonio who votes against our interests is unacceptable. Does he even know what a DD214 is? I have many friends interred at Fort Bliss Natioanal Cemetary including my parents and Mikchael Shea, the last killed in Viet Nam. Other friends use our VA hospital. let's not lose our voice in Congress. As a business person, I have depended our airport for decades. Our business community needs someone who will make sure the airport is up to supporting us.

Judith Yarbro
Self, Retired teacher and counselor though I still work as elementary crossing guard.
Benbrook, TX

I am opposed to gerrymandering districts in order to capture more Republican seats. Republicans need to focus on growing our state--not on hanging onto power. Elections should be fair. Redistricting has always taken place after the census. If legislators concentrate on helping people through good policies, there will be no need for tricks. I am a moderate. I now consider myself to be an independent. I vote in every election. I don't like extremists--whether they are on the right or the left.

Sharon Lawrence
Self-Consultant
San Marcos, TX

Absolutely, positively AGAINST this proposal!!!! It's anti-democratic stunts like this that explain why I am a FORMER Republican! Fix some real problems - like the emergency management system (or lack thereof) in the state .

Rebecca Davenport
Self
Austin, TX

This bill is a flagrant attempt at disenfranchising millions of Texans. Our democracy depends on fair representation, and this bill violates that to the highest degree. It is not time to redistrict, and it IS time to preserve democracy.

Ashley Orr, Ms.
Self, Student
Austin, TX

I have reviewed the proposed congressional map and efforts to redistrict Texas and have found these actions to be an absolutely disgusting abuse of power and a shame to the American people and Texans. Texans deserve fair representation in our government and equal voting power. These new lines will remove five democratic seats and remove the power of Texans in these areas to make decisions through their right to vote. Texans deserve more. I urge elected members to remember their duties to the American people and to the Texans they serve. You do not serve a party nor a president nor a wannabe king. You serve the great American people. It is your duty as elected representatives to ensure that the rights and dignity of Texans are upheld and that includes giving up power and your seats if the people so wish through the power of the people's vote. An attempt to hold onto power and to bastardize our constitution, country, and great state is plainly wrong. Instead, I urge you to put efforts towards ensuring that every Texan is equally and accurately represented through the law and ensure that our needs are met. Texas is still recovering from the flood that took so many lives. They need help more than ever. Finally, I ask that you state representatives look inside of yourself and look outside of yourself to see that the texans that you serve are more important than power hungry greed. We deserve more. Find your humanity and hold onto it as tightly as you can as the imprint of your actions will determine the fate of future Texans. Do not take your job lightly.

Michael Murdock
Self
Fort Worth, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Julie Croy, Mrs
self
China Spring, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map. I support the mandate set my we the people in electing Donald J Trump by 14 points in Texas.

SABINE TRIPLETT
Self
Houston, TX

Redistricting is essential to keeping our democracy fair and up to date. As populations shift, district lines must reflect those changes to ensure equal representation for all Texans. The proposed map helps correct imbalances and ensures that every vote counts.

This isn't about silencing voices—it's about strengthening democracy by making sure our elections reflect today's realities. Say YES to fair, updated redistricting.

Jody Stahl
TTP
Sanger, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Diana Seerey
Self
Austin, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map. Thank you.

Danny Hendrix
Self: retired Quality Engineering Specialist, Aerospace
Aledo, TX

I support HB4 and the redistricting map.

JANE MARY MARTINEZ
Self
HARLINGEN, TX

“I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.”

Michael Kennedy, Mr
Self retired
Round Rock, TX

Stop the redistricting in Texas. This is an authoritarian power grab. Republicans should attempt to win over voters based on their policies. Republicans have abandoned the vast majority of Americans in order to appease a corrupt,lawless, incompetent executive branch. Their policies are unpopular and they realize that they cannot remain in power by allowing free and fair elections.

Kim Asal
Self
Austin, TX

It’s an absolute travesty that this body is seeking to cheat rather than address policies that Texas wants. If a govt can keep children safe, feed them, and educate them to ensure a strong community and economy…we’ve failed. There is so much to address that is important. Not this. If you can’t win fairly, don’t play

April Brahinsky
voters of Texas
San Antonio, TX

If you are going to redistrict, undo the damage already done by gerrymandering and support democracy by creating a fair, representative map. This effort to further skew the map, and other means being taken for voter suppression, is such a blatant power grab. Please, reach down deep and uncover your sense of fairness and decency and act accordingly.

Amanda Braziel-Holleman, Ms
Self
Austin, TX

Our maps were redrawn and gerrymandered just a few years ago. They’re bad enough as is without you attempting to silence and squelch the voices of Texans of color. Please stop cheating and do not fall for the travesty the rest of our country is becoming by railroading our democracy and cheating the system.

William Simms
Self
Houston, TX

I am writing to express my concern regarding any proposals to redraw Texas congressional district lines before the 2026 midterm elections. While I recognize the authority of the legislature to oversee redistricting, I believe that undertaking such a significant change outside the traditional post-census cycle risks undermining public trust in the electoral process.

Frequent or mid-cycle redistricting—especially without clear justification tied to updated population data—can give the appearance of partisan manipulation and reduce voter confidence in our democratic institutions. To protect the integrity of our elections and uphold the principle of fair representation, I respectfully urge you and your colleagues to consider the following:

Maintain the standard redistricting schedule aligned with the decennial U.S. Census.

Ensure any redistricting process is conducted with full transparency, including public hearings, timely publication of proposed maps, and ample opportunity for public input.

Prioritize community representation by respecting natural geographic boundaries and existing municipal or regional affiliations.

Avoid any changes that would create disproportionately uncompetitive or imbalanced districts that weaken accountability to voters.

Should any redistricting efforts move forward before the 2026 elections, I strongly encourage the implementation of a non-partisan, independent commission to guide the process. This would help ensure that all Texans—regardless of political affiliation—can have confidence in the fairness and objectivity of our electoral maps. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. I trust that you will consider the long-term health of our democracy and the expectations of your constituents as you weigh any redistricting decisions.

Charlene Reagan
Self and True Texas Project
Spicewood, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Beverly Feirtag
self
Fort Worth, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Kimm Mawhirter
self; public school teacher
Woodway, TX

I urge the committee to reject this mid-decade redistricting proposal! As a Texas AFT member and public school educator in Dallas County, I oppose any mid-decade redistricting that reduces minority voting influence. Our communities deserve fair maps, not political manipulation. Representation for ALL citizens is an American right, and if you redraw the maps to favor the GOP, which is EXACTLY what you are proposing, you will blatantly dismiss and nullify the voices of minorities in our state. Do the RIGHT, FAIR, JUST thing and follow the will of the people; do NOT manipulate the map by redistricting.

Chris Taylor
self, educator/architect
Lubbock, TX

It is hard to fathom how this blatant acquiescence to gerrymander one party control of representation is in the best interest of the citizens of Texas. It is shameful that our state is being made a pawn in the larger project of re-writing social contracts and programs without debate, consent, and long range planning. I am deeply concerned by the dismantling of Federal and State policies and organizations in the last 6 months and strong oppose such a hasty and radical action on the part of my representatives. I call on all State House and Senate members to act in the best interest of all Texans and oppose hasty redistricting.

Violeta Sandoval, LT
Self
Irving, TX

As a veteran who served 14 years, I highly oppose this blatant attempt at gerrymandering by redistricting. I served this country to protect the voices of ALL.

Dorothy Fontanella
self
Georgetown, TX

As a Williamson County Georgetown Texas resident, I oppose any mid-decade redistricting that reduces minority voting influence. Our communities deserve fair maps, not political manipulation. Everyone deserves representation. We already had maps done in 2021. Why are we doing this now out of sequence and coming up with results so different than before. These maps now affect representation of minority groups negatively. Percentages of representation do not add up and people deserve equal representation.

Lee Moore
Self
Fairview, TX

I completely support HB4 Redistricting as drawn in this Big Beautiful Map! Please register my 100% support for HB4 for the redistricting of congressional districts.

Bielka Perez
Self
Austin, TX

Will not stand for this gross overreach of our communities and vote consquence

Tiffany Meyer
Self, Attorney
Austin, TX

I am extremely opposed to this bill. Texas is not scheduled to be re-districted for another 5 years. The proposed maps do not accurately reflect the will of the Texas people. As a Texas resident, I ask that the House focus on real problems in Texas - such as flood relief efforts in Kerville - instead of passing this bill.

Reagan Stinson
self
Bartonville, TX

STOP TRYING TO STEAL OUR VOICES, OUR VOTES, OUR DEMOCRACY. LEARN TO MAYBE LISTEN TO THE PEOPLE OF TEXAS WHO HIRED Y'ALL TO REPRESENT US.. Y'ALL WORK FOR US, WE ARE YOU BOSS. NO ONE WANTS THIS SH*T. Y'ALL WILL LOSE RE-ELECTION AND NO ONE IS GOING TO FEEL SORRY FOR YOU. Y'ALL ARE NOT ACTING IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE PEOPLE, AND THAT IS NOT HOW DEMOCRACY IS SUPPOSE TO WORK. YOU ARE VIOLATING THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT WITH THIS ILLEGAL AND FALSE REPRESENTIONAL MAP. IF YOU'D LISTEN TO THE DESIRES FO THE PEOPLE, YOU WOULDN'T HAVE TO CHEAT TO TRY TO WIN ELECTIONS. DIDN'T Y'ALL LEARN HOW GOVERNMENT IS SUPPOSE TO WORK IN SCHOOL?? OR DO Y'ALL JUST CHOOSE TO IGNORE ALL OF THAT, AS WELL AS THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE, FOR YOUR OWN BENEFITS?? THIS IS BLANTANT AND DIRECT VOTER SUPPRESSION AND IT WILL NOT BE TAKE LIGHTLY BY THE PEOPLE OF TEXAS. Y'ALL DO NOT GET TO CHEAT AT ELECTIONS. JUST START TO LEARN TO BE BETTER, MORE DECENT PEOPLE AND MAYBE Y'ALL MIGHT HAVE A CHANCE OF KEEPING YOUR SEATS. BUT THAT IS HIGHTLY UNLIKELY NOW.

Melissa Abel
Self - general manager
Austin, TX

I am registering my opposition to not just the heavily gerrymandered districts proposed in this bill, but also to the rushed process which stifles voter comment and is purposely rushing through an unpopular bill in face of wide opposition. There is ZERO need for mid-decade redistricting in Texas, especially when the focus of this special session should be on the recent tragedy in Central Texas and how we can, at every level of government, protect our communities from future harm. A blatantly partisan, costly and UNNECESSARY focus on redrawing maps to appease a corrupt president has no place in the Texas House and parties to this process should be ashamed to call themselves servant leaders to the citizens of Texas.

Laura Brown
District 50 constituent
AUSTIN, TX

I'm in Travis County in McCaul's district, which already resembles a long worm. I'm in unincorporated Austin, yet my "new" proposed district includes Midland and Odessa, 300 miles away! I guess with a state as big as Texas, rogue mathematicians and AI can make districts into Fibonacci spirals. What's to stop them? Certainly not the POTUS, who's egging them on. Or Congress, balanced on the head of a pin and afraid to move. The SCOTUS majority is "hands off." So it's a matter of bad faith with the Republican majority eager to wield power to their own advantage. The only way to hit back at them is to use the redistricting power we have in Democratic legislatures. AI says New Jersey, Illinois, and New York are good possibilities. There's no sense for Austinites to put "Welcome" on their back and act like doormats. Watch out! What you steal in TX could be reciprocated by other states.

Jillian Weldon
Self
San Antonio, TX

I testify against HB 4. Do not use the suffering and loss of human life of our fellow Texans in Kerrville as a guise. Our state does not need Congressional redistricting. We Texans deserve to be fairly represented, for our voices to be adequately heard. Listen to us. We are telling you all to not move forward with this egregious power grab that will impact us all well beyond upcoming elections. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Guadalupe Avila
Self
Houston, TX

I as well as my neighbors our Totally opposed to this bill. It is NOT what we sent you to the legislature for. You are to represent Us, The People. Do Not vote for this corrupt bill. It’s bad enough our horrible Gov. bends the knee to a liar of a President. If you vote in favor of stripping our rights, You will be Voted Out!

Greg Romero
Self/Educator & Artist
Bastrop, TX

PLEASE VOTE NO. NO. NO. NO on redistricting! This is a CLEAR power play on the national level that is NOT serving the people of Texas. Vote NO!

Joshua Guenther
Self
Benbrook, TX

Texans all deserve equal representation! Stop the blatant power grab!!!

Ronnie Davis
Self
Houston, TX

I am against Redistricting in texas

Matthew Kanenberg
Self
Houston, TX

As a longtime resident of Texas and a professional in the oil.and gas industry who lives and works in Harris County, I oppose any mid-decade redistricting that changes the districts and reduces the voting rights and voices of my neighbors. Our communities deserve fair maps, not political manipulation. I urge the committee to abandon this attempt by national political leaders to change the way Texas operates! We have a history of being independent and doing what is best for all Texans. Please do not pass mid-decade redistricting maps! Thank you.

Debra Junell
Self
Austin, TX

I am against redrawing Texas maps. If you are afraid of losing in the 2026 election, change your policies that reflect the will of ALL Texans. Is it worth it to cheat millions of Texans out of their votes? Depending on the poll or statistics, it’s shown that Democrats comprise 42-44% of registered voters in Texas and Unaffiliated registered voters are at 15%. Yet the legislature and governor have disenfranchised all of those people by drawing and redrawing lines to game the system rather than listen to more than half of all voters’ concerns and forming policy that will benefit all Texans. This is gerrymandering at its worst. Republicans lack courage by awarding the LESS than 1/2 of the Texas population with voting rights & ignoring the other half. To do what’s right and fair you would have to stop capitulating to one man. Be brave. Do the right thing and draw a map that is truly a reflection of Texas rather than take part in this shameful power grab.

Haley Wisdom
Self/Controller
Fort Worth, TX

I oppose the bill to redraw district lines. Vote no to the obvious gerrymandering.

Wendy Lerner
Self unemployed
Austin, TX

Please keep it fair and don’t cut up my district.

Hiram Sanders
Self
Frisco, TX

I strongly oppose the current Texas redistricting map. It is a blatant example of gerrymandering that dilutes the political power of communities of color, particularly Black and Latino voters, and undermines the principle of fair representation.

Texas has experienced significant population growth over the last decade, and the majority of that growth has come from communities of color. Yet the redistricting map fails to reflect this reality. Instead of creating more opportunity districts that empower these growing populations, the map packs and cracks minority communities in ways that limit their ability to elect candidates of their choice. This is not just unfair—it’s intentional and discriminatory.

Redistricting should be about ensuring every Texan has an equal voice in the democratic process. But this map does the opposite. It carves up diverse neighborhoods, splits communities with shared interests, and preserves political power for those already in control. That’s not democracy—it’s voter suppression.

This kind of map not only discourages voter participation but also erodes public trust in our political system. When voters feel like their voices don’t matter—because the districts are drawn to drown them out—we all lose.

Texas deserves better. We need a redistricting process that’s transparent, inclusive, and rooted in equity. We need maps that truly reflect the people of this state—not protect incumbents or partisan interests. And we need leaders who are willing to uphold the Voting Rights Act and fight for fair representation for all Texans.

I urge lawmakers to reject the current redistricting map and create one that prioritizes fairness, accountability, and the voting power of every community—especially those historically marginalized in this state.

Bobbi Graves
Self/Teacher
AUSTIN, TX

I strongly oppose any mid-decade redistricting that reduces minority voting influence or attempts partisan redistricting. The people of this Great State of Texas deserve better. They deserve fair maps without political manipulation. I am a lifelong (35+ yrs) Texas Public School teacher and a member of Texas AFT.

James Clark
Self
Austin, TX

This map is an abomination. It shows clearly that the designers of the map are fearful cowards, unwilling to face a free and fair election.
It also deeply undermines the ability of a representative to represent the interests of their district. The citizens of east Austin do not necessarily have the same priorities or needs as the citizens of Victoria or Corpus Christi.
And how could a single representative possibly effectively represent a district stretching from west San Antonio to east El Paso. It would take over 7 hours to drive from one side of that district to the other.
I don’t know about you, but it’s seems pretty un-Texan not to give a man a fair shake. Seems like a cowards way out to me.

Amy Gillis
Self
San Marcos, TX

What you’re doing is illegal and crooked. Everyone should play fair. We actually should have the state divided in the equal grids let the people be represented by their elected official who knows their local issues. We need to make Texas better for all people!!

Paul Rodriguez
Self
Rockwall, TX

Against

Ravi B
Self
Deer Park, TX

I oppose the anti-Democratic, autocratic gerrymandering done by the State legislature. Gerrymandering im itself is wrong. Doing gerrymandering only because one person asked for it is destroying Democracy and further enabling Autocracy. Drawing of Congressional districts should be a done by a non partisan, independent commission like done in states like CA not by politicians.

Donald Trump, President
Self, president
Austin, TX

Redistrict if you want to kill people.

William Hensley
Parker County Conservatives
Cresson, TX

Let’s get the redistricting bill HB 4 passed today.

Jeanne Patterson
Self
Frisco, TX

Redistricting now is terrible! Our districts are already gerrymandered belong belief! In addition, the costs involved are a waste of taxpayer money. Not to mention a waste of time during this special session when more pressing issues are at stake!

Bri Loftis
Self
PLANO, TX

I am this passef - pronto - and so do the vast majority of Texans. You are representatives - DO YOUR JOB!!!!
After you pass this bill, we want you to eliminate property tax.
GET TO WORK AND STOP ARGUING. It will not go well for you next spring if you don't stop fighti g abd don't pass this bill olus the bills tge people wanr
T. We'll just vote for people that will pass what we want. Got it?

Barbara Cliff, Ms
Self
Cleburne, TX

I am against this. It is segregation and just wrong.

Jill Kapinus
Self
Austin, TX

This redrawing of the district map is unconstitutional and partisan motivated. With it, you are taking away the voice of the people and dismantling our democracy. You need to listen to the people. You can't just reconfigure maps to hear what you want to hear from the people you want to hear it from. Keep the maps as they are.

Philip Witt
Self
Austin, TX

I write to strongly condemn the introduction of a bill in a special legislative session to further gerrymander Texas' electoral map mid-decade. Competitive house general elections keep the elected politicians accountable to the will of the voters. By creating new districts just to bolster one party's power in DC, this proposed legislation would make its elected politicians only responsive to the more extreme views of the primary electorate, to the detriment of society at large. I urge the House not to pass this legislation for the good of Texas and Texans who demand their political leaders represent their constituents.

William Clark
Self
Austin, TX

In Texas in 2024 election 56% voted Republican and 42% voted Democrat. Republicans have 25 seats (66%) in the House and Democrats have 13 seats (33%). Hence it is already skewed in favor of the Republican Party. It is already not democratic and this bill now proposes redistricting in a blatant effort to skew it even more in favor of Republicans to gain 5 more seats! This is not fair. It is not just! It is not democratic in anyway!

Wesley Tryon
Self
Waxahachie, TX

I am for the redistricting map that is fair because of the amount of Republicans that got out to vote. This would add five Republican seats.

William Wenthe
Self. Citizen of the State of Texas.
Lubbock, TX

This bill is an undemocratic power grab. It was done by craven partisan Republican politicians at the behest of Donald Trump. I am astonished and angered that the state of Texas would surrender its own independence to slavishly serve the will of Donald Trump, a convicted felon, adjudicated repeat sexual offender, and man who tried to overturn the presidential election of 2000. Trump and the Republican party know that they cannot win a Republican majority in the House of Representatives because of their policies, and so this bill is a cowardly undemocratic attempt to unfairly rig the voting map. Shame on all of you.

Erik Garcia
Self
Ft Worth, TX

I'm very against redistricting simply to create an unfair advantage for one party.

Tim Keeley
Myself
Longview, TX

I am in support of HB4

Nancy Ruff
Self
Jonestown, TX

I strongly oppose this gerrymandering of voting districts in TX. It is unnecessary, will result in even more costly litigation and has taken the focus on off what should have been the number one issue of this special session - the horrible disaster of the floods over the July 4th weekend. I strongly condemn this redistricting and oppose this bill.

Mitzi Patiño Eastman, Ms.
N/A
Austin, TX

Stop! Just STOP! Stop pandering to Donald Trump. Stop this election engineering - better stated election fraud. This crooked map has been manipulated to please a crooked man. This is a farce - Texas STOP this blind acquiescence to the whims of a wannabe dictator.

harmon wood, mr
self
euless, TX

Representatives should represent the people. Not the other way around.

This bill violates everything the United States has stood for.

S Baulch, Ms
Self
Austin, TX

From the Declaration of Independence, we found our rights abused when…
“He has refused to pass other Laws for the accommodation of large districts of people, unless those people would relinquish the right of Representation in the Legislature, a right inestimable to them and formidable to tyrants only.”
Representation matters. Fair play matters. Gerrymandering is foul play.

Laura P Martinez
Self
Austin, TX

I am writing to strongly oppose the current TX redistricting plan - this is not a normal time to consider this change. Please prioritize disaster readiness and public safety over this.

Douglas Whichard
self
Austin, TX

"As my representative, I expect you to OPPOSE redistricting! Gerrymandering is illegal, and I do not support the suppression of the Black and Latino vote. SAY NO TO REDISTRICTING!"

Chris Anderson
self and family
Austin, TX

This is entirely unfair and unwanted. The new districts will not be representative of the voting population.

Mary Drake
Self
Austin, TX

Stop the gerrymandering in our good state of Texas. Let everyone no matter of race, and origin have their own representative voice to be heard.

Donis Rhoden
Self
Austin, TX

Dear members of the House redistricting committee, as Texans we have always prided ourselves in not kowtowing to bullies, to power, or even to the Federal Government. We would like to believe that we do the “right” thing and fight honestly and fair. This redistricting bill is none of those things and is frankly an embarrassment that our Legislators would debase themselves by agreeing to such an unnecessary and undemocratic action. The map has already been determined by the courts to violate the voting rights act and by going further against it will guarantee that this will be tied up in the courts, wasting even more time and money. Please, show that we, as true Texans, have the courage and desire to do the right thing and kill this bill. Thank you. Donis Rhoden, 5th generation Texan.

Dylynne Dodson
Self
Plano, TX

It is crucial to the remaining foundation of our democracy that voters choose their representatives, not the other way around. If this nation is truly to be by the people, for the people, then it’s time our politicians allowed the people to have a say instead of trying to cheat and gerrymander to get the votes they want that they would not otherwise get. Our nation is on the brink of collapse, and it’s moves like this that will lead to our ruin. It is shameful and disgusting, and Texans will come forward in droves during the next election cycle to vote out the politicians who sought to silence us. Your job security remains in the hands of your constituents, and if you need to change who those constituents are to remain in your position, then you are not worthy of your role and do not deserve to continue for your own self-serving interests. If you do not truly want the best for Texans or for this country, if you seek only to be self-serving and to hold onto power through any dirty trick you can pull, then you do not deserve that authority, plain and simple. This redistricting will only hurt everyday Texans, and Texas deserves better. All voices deserve to be heard and represented by those who truly have the best interests of Texans at heart. I demand that my representatives vote “no” in the matter of this gerrymandering and redistricting that only serves as a power grab for those who don’t deserve it, those who would rather seek their own selfish gains rather than prioritize the wellbeing, needs, and wants of Texans.

Geeta Persad
Self, researcher
Austin, TX

I am strongly against HB 4.

Instead of helping Texans recover from the July 4 floods, lawmakers are wasting their time on this cowardly, partisan attempt to subvert the will of the people. In a representative democracy, it is inexcusable for one party to actively disenfranchise certain voters. If republicans think they should have power, they should convince me they have the right policies, not silence me by gerrymandering my district.

This is about silencing communities instead of serving them.

Stephanie Elaire
Self
Port Arthur, TX

Redistricting in Texas has repeatedly raised concerns about diluting the power of Black voters. When maps are drawn to split historically Black communities or pack them into a single district, it weakens their collective voice. Representation matters, and fair districting should reflect the real demographics of the state not political strategy.

Mary Ann Lindsey
Self
Lubbock, TX

Vote YES on HB4 for redistricting

Steven Lawrence
CLEAR Rule of Law
Fort Worth, TX

I'm the founder of a citizen group formed in response to the April 2, 2025 "Liberation Day" tariffs that have already been unanimously ruled illegal by the United States Court of International Trade. More specifically, it was the lack of principled response by elected Republicans to behavior that is neither conservative nor American – taxation without representation. While founded by conservatives, we quickly invited all Americans loyal to the United States Constitution because our Republic faces an existential risk that makes normal policy debates inconsequential.

This redistricting process strikes at the core of the same issue as taxation without representation. Elected Texas Republicans are in the process of capitulating to the demands of a man rather than respecting the rule of law and divorcing citizens from their already elected representatives during the most chaotic and lawless administration in United States history.

Redrawing lines to appease a President's demands is also about as far from upholding Texas pride and values as it can get. We have a set process and timetable for updating district lines and are currently defending the lines already drawn in court. The only impetus for this out of order redistricting is the request of the President.
Bending to the whims of the President also lends credibility to the possibility that Texas officials intend to be complicit in the President's 2024 promise to Turning Point that 2024 was the last time Christians would have to vote because it would be "fixed" thereafter.

Throughout the Federalist Papers, the founders talked about the danger of party and faction and extolled the benefits of a Republic where only certain powers were given to the national government.

Choosing district lines is a power completely within the purview of the states. Texas voluntarily giving that power to the President is a hallmark of fascism – the voluntary surrender of liberty.

Steven Lawrence
CLEAR Rule of Law
@clearruleoflaw

Nathan Harris
Self
Leander, TX

This redistricting violates the Hatch Act

Susan Stewart
self
Pflugerville, TX

During one of the redistricting hearings, Katrina Pierson noted that CD 7 voted for Trump, yet they also voted to send a Democrat to Congress which doesn't make any sense. Tell me how you look yourselves in the mirror, knowing you are deliberately diluting the voices of communities of color. This is so deeply immoral. We all know voters should be free to choose their representatives. Shame on all of you. Your legacy will be enabling the shameful history in Texas to return and empowering those evil forces who believe it is their right to hold down people of color.

Andre Staley
Self
San Antonio, TX

It is a shame what the Republican Party in this great state of Texas are doing to their own citizens. Texans are resilient. They persevere through tough times and show integrity. This Republican Party has no integrity any longer. It is sad that you can't win a fair fight and you bend over backwards for this authoritarian president. Stand up for what is just, not what Mr. Trump coerces you to do. Vote no for redistricting, or give us Texans the opportunity to have a voice.

Alana Hatton
Self
Austin, TX

As a mother raising two children in this great state, I am writing not only as a parent, but as a Texan who refuses to stay silent while our elected officials warp democracy in service of their own political survival. What the Republican majority is attempting through this redistricting process is not just cynical—it's cowardly. It is an outright betrayal of the ideals they claim to represent: fairness, accountability, and the will of the people.
Let's be honest: this isn't about representation. It's about preserving power at any cost—especially for Donald Trump and a party so desperate to cling to relevance that they are willing to rig the rules of the game. The new maps, drawn behind closed doors and deliberately rushed through the lege, are surgical in their intent to muffle the voices of Black, Latino, Asian American, and Native voters who are the backbone of Texas communities. In a state where people of color make up 95% of population growth, how is it remotely just—or even logical—that the maps dilute our political strength while bolstering disproportionately white, conservative districts?
As a mother, I teach my children that cheating to win is wrong. That if you're truly good at something—whether it's a sport or running for office—you don't have to twist the rules to your favor. But here we are, watching grown adults in our legislature gerrymander with surgical precision, not to compete on ideas, but to rig districts so they never have to answer to the people they're supposed to serve.
This isn't just political gamesmanship. It's a direct threat to the daily lives of Texans. These maps will decide who gets health care, safe roads, clean water, education—and who's left behind. And let's be clear: it will be working-class families, immigrant families, and families of color who suffer the consequences—again.
I don't want my children growing up in a Texas where politicians choose their voters instead of voters choosing their leaders. I don't want them to believe that the only way to win is to suppress, silence, and subvert. I want them to grow up in a state that values all its people, not just those who check the right partisan boxes.
This redistricting scheme is not only undemocratic—it is un-American. It's the same tired playbook used in other states to undermine the rising political power of communities of color. And it reeks of fear. Fear of change. Fear of voters. Fear of democracy doing what it does best: giving everyone a voice.
To the leaders pushing this vile plan: If your vision for Texas can't win on a fair map, maybe it's not a vision worth defending. Don't insult us by pretending this is anything but a naked power grab—designed to appease Donald Trump, sideline our communities, and sabotage fair elections.
My children—and every child in Texas—deserve better than a broken system rigged by those too afraid to lose honestly. We see you. We won't forget. And we will keep fighting for a Texas that belongs to all of us.

Keith Blaze
Self
Houston, TX

Redistricting should be updated to present current the majority party.

lee Davila
Self
Lakeway, TX

This bill is a bald attempt to silence a large portion of Texas voters. This is patently un-American and should be voted down

Bill Willhoite
Self
Dallas, TX

Redistricting was done 2 years ago. This is nothing but the trumplicans efforts to keep a want to be dictator in office. Any effort to do this will be met with a volley of votes to replace every Trump supporting Republican out of office.

MARK Murphy
Resist redistricting
BASTROP, TX

No redistricting
Let the people's vote be meingful

Natalia Rodríguez, PhD
Self
Dallas, TX

The Redistricting of Texas cannot take place. Not like this! There is no reasonable reason for it except to favor the GOP by practicing gerrymandering. This practice in unconstitutional and should not be allowed to move forward. The GOP members bending the knee for the wimps of Trump are losing respect and credibility. I believe regardless of party everyone values honesty and fairness. Gerrymandering is not fair. Hope the thoughts of constituents are taken into consideration moving forward. We do not want a re-districting.

Richard Halweg
Self
Austin, TX

Thank you to the Redistricting Committee for allowing me to make comments regarding HB 4 and my opposition to it. I am a retired Air Force Veteran and a 25-year retiree from the Texas Department of Transportation who has lived in Texas for 37 years. I am a big believer in separation of power, and the State of Texas needs to take care of its own and not bow to higher interfering powers. I don’t think Redistricting should be rushed. It should be a thoughtful, timely and fair process. I spent over twelve hours listening to testimony today in The Capitol, and feel compelled to express my concerns to you. Do not support nor pass this HB 4! Thank you.

Angela Gomez
self
San Antonio, TX

Stop gerrymandering our state. Redrawing districts for partisan gain means politicians choose their voters, instead of voters choosing their representatives. This will weaken the accountability of elected officials, making them less responsive to local concerns and more focused on advancing party interests instead of the interests of their constituents.

The proposed Texas map fragments and packs Black and Latino communities, reducing our ability to elect candidates of our choice. Five of the districts shifted would be Latino-majority seats, which risks violating protections for minority representation under the Voting Rights Act. This approach intentionally fractures minority communities for political gain—lessening our influence and resulting in Congress featuring fewer diverse voices from Texas.

Changing district lines outside the regular ten-year cycle breaks established democratic norms. Maps drawn for maximum partisan advantage creates uncompetitive districts, discourages voter participation and limits real choices for Texans.

Defend fair and meaningful representation, protect the rights of minority communities, preserve democratic norms, support competitive elections, and maintain the legitimacy of Texas's political system. Do not redraw Texas districts.

Rachel Massey
Self - project manager
Spring, TX

Prior to this republican-led administration (2016 and 2025) the progressive and intelligent constituents and voters in Texas have recognized the harm in "keeping with the status quo". We have tried (despite agitation and straight ignorance of our elected officials to get through to our representatives that the same-old-same is not acceptable. That said, swinging the pendulum the opposite way, and then holding it hostage, to the detriment of the residents of Texas is NOT the answer. Taking away our voice by way of hand-cutting out Democratic boundaries and officials will ONLY serve to "agitate" us! You are dismantling and angering millions of Texans, by trying to kill our voice at the ballot box. Texas, as the most gerrymandered state in the country is already a joke (at best) and a lost cause (at worst) regarding its level of representation. But I and millions of others do not believe it is lost. To quote Pixar: Ants [progressive Texans who will make their voice heard] outnumber grasshoppers [Abbott/Republicans and the president's puppets] 100 to 1. And if they ever figure that out, there goes our way of life".
We've figured that out governor and Republican puppets. We know you don't care about anyone but your deep pockets (that you can't take with you when you are dead and gone), but WE will always outnumber you and Texas/Texans will be here long after you're not. Reject this bill; be on the right side of history; Texas' and yours!

Lynne Johnson
self - retired
Spicewood, TX

I support HB4 bill for redistricting. Please get it passed.

Sandy Hanne
Self, therapist
Richardson, TX

Our democracy is at stake. The people, the voters, choose their elected representatives, not the inverse! That is not representative government of the people, by the people, and for the people. This goes directly against the constitution.

Vijay Singh
SAAVETX
Round Rock, TX

RE: Opposition to Mid-Decade Congressional Redistricting – A Statement from South Asian Texans
Dear Governor Abbott, Lt. Governor Patrick, and Speaker Burrows,
As members of the South Asian American community across Texas, we write to express our unequivocal opposition to the mid-decade congressional redistricting plan currently before the Legislature.
South Asian Texans are one of the fastest-growing populations in this state. We run businesses, drive innovation, advance medicine, and enrich the cultural and civic life of Texas. We also vote, organize, and contribute to the democratic process.
But this redistricting proposal is not about improving representation — it is about manipulating it. These maps are being redrawn to break up strong, diverse voting blocs and weaken the collective voice of communities of color, including South Asians, who are becoming an undeniable force in Texas politics.
In major metropolitan counties where South Asians live and work — Harris, Fort Bend, Dallas, Collin, Tarrant, Travis, and Bexar — cohesive neighborhoods are being fractured and stitched together with distant rural counties. These artificial districts have nothing to do with shared interests and everything to do with diluting the political power of growing populations.
This is not representation. This is an intentional strategy to silence voters and undermine democracy.
What does a tech executive in Plano have in common with a farmer hundreds of miles away? What shared vision for Texas can come from districts designed to split communities apart rather than bring them together?
Texas should stand as a model of democratic integrity, where representation reflects the people who call this state home. Instead, this process dismantles the very pillars of democracy — fairness, accountability, and trust.
When maps are drawn for partisan gain, they don't just distort election outcomes — they tell entire communities their voices don't matter.
We stand with Texans in Fort Bend, Collin, Dallas, Harris, Travis, Williamson, Bexar, El Paso, Denton, and Tarrant Counties who are seeing their voting power diluted and their representation sacrificed for political advantage.
We urge you to withdraw this plan and commit instead to drawing fair maps that keep communities whole, reflect where people actually live and work, and protect every Texan's right to representation.
Democracy only works when every vote counts and every voice is heard. These maps break that promise. Texans — all Texans — deserve better.
Sincerely,
Vijay Singh (SAAVETX)
Round Rock, TX 78681

Daniel Hall, Mr
Self
Missouri City, TX

I have lived in Texas for 15 years and am gravely concerned about the plan to redistrict. This is a blatant attempt to silence the voices of Black and Brown Texans and should be (if it is not already) illegal. I implore you to stand up for your constituents and choose to be on the right and ethical side of history. Vote NO on PLANC2308. Thank you for your time.

Russell Frizzell
Citizen
Dallas, TX

HB 4 is a bad idea. This is President Trump mistreatment of the people of Texas. It is the responsibility of our Representatives to stand up for the people of Texas. Do not allow a small group of villains to ruin things for everyone else. Texas is better than this.

Andrea Hargreaves
Self/Retired
Flower Mound, TX

I am very much against the redistricting currently being discussed. I believe it is unconstitutional and undemocratic, and will result in certain populations being over represented and others being under represented. Redistricting is supposed to occur after each census count, not when the current administration decides it wants to retain power by cheating the other party out of their votes. The proper functioning of our country relies on two strong political parties. The rule of one party is a dictatorship. I do not wish to see our country become a dictatorship.

Emily Hobbie
Self retired teacher
Austin, TX

This bill represents political interference by power hungry politicians who are not citizens of TX. Do not let Texas be manipulated by outsiders. This bill can be viewed as voter suppression. Let all Texans have their voice and fair representation. Perhaps we represent a minority in this state, but the US Constitution states we are entitled to representation.

Patricia Daniels
Self
Houston, TX

I am strongly opposed to the redistricting plan drawn up by the Texas legislature. How undemocratic to gerrymander just a few years after the districts were redrawn most recently. A blatant and outrageous power grab! Playing with the voters of Texas as if we were chess pieces! Shame on you unpatriotic Americans.

Angela Schauer
Self
Houston, TX

My voting rights are being compromised and this is unconstitutional.

Pam Hatridge, MS
Self
Salado, TX

As a proud Texan, I firmly support HB 4 by Hunter. Please see that this bill receives the support it needs to pass into law.

Helene mertz, Ms
Self
Austin, TX

Dear Governor Abbott,

It is imperative that you and your office focus on the true needs of Texans at this moment, which is the recent flood disaster and working on solutions and infrastructure that will protect our neighbors in the future. This is truly the task at hand and should be the sole focus at this time, not focused on gerrymandering our voting maps. That, in and of itself, is just wrong, and you know it! We Texans will not sit idly, watching our country be ruled by one person demanding that we bend to his every whim and I beseech you to not be one of those to do it. Again, the focus right now is on funding and putting into place sirens to protect our Texas neighbors, and ensuring that lives are not lost again in the next flood. I am passionate about Texas doing what is right and ensuring the lives of more people are not lost, especially due to the fact that my daughter and her entire family were almost in that location on 4 July. But by the grace of God, their plans changed. Had I lost my entire family, I would not be able to survive. This holds great importance to me and ensuring that Texas does what it should've done 10 years ago and install sirens and warning systems to alert people to get to higher ground so we don't have this massive loss of life again. This should be your sole focus too!

Respectfully,
Helene Mertz

mariloli odum
myself
Houston, TX

I don't understand why this redistricting process is going on. Electoral districts are revised every 10 years after a comprehensive and accurate census. This mid-period redistricting is unwarranted, unjust, and unethical. And now, the proposed maps which have just been released are a sham. What a manipulation of voters. Stop this blatantly political effort now. Stop gaming the system in your favor. This is not the party of law and order.

Charles Glover, Dr.
self
Leander, TX

Your efforts are better spent on protecting the people of Texas than wasting time pleasing Trump. Do your job and craft legislation that protects people from natural disasters, such as flooding. The Texas legislature failed to do this. Spend your time focusing on this; it was the main original reason for this special session. Then, Trump calls, and pleasing him is now more important than the original purpose.

Larry Thorne
Self
Leander, TX

I think this is wrong to be doing redistricting right now just to get more Republican House members. This should only be done at the normal times right after the census.

Janice Goodspeed
Austin State Hospital retiree and member of board of ASH Volunteer Services Council
Austin, TX

Please stop and think before you go on with this redistricting plan. To say that there are 4-5 districts that are racially drawn contradicts the legislature that in the past defended the district map as not racially drawn. In addition, Republicans have a higher representation in the legislature than the percentage of registered Republicans in the state. Please stop and think. Just because President Trump wants you to do this does not mean it is right or fair. What if it were President Biden or Obama telling a governor to redraw his/her state's map to try and pick up 5 more Democratic seats? You would not like that at all. If you do this, you may end up making blue states do the same thing and then we are all going lower and lower morally. But the other thing is - be careful what you ask for. If you change some of these districts that are now safe for Republicans, how can you be sure that voters will not be so angry by midterm? How can you be sure that they will not vote against Republicans and then those who had had safe seats might be out? Please trust in yourselves - don't try to do this unfair, highly unusual and uncalled for redistricting? Trust that your record and your concern for voters will be enough to retain your majority. Please try to return to the ideal of integrity. We will see that and will respect you.

Anna Heinzelmann, Dr
Self professor
HOUSTON, TX

The redistricting in order to unfairly give Republicans more seat goes against the very fiber of our democracy. If you cannot win with the already gerrymandered districts, then you should think about how to get more supporters rather than how to cheat. You are not giving states their accurate representation when you draw the lines in favor of certain parties. Remember, you want state rights? That means an accurate representation and reflection of the people who live in that state.
Work harder for the people and pass legislation that reflects the people of the state rather than pandering to one man who does not live in Texas.

ron Merryman
Self/Retired
Tomball, TX

I support President Trump's legislative agenda by adding 5 Texas-held Republican US House seats. There have been lawful previous mid-decade revisions.

Natasha Hamilton
self
San Antonio, TX

If the republican party is so convinced it represents the values of Texas, it shouldn't need to gerrymander the districts to win elections. This is a flagrant and blatant attempt to silence the voices of the majority of Texas who live in the most populated areas of this state. Land doesn't vote! Giving giant districts to largely unpopulated rural areas robs the voice of the people who actually live in this state and make it run.

Vicky Moerbe
Self, retired
Austin, TX

I am so tired of the Republican party and their antics at trying to make this a totally red state. I do not accept their agenda! I need to feel that I can vote for the people I best think can run this state and country!

Dana Cappelletti, Ms.
True Texas project
Mansfield, TX

It is imperative we fight fight fight to save our state and country from progressive ideology and that starts and ends with our representatives.
Pass the one big beautiful map.

William Maxwell
Self, Engineer
Houston, TX

Oppose. Strongly oppose. This redistricting is a blatant attempt to suppress voters.

Donna Bullard
Self??
Clifton, TX

Pass

Kelsey Maxwell-Acosta, Dr.
Self -Clinical Scientist
Dallas, TX

I am commenting in opposition to this Redistricting plan. It is blatant gerrymandering and does not make logical sense.

Stacy Suits
Travis County Constable Pct. 3
AUSTIN, TX

Opposed to congressional redistricting until 2031. What is going to happen is this: Casar becomes the Travis County Congressman and Doggett beats one of the incumbent Republican Congressmen in adjacent counties.

Robin Dennis
self
Austin, TX

I'm a Deacon at University Presbyterian Church in Austin. Deacon training includes reading The Book of Church Order. Presbyterians like to say that we do things "decently and in order". Our American form of government was founded on the principles of Presbyterian government. Wikipedia has an extensive entry on ""Gerrymandering in the United States". It says "In the past, federal courts have deemed extreme cases of gerrymandering to be unconstitutional." "A 202 study found that gerrymandering "impedes numerous party functions at both the congressional and state house levels. These results suggest that gerrymandering has long-term effects on the health of the democratic process beyond simply costing or gaining parties seats in the legislature." I would assume that you House members wouldn't be serving in the Texas Capitol if you didn't share my belief in the Constitution and the principles of democracy. Please do not allow gerrymandering to destroy our democracy.

Sylvia Garcia
Congressional Hispanic Caucus
Houston, TX

As a Member of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus and proud Texan, I submit a letter from the Chair of the CHC.

Dear Chair Vasut and Vice Rosenthal:

As Chairman of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus (CHC), which represents 42 Hispanic Members of Congress across the nation, I write to express my strong opposition to this mid-decade redistricting effort in Texas—a blatant power grab that undermines democracy and silences Latino voters.

This process is not driven by new census data, voter demand, or policy needs. It is a targeted strategy to shift control of five congressional seats from Democrats to Republicans, aligning with broader efforts to consolidate power.

In Harris County, where Latinos make up nearly 46% of the population, Governor Abbott and his allies slashed the Hispanic Voting Age Population in Texas's 29th District—from 65.5% to 43%. This district, historically created under the Voting Rights Act to ensure Latino representation, is now being gutted to suppress the political power of a growing, vital community.

This is not isolated. Across the state, Republicans are using surgical precision to redraw maps and erode minority voting strength. The goal is not fairness, it's submission—to Trump, to extremism, and to a toxic political agenda that enriches the powerful while working families, children, seniors, and veterans are left behind.

This redistricting scheme would be more at home under a dictatorship than in a functioning democracy. I strongly suggest that the Texas Legislature consider rejecting this disgraceful attempt to cling to power.

I respectfully request that my letter be carefully reviewed and considered in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations.

Sincerely,
Adriano Espaillat
Member of Congress
Chair, Congressional Hispanic Caucus

John Fullinwider, Mr.
Self, retired Texas teacher.
DALLAS, TX

I am writing to state my opposition to any mid-decade redistricting of the Congressional map of Texas. I also oppose the map presented by Rep. Todd Hunter (R-Corpus Christi) on Wednesday, July 30. First, the process has been launched in bad faith. The Republican dominated Texas legislature created the current map in 2021 based on the decennial U.S. Census. This map was accurately characterized at the time as protecting GOP majorities while diluting voices of voters of color.1 Now at the command of President Trump, Governor Abbott and the legislature are preparing to replicate this outcome with a vengeance.
When Texas and Colorado conducted mid-decade redistricting in 2003, after gaining undivided control of their state legislatures, they were the only states to have done so in the modern era.2 Except as a result of court orders, to my knowledge, no state has redistricted mid-year since. Second, under the map proffered by Rep. Hunter, not a single district of a Republican incumbent would become more competitive. The plan seeks to add Republican voters to districts of incumbent Democrats in major cities, including Dallas where I live.3 The new map would have a disparate and negative impact on Latino and, especially, Black voters because it undercuts the impact these voters can have on Congressional election outcomes. This is why many of us call the new map racist. I urge you, members of the House, to abandon this mid-decade redistricting effort altogether.

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Twyla Clayton
Self
Temple, TX

I am for the redistricting!

Ann Stevenson, Ms.
Highland Lakes Democratic Women
Sunrise Beach, TX

Do not change the mapping, remember the future may bring this to your party too!

Marcella Marmor, Ms
Retired
Mico, TX

This is an outrageous over step of power. Do not reduce this state to nothing other than a Republican fake. There are residents besides Republicans in this state and they have a right to be heard, too. This bill is very wrong for our country. Please do not pass or support this bill. This is not just politics. It is about our citizens freedom and the importance of every vote. Do not undermine our democracy by passing this bill.

Sharon Yowell
Self
Lubbock, TX

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Susan Burek, Ms.
Self, Retired
Austin, TX

PLEASE VOTE NO ON HOUSE BILL 4 REGARDING REDISTRICTING IN TEXAS.

My name is Susan Burek and I'm a registered voter in Texas. I have many concerns about House Bill 4, and I respectfully ask you to OPPOSE this bill.

Texas redrew its congressional maps in 2021, but the President recently demanded redistricting in Texas, not because of new Census data or to correct the voter misrepresentation issues that were identified on the 2011 or 2021 maps, but to respond to the President's public demand to create 5 new Republican districts in Texas.
This mid-decade redistricting is not normal. It's a calculated and anti-democratic power grab ordered publicly by the President to manipulate next year's midterm election results, as reported by all of the major news networks.

HB4 gives Texas lawmakers 30 days to redraw the maps, with no requirement for transparency, public input, or fair representation. Texas voters deserve a process that is transparent and accessible.

In 2011, Texas drew election maps that intentionally discriminated against people of color. A federal district court that reviewed those maps noted the exclusion of input from minority members and the public, despite the minority population growth, in addition to the misleading information, the secrecy and closed process, and the rushed process.

In 2019, that same panel of judges stated, "Given the record produced in 2011, the State must implement a process that, by any reasonable definition, is fair and open.

However, HB4 follows the same troubling pattern that the federal courts objected to in 2011 and 2019. The maps proposed by HB4 were not shared in advance with the public, hearing notices were posted only a few days before the scheduled hearings, and testimony in the House is being severely restricted.

These actions provide evidence that the Texas Legislature isn't interested in hearing the concerns of its constituents – it's merely going through the motions to meet the public gerrymandering demands ordered by the President and disregarding the concerns and voices of their Texas constituents.

Please oppose HB4 for the following reasons:
- HB4 discriminates against people of color.
- HB4 limits public testimony.
- HB4 doesn't provide at least 5 days to review the maps.
- HB4 doesn't provide at least 5 days to review proposed changes.
- HB4 doesn't provide an analysis of how the new maps will impact historically disenfranchised communities of color.
- HB4 doesn't require the legislature to keep all documents, written communications, emails, text messages, and draft maps.

These are very serious concerns. Please oppose HB4 to prevent blatant political gerrymandering in Texas. It's attempt to reduce the voting strength of communities of color is shameful and evidence of blatant racial discrimination, which should not be tolerated by the Texas Legislature.

Thank you very much for your consideration of my concerns.

Katy Horan
Self
Austin, TX

It seems kinda politically stupid at this point to align oneself with Donald Trump, but that's why y'all are cheating in the first place, so it won't matter that your constituents hate you and know that you are all just cowards. You probably think that you'll just retain your power after it's all rigged. You are disgusting people.

Melisa Denis
Self
Coppell, TX

Because of my travel schedule I am not able to attend the public session in person but I want to express my support of HB 4 and the congressional redistricting efforts. I believe we have had significant changes in the makeup of voters in these districts and we need to revise the districts so they more clearly represent the constituents. Respectfully, Melisa Denis

Jennifer McNabb
Self-retired
Lubbock, TX

I am for the redistricting BILL in Texas

Secherre Michaelis, CRNA
Self
Dallas, TX

Please do not draw these lines that favor adding more republican seats. You should be ashamed of yourself for trying to please trump and following him.

Daria Allen, Mrs
Myself
Parker, TX

“I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.”

Clark Flinn
Self
Buda, TX

My name is Clark Flinn. I am a lifelong Texan, born and raised. I live in Buda and my wife, Allyson, is a elementary teacher in Lockhart. We are deeply disturbed by the plans to redistrict our already heavily gerrymandered state by order from the Trump administration. This special session was supposed to be called for passing flood relief for those affected by the July 4th floods in Kerrville and other areas. It seems to me that the Republican law makers are using this natural disaster, that killed over 20 innocent children, to further rig the electoral maps in favor of their own party to keep themselves in power. Republicans don't care about us. They don't care to actually HELP those in need. Governance to them is hoarding power and selling it to the highest bidder. They do not care about the common man, they just want our vote so they can line their pockets with billionaire money. I have had enough of thos blatant, corrupt, and morally bankrupt Republican party trying to further disenfranchise the voters of Texas. If there is a Republican with a shred of morals left within them, they need to SPEAK UP and REFUSE to do Donald Trump and his billionaire friend's bidding, and actually work for WE, THE PEOPLE!

Matthew Piech
Self - University Senior Lecturer
Waco, TX

I wish to express, in the strongest possible terms, my deep concern and unequivocal opposition to the mid-decade redistricting effort currently under consideration by the Texas House Congressional Redistricting Committee . This is a nakedly partisan attempt to gerrymander congressional districts in Texas for the sole purpose of securing political advantage for the Republican Party, and it must be rejected.

Until President Donald Trump raised the issue, there were no plans for mid-decade redistricting by the Texas Legislature. Trump himself made the intent of this process explicitly clear when he said on July 15, 2025, “Texas will be the biggest one. And that'll be five.” He then added, “Just a simple redrawing, we pick up five seats,” and further stated, “There could be some other states we're going to get another three, or four or five in addition. Texas would be the biggest one.” These statements reveal the true motivation behind this proposed redistricting: to manipulate electoral maps to pre-determine political outcomes and subvert the will of the voters.

This is not about fair representation. It is about power—raw, cynical power. This mid-decade redistricting proposal is nothing less than an attempt to rig the 2026 elections and beyond.

Moreover, this maneuver is being orchestrated by a President who, along with many of his allies, has falsely claimed for years that the 2020 presidential election was stolen. These claims have been thoroughly discredited in court. More than 60 lawsuits were filed by Trump and his allies challenging the 2020 election results. Nearly all were dismissed or dropped due to lack of evidence or standing. Only one case initially ruled in Trump’s favor, but that decision was overturned by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court and had no impact on the final results. Judges across the country—including many appointed by Trump himself—rejected the baseless allegations of widespread voter fraud, declaring that the lawsuits lacked merit.

For this committee to now embrace a redistricting process rooted in political manipulation is not only profoundly irresponsible—it is shameful. If it proceeds with mid-decade redistricting designed to benefit one party, it will amount to stealing future elections by diluting minority voting strength, reducing electoral competitiveness, and entrenching incumbents while silencing new voices. It will tarnish Texas’s reputation, invite costly legal challenges, and undermine faith in our democratic process.

Thus, I urge this committee to reject this dangerous and undemocratic course of action. Texas deserves an ongoing decennial redistricting process guided by fairness, transparency, and respect for the rule of law—not a sporadically selected one driven by partisan gamesmanship at the behest of a President with a record of attacking our democratic institutions.

Do not allow our state to become the poster child for gerrymandering in America. History will judge your actions—and so will the voters.

Darcy Rohre
Self
Georgetown, TX

I am absolutely opposed to this redistricting which can only be called gerrymandering and voter suppression. You should all be ashamed of yourselves.

Herlinda Gutierrez
Self - Retired Social Worker
El Paso, TX

This district has unsatisfactory representation in the state government as it is. Another change would completely put El Paso in the back of the cue. Governor Abbott and his current administration are supposed to serve the citizens of Texas, but we haven't seen any benefit to date.

Luis Venitucci
Self Retired teacher/coach
Austin, TX

Gerrymandering by either party is completely unAmerican. It violates the ideal of fair representation, which is the essential basis of our Democracy. Make the map fair, not biased.

Respectfully,

Luis Venitucci

Cari Zoch
Self
Austin, TX

My name is Cari Zoch and I live in the Lakewood neighborhood in Northwest Austin with my husband and our daughter.

I'm a Gen X working mom, and I'm asking you — please don't overlook families like mine. We live here. We raise our kids here. We care deeply about our schools, our roads, our safety, and our ability to have a real say in what happens in our community.

Lakewood is part of Austin, Texas — not Polk County, not East Texas, not anywhere else. And yet sometimes the way district maps are drawn, it feels like we're being grouped into places we have no connection to. That makes no sense. We live in Austin. We pay Austin taxes. We deal with Austin traffic, send our kids to Austin schools, and vote in Austin elections. Our representation should reflect that.

Representation isn't just about drawing lines — it's about listening to people. When maps ignore the actual communities on the ground, trust breaks down. And families like mine are left feeling invisible in a process that's supposed to protect our voice.

Lakewood is a connected, engaged, and invested part of Northwest Austin. We're not asking for special treatment — we're asking for common sense and fairness. Draw maps that reflect where we actually live and what we actually need.

This is your chance to do right by everyday Texans. We're paying attention. And we're hoping you'll choose people over politics. For what it's worth I've voted Republican in about half of the elections in my lifetime and am not tied to one political party.

Thank you for your time.

Larcombe Teichgraeber
Self
Austin, TX

This is a deeply corrupt bill and you are silencing the voices of voters who bring in significant revenue for your state. This is unacceptable.

Oscar Holguin
El Paso County Commissioner
El Paso, TX

Chair and Members of the Committee,
My name is Iliana Holguin, and I proudly serve as the County Commissioner for Precinct 3 in El Paso County. In addition to my role as an elected official, I am also a practicing attorney. I'm writing to express my deep concern and strong opposition to any redistricting proposals that would diminish the representation of El Paso's majority-Hispanic population—particularly the proposals that would dramatically alter the boundaries of Congressional District 16.
These proposals are not just about shifting lines on a map. They threaten to upend the democratic representation of a community that has historically been marginalized, and they raise serious legal concerns. As this committee is well aware, under Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act, it is illegal to enact redistricting plans that result in the dilution of minority voting power. Courts have consistently reaffirmed this principle. From Shaw v. Reno to Bartlett v. Strickland, the legal precedent is clear: race-based gerrymandering and cracking or packing of minority communities are not only unjust—they are unconstitutional. In fact, ongoing litigation filed by organizations such as the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), Mexican American Legislative Caucus (MALC), MALDEF, and the NAACP specifically challenges Texas House Plan H2316 for its discriminatory effects. These cases are currently before the Western District of Texas, with findings pointing to intentional vote dilution, racial gerrymandering, and violations of both the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment.
The proposed redistricting plans follow a deeply troubling pattern. They continue a decades-long trend in Texas of minimizing the electoral power of Latino communities, including right here in El Paso. The current congressional map already increased the number of majority-white districts, despite the fact that Texas gained two additional congressional seats because of its rapidly growing Latino population. Yet, those gains are not being reflected in the proposed maps. Instead, we're seeing efforts to divide cohesive, majority-Latino districts like ours—watering down our voting power and denying us an equal voice in Washington.
In El Paso, this has profound consequences. Congressional District 16 is home to over 766,000 residents—more than 82% of whom are Hispanic. Our community is not only united by culture, history, and language—we are united by shared needs and priorities: border infrastructure, education, economic development, access to healthcare, and military partnerships like Fort Bliss. When you fracture a community like ours, you weaken its ability to advocate for itself. You silence its voice.
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Paul Moinot
Self
Cypress, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Elisabeth Owen
Self
ELGIN, TX

I urge you: Vote NO on this bill. Protect fair maps. Defend democracy.
Texas has always prided itself on being a place where people can speak up, live free, and have a say in their future. Gerrymandering undermines that promise.
This bill represents a blatant attempt at racial gerrymandering, redrawing districts in a way that dilutes the voting power of American communities across Texas. It is not only morally wrong, it is unconstitutional and a direct attack on democracy. Texas is one of the most diverse states in the country. People of color make up the majority of our population and the backbone of our workforce, our culture, and our economy. Yet, this bill deliberately undermines their political representation. Again, I urge you: Vote NO on this redistricting bill.

Andrew Hyde
Self
Deer Park, TX

This needs to happen now. The population of Texas and especially Harris county is growing and will continue to grow as opportunities increase. We need to be properly represented in government at all levels.

Brandon Doughty
Self
Austin, TX

I currently live in Austin, TX, but within Williamson county. My representative is Lloyd Doggett in precinct 186. Looking at the proposed new redistricting of my area and where I would be represented shows a complete lack of faith and fairness in who would have a voice for me and my family. My voice and my representation should be focused on central Texas and the Hill Country areas of Austin and the immediate surroundings. However, the new plan proposes to somehow tie mine and my family and neighbors representation to areas as far north as Navarro county. I know people in Navarro county, I formerly lived near there and moved away for good reason. This proposed new redistricting is improper and would remove the representation I believe in as well as mine and my fellow Austinites and Round Rockers voice in helping decide and direct the direction of Texas and the United States. I oppose the redistricting as highly unconstitutional and visible gerrymandering, due to the lack of true representation offered by the new map for my area. On top of these factors, the proposed redistricting is outside the expected timeline further proving the lack of ethics and consideration for the people this redistricting affects. Do not implement the new redistricting. I firmly want to remain represented within my current district.

Kim Sturman
GOP Precinct 1050
Red Oak, TX

Please vote yes for HB4 to approve this redistricting

Raquel Ting
Self
Austin, TX

Please don't this! It feels like a power grab to take away citizens rights for a representative that aligns with their values. This is not a decision to be made without consent of voters in the district.

Deborah Lumpkins, Mrs.
Self - Retired
Tyler, TX

STOP! Just STOP The Art of the Steal. It is alarming what the GOP is willing to do for this administration with disregard to rules and law. No redistricting !! Take action to aid the Texas flooding victims and address precautions for the future.

anilyn fabello
self
Austin, TX

I think it's a shame that the elected officials are doing a power grab in support of a felon and someone that has been convicted of sexual assault. You are taking away the voices of a people and you should feel great shame for destroying democracy

Tammie Nielsen
Self
Pasadena, TX

Redistricting is a necessary and constitutional process that ensures fair and equal representation by adjusting electoral boundaries to reflect changes in population. It is grounded in the “one person, one vote” principle protected by the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment.

Texas has experienced significant population growth since the 2020 census. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, our population has increased from 29,145,505 in 2020 to an estimated 32 million by July 2025. The current legislative and congressional district maps—drawn based on outdated data—do not reflect the dramatic growth our state has experienced, especially in areas like Harris County.

Redistricting must be based on accurate, current population data—not on race or political affiliation. These factors should not influence how lines are drawn, as doing so undermines both fairness and public trust.

I live in Pasadena, where the population has increased significantly, much of it due to illegal immigration. Individuals who are not in the country legally should not be counted in the population used to draw district lines. Including them distorts representation and creates an imbalance in voting power.

Pasadena has a population of approximately 150,000 yet is split across two congressional districts, three state House districts, and two state Senate districts. This division fragments our community’s representation and weakens our ability to advocate effectively for local needs.

Redistricting must be addressed now to ensure Texas districts accurately reflect current populations and comply with constitutional standards. Fair representation depends on it.

Khloe Johnson
Self
Houston, TX

I support this bill.

Adela Saenz
Self
Little elm, TX

Redistricting is wrong and undemocratic, and you know it. It undermines the voice of the voters. Please reconsider. This is cheating.

Caitlin Smith
TSEU and AAUP
Austin, TX

I submit this testimony in strong opposition to the proposed congressional redistricting map released by Texas Republicans. This is not a neutral redrawing based on population changes - it is a blatant political weapon crafted to serve the personal interests of Donald Trump and those who enable him. And it should alarm anyone who still believes in representative democracy.

Let’s not pretend this is about constitutional fairness or protecting voters. This is about pleasing a man who has made it clear he will burn down democratic norms to maintain power and protect his own interests. The proposed map, released during a special session called by Governor Greg Abbott, seeks to add as many as five new Republican-held seats in Texas—solely because Trump demanded it. The Republican Party of Texas has said so plainly: this redistricting is about preserving GOP control and advancing Trump’s agenda. He said it himself: “a very simple redrawing” gets five more seats.

That is not democracy. That is autocracy, drawn in ink.

The new map tears apart competitive and diverse districts across the state—targeting Democratic-held seats in the Rio Grande Valley, Dallas-Fort Worth, Houston, and Central Texas. In one case, it forces two Democratic incumbents into the same district, hoping to erase a dissenting voice altogether. Analysts already predict a 30-to-8 GOP advantage if this plan is approved, despite Texas’s racial and ideological diversity.

And the racial intent is obvious. This map takes what courts and experts have already called one of the most racially discriminatory redistricting processes in the country and makes it worse.

After months of speaking out and engaging with legislators throughout the 89th legislative session to fight for students, I have absolutely no faith that Texas Republicans will do the right thing and listen to their constituents. At every turn, they have shown they will ignore their constituents (and experts!) to follow Donald Trump’s orders, no matter how corrosive or absurd. The fact that our state's legislative priorities are being dictated by a man who seems to exist solely to carry out the cruel, anti-democratic vision of Stephen Miller should shake us all.

Despite the lack of integrity shown by most of our current legislators in Texas and likelihood that they will go through with this redistricting, it is critical that we speak out and leave a public record demonstrating our vehement opposition to their capitulation to Trump and blatant disregard for their constituents.

Lowell Rice, Mr
self, BPM
Austin, TX

When Tom Delay brought forward a redistricting plan in 2003, off-year, post the last census, it was seen as an effort to rig elections in this state. It was a classic case of egregious gerrymandering. Now, when a Republican president requests "5 additional seats" in Texas for the Republican party, our state elected officials bend the knee and accommodate this request. The only reason to pursue this would be due to the fact that Republicans no longer believe they can win on policy, and must resort to defacto "cheating" to win elections and skew the entire nation to one side of the aisle. This is the antithesis of the Texan ethos. If you cannot win on your merit, stacking the deck, AGAIN, shows weakness, not strength, and our state and nation will pay the price. Much like the recent tragedies in this state, too much "single party vision" means that fewer views for the betterment of our state are available. More opinions, diversity in experience and expertise, results in better policies for ALL Texans and Americans. As General George S. Patton is quoted, "If everyone is thinking the same, then someone isn't thinking.". We can do better than this.

Matt Nelson
Self
Austin, TX

I was born, raised and have lived most of my life in Texas. HB 4 is a sign that Democracy is aggressively being corrupted by the Governor and Republican Legislators of Texas. HB-4's only purpose is to steal my right as a United States Citizen to vote and be represented by the Legislator of my choice. This will also become a poison pill since it will lead other states to use the same tactic to countermand Abbott's response to Trump's bidding. HB-4 is bad for Texas and awful for the United States. Please as a Legislator sworn to support Democracy, to support our state and to support our country, do not vote for this bill. Thank You

Melissa Smith
Self
Dallas, TX

I oppose this bill and it is bad for Texans and the state of Texas. Texans need support, not to be compromised in political games like this.

Steve Atkinson
self
Dallas, TX

Please do not support this blatant attempt to further gerrymander Texas congressional districts, which will ensure that the state legislature composition does not represent a huge percentage of the population.

Theresa Garcia
Self
McKinney, TX

I am in full support of the bill HB 4. We need to accurately count the conservative voices and those who represent them in these districts. Please support this bill.

Lauren McGrew-Hitzhusen
self - editor
Houston, TX

Come on, y'all. Redistricting is goofy. We're not due for this until 2031. You know this. I know this. Why are we wasting time doing this? Texas is an incredible and diverse state that deserves representation that SHOWS that. Break quorum. Don't redistrict this state.

Orlando Sims
Self
CORPUS CHRSTI, TX

Fellow Texans and Legislators,

We must pass HB 4 during this first special session of the 89th Legislature to ensure fair and representative congressional districts for our state. In the 2024 election, the people of Texas delivered a resounding mandate, voting overwhelmingly for Republican candidates across the board—from the presidency, where Donald Trump won by a decisive 13.7 percentage points, to statewide offices and the state legislature, where Republicans expanded their majorities in both the House and Senate.

This clear choice reflects the deeply held conservative values of the majority of Texans: limited government, strong borders, economic freedom, and traditional principles that have made our state a beacon of opportunity. Yet, our current congressional maps fail to fully align with this reality, diluting the voice of conservative voters in key areas. By passing HB 4, which redraws districts to better represent the political landscape shaped by our recent elections, we honor the will of the people and strengthen Texas's influence in Washington.

Critics may label this as gerrymandering, but redistricting to reflect electoral outcomes is a longstanding practice across the nation—one that Democrats enthusiastically employ in states they control, such as Illinois, where they drew maps to maximize their congressional seats and minimize Republican representation, and Maryland, where Democratic-led gerrymandering has created heavily skewed districts favoring their party for years. In New York, Democrats have similarly pursued aggressive redistricting strategies to gain an edge in congressional races. If it's acceptable for Democrats to redraw lines in their favor where they hold power, then Texans should not hesitate to do the same to ensure our conservative majority is properly represented.

Let's not delay—pass HB 4 now to empower conservative representation that truly mirrors the heart of Texas.

Amanda Smith
self
Belton, TX

What Texans do not need are new unfair maps that disenfranchise Black and Brown voters. The current agenda item seeking a revised congressional redistricting plan, citing "constitutional concerns raised by the U.S. Department of Justice," is deeply troubling. The Department of Justice's argument that districts with a minority majority should be considered "racial gerrymandering" fundamentally misunderstands and misapplies the concept. Racial gerrymandering, in reality, is the drawing of district lines to prevent racial minorities from electing their preferred candidates, thereby diluting their voting power.
National Republicans are reportedly targeting four specific districts with lower economic status, younger average voters, and higher percentages of minority voters in Texas:
TX-9, currently represented by Al Green, has a population that is approximately 39.3% Hispanic, 35.8% Black, and 12.4% White.
TX-18, an open seat previously held by Sylvester Turner, has a population that is approximately 43.4% Hispanic, 32.2% Black, and 16.7% White.
TX-29, represented by Sylvia Garcia, has a population that is approximately 74.5% Hispanic, 13.2% Black, and 8.3% White.
TX-33, represented by Marc Veasey, has a population that is approximately 57.6% Hispanic, 18.6% Black, and 13.2% White.

These districts largely reflect the diverse and growing populations of Texas. Attempts to redraw these maps based on a flawed interpretation of "racial gerrymandering" are nothing more than a thinly veiled attempt to fortify a slim majority in the U.S. House by carving out more GOP seats in Texas. This would inevitably reduce D.C. representation for all Texas Democrats and undermine the fundamental principle of fair and equitable representation. Texas should not be used as a "trial run" for arguments that threaten to disenfranchise voters nationwide. While redistricting is legally permissible at any time, it is typically undertaken in conjunction with the decennial census. Mid-decade redistricting driven by partisan motives, rather than population shifts, serves only to undermine democratic principles and silence the voices of minority communities.

Cassandra Russell
Self, Retiree
Arlington, TX

As a resident of Texas, I am writing to express deep concern regarding the redistricting efforts currently being addressed during the Texas Legislature's special session. These efforts have the potential to significantly impact equitable representation for many Texans, particularly in historically Black and Latino communities.

These congressional districts have long been crucial in ensuring that underrepresented communities have a voice in state and federal decision-making. Any attempt to diminish their boundaries or shift their demographic composition undermines the principles of representative democracy and threatens decades of progress in voter equity.

I respectfully urge you to:

Advocate for transparency and fairness in the redistricting process
Reject any maps or proposals that dilute the political power of historically marginalized communities
Support public engagement and accountability, including testimony at public hearings and online comment submissions
I hope we can count on your leadership to ensure that every Texan—regardless of race, background, or zip code—has equal access to fair representation.

Thank you for your time and continued service to the people of Texas.

-Cassandra Russell
A very concerned Texas resident

Monica Gomez
self - writer/teacher
El Paso, TX

Redistricting is another Trump-inspired manipulation to further the aims of his administration, not to serve America. Any "gains" made using Trump’s tactics at the expense of America’s freedom and values are poor substitutes for policies reached through legitimate compromise. The January 6th insurrection has continued with daily errosion of America's commitment to the hard work of deliberation in favor of Trump's system of intimidation, retribution and reckless disregard of vital principles. I pray daily that America will survive Trump, a distressing symptom of a governing body in desperate need of a fitness program to revitalize and rejuvenate our democracy. Thank you for your attention.

Jason Peck
Self
Austin, TX

This map is drawn to serve Donald Trump, and Donald alone. Not Texans. This map is specifically silencing Black, Latino, and AAPI communities. This special session should be focusing its attention on the flooding - both the various failures that led to its devastation and building back in the aftermath while taking steps to prevent such devastation in the future. This is a blatant power grab and electoral rigging for one party. Focus on the real issue, not this unnecessary partisanship.

Holly Garner
Self/ Retired
Georgetown, TX

I urge y'all to vote no on HB4. It is blatantly an unethical power grab by the Republicans and must not stand. The precedent it sets will only encourage the Democrats to do the same thing! I believe it will do great damage to our state and our country. Please vote no!

Daniel Little
self
Austin, TX

The proposed gerrymandered map for Texas's House of Representatives is absolutely ridiculous and an affront to democracy. Politicians should not get to choose their voters, and maps certainly should not be altered just because a despotic president is worried about losing public support. Preserve the maps as is, and do not support this gerrymander.

Laurie Carroll
Myself
Dallas, TX

This redistricting is being solely done to try to rig the system so that votes other than for Trump's cruel, billionaire bought Republican party. Less than a third of Texans support the immigration and tariff policies of Trump's Republican party but the Texas Republicans are taking away the right of the voter's to object through this redistricting plan. The legislature should be focusing on the tragedy in Kerrville and not using the tragedy to take away people's votes. Shame on you. I strongly oppose this mid-decade redistricting redistricting.

Joan Hardy
Self
Elgin Tx 78621, TX

Wasting time on redistricting when it's such a naked power grab. Every
hour of your time should be focused on preventing & addressing the kind of flooding, loss of life & devastation across at least 4 counties. I live in a rural area on our farm. There will be many more votes against all of you if this gets passed.

LeLynne Waltman Knight
Self -Registered Nurse
Mansfield, TX

This map is such a textbook example of a corrupt group of politicians wielding power for themselves. Each of you should be ashamed. Each of you will be remembered in history as spineless people bending their knee to Trump. Your legacy to your family will be shame.

Madison Sequenzia
Self
Van Alstyne, TX

I strongly support HB4. Texas is a conservative state and it's about time Texas residents are appropriately represented within new districts. HB4 will ensure that Texas values and policy keep Texas prosperous and free.

Mary Baker, Mrs.
self
Austin, TX

My name is Mary Diane Baker. I live in the Canyon Creek neighborhood in far Northwest Austin. We are a politically and culturally diverse neighborhood within the City of Austin, Travis County, and Round Rock School District. Most of my neighbors work in the tech industry and value our neighborhood because of the good schools. We have owned our house for 24 years and of that 24 years, we have been gerrymandered into districts with whom we share little in the way of common ground. I have been thrilled in the past two years to finally have someone who represents me who shares my values. This new map takes our tiny little neighborhood and places it in District 11 with Odessa and San Angelo with whom we share practically nothing in life experiences and world view. I, a 73 year old white woman, am very angry that once again I will be disenfranchised. I urge you to reject this misguided attempt to give in to an increasingly unpopular President and I would worry that in the next election you will face a public that finds this effort totally unacceptable. I am active in election work and vote in every election. I will do my best to support candidates who do not give into political arm twisting next time around.

Naomi Schwenk
Self
Austin, TX

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No gerrymandering in Texas! Let our voices be accurately represented!

Robin Davidson
Self
Tomball, TX

I am wholeheartedly against taking representation away from Texans and giving in to D.C. demands. We are supposed to choose our representatives, not have them chosen for us. Gerrymandering hurts all Texans, not just those shut out of electoral power. Please register my displeasure with this bill.

Rachael Cayton Barden
Self, Clinical Social Worker
Austin, TX

As a Texas voter, I am hugely opposed to the proposed redistricting. I believe my democratic rights are being violated with this legislative action.

Augusta Gelfand
Myself
Austin, TX

We've done redistricting plenty of times, Don't bother with the effort or expense, we don't need it. Use that money on something Texas needs, like better paid teachers, better performing schools.

Huang Xing, Mr
self
Spring, TX

I oppose HB4 for congressional redistricting. Congressional redistricting is a plan for power grab for the benefit of 1 political party, plain and simple. It strips away the voices of people based on Census data, especially colored minorities. If it is not gerrymandering, then nothing else is. Texas state legislature has better things to do such as giving disaster relief to hill country flood victims. Any redistricting is bound to be legally challenged in courts, wasting time & money which can be spent else where.

Angelia Neal
self professional health care
Ft Worth, TX

DO NOT gerrymander! You know the true American way is to allow ALL people to vote and not to play stupid political games to disallow those you don't want to vote to have choices that may not include you.

Mary Edgerton
Self; Professor of Pathology (Physician)
Houston, TX

I am firmly opposed to this redistricting effort. The Texas Legislature should focus on establishing the necessary regulations and support to prevent the horrific flooding and deaths which just occurred in Central Texas. Our citizens have suffered and there were no winners. Further, this move to redistrict violates the principles set up by the foundings fathers of both the United States and the Republic of Texas to set up a democracy. Silencing votes by redistricting is an insult to the thought that was put into the constitution. The fact that this is happening in the interval between the official redistricting based on census maps, along with the political climate and the upcoming mid-terms, speaks to the undemocratic aim of this bill.

Janice Esquivel
self
Carrollton, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map. This is a conservative state, I grew up here and choose to stay here. I am tired of people moving to this great state and trying to turn it blue. There are plenty of other blue socialist states--leave Texas alone!

Sharron Fitzner
Randall County Self
Amarillo, TX

The idea of changing the lines of division to give Republican an additional advantage is wrong. We don't want more of the Republican grab for power over the people.

Terry Bigbee
Self retired.
Austin, TX

Stop representing Washington DC and represent the people of Texas. Stop gerrrymandering! No Re-districting.

Karen Smith
self retired college professor
Kyle, TX

This is a blatant attempt to silence those of us who disagree with the powers that be. Voting is the only right we have left and you are trying to take away its impact by redistricting so that dissenting voices will have no majorities in this state. You have already stretched districts across multiple counties in order to dilute our votes. Please stop being Donald Trump's little errand boys! Please stop being Tim Holt's Christian Nationalist errand boys! Do the right thing. Keep our voting rights !

Sanat Deshpande
Self, Small Business Owner
Austin, TX

HB 4 is a blatant attack on democracy in Texas. It's not just about politicians clinging to power, it's about rigging the system to serve the billionaires who bankroll their campaigns. This bill allows partisan gerrymandering that strips voters of fair representation and entrenches the interests of the ultra-wealthy. It flies in the face of the Redistricting Reform Act and the core American principle that voters—not oligarchs—should choose our leaders. HB4 is shameful and un-American. Texans deserve democracy!

Megan Casbinder
Self
Austin, TX

The GOP wouldn't be trying so hard to suppress our vote if our vote didn't matter.
Don't gerrymander Texas more than it already is.

Cindy Roth
Self/marketing
Houston, TX

Way to prove how dishonest, and desperate, Texas government is. Abbott is disreputable and a hypocrite. We don't have representation in Houston since the death of Sylvester Turner and Abbott won't call a special session. But give him the opportunity to swindle Texans out of a fair voting process, this crook is all over it. The transparency of this act is shameful and we're well aware of the shifty and undemocratic acts that you are perpetrating. While lying, cheating, stealing, dishonesty, representing your own personal interests and not that of constituents, and partisan behavior are now the norm in this despicable administration, where does the assault on your fellow Texans end? Trust we've noticed and we're not going to be silent while you continue your disgusting machinations.

Matthew Bryan
Self
Rockwall, TX

I 100% support this redistricting! KEEP TEXAS RED!!!!!

Meni Koulakiotis
Self
Cedar Park, TX

I implore you to consider what THE CITIZENS AND RESIDENTS OF TEXAS want. No one but those at the top are speaking up in favor of this bill.

The blatant inequities of the current district map are infuriating enough. Please, please do not make this issue worse. Texans are standing up in droves, showing up in large numbers to protest, though many are having to step away from daily obligations, such as work, caregiving, etc. By and large, we do not want this new redistricting. You are trying to erase non-republican areas. What you should be doing is focusing on how Texans can have their voices heard, not silencing them.

Anna Grimes
self/artist
Austin, TX

I do not support the adoption of the map of districts for the election of members to the US House of Representatives. This map unfairly draws boundaries that make it impossible for a representative to accurately reflect the needs and views of the people living in the districts. The map as drawn is highly partisan and distorts representation for Texans who live in cities and urban areas. Regardless of political party, all Texans deserve a just and fair government that will uphold Democracy and allow fair representation.

Kelly Buchanan
Self- Investigator
Denison, TX

I oppose redistricting. This is an obvious attempt by republicans to gain more power by cheating the system and robbing Texans of our right to actually be represented in government. Anyone who looks at the proposed map can tell that this is outright corruption. It's absurd to think this is an appropriate way to district Texas for political representation. You're spitting in the face of every Texan with this proposal. It's so insulting to think any Texan would be stupid enough to think this is acceptable. I believe in democracy and this bill is anti-democracy. Please take a stand and do what's right.

Victoria Garrett
Self
Houston, TX

A cornerstone of the United States democratic foundation is the principle of free, fair, and unbiased elections where every citizen's voice carries equal weight. Any attempt to distort, suppress, or circumvent the will of the people, particularly in a state as influential as Texas, is not only un-American and dishonorable but a direct assault on the republic itself and grounds for impeachment. Moreover, for those who profess Christian values, such actions betray the moral imperatives of Scripture, which calls us to speak for and protect the least of these, as taught in Matthew 25:40. To undermine the vote is to trample both civic duty and spiritual responsibility.

Tracy Babbitt, Ms
League of Women Voters
Fort Worth, TX

This is a simple power grab! I OPPOSE HB4. I am sickened that this is what our representative government has come to. Trump wants 5 more votes in the House and that's it? We hop to it!! The last redistricting map done as prescribed by the US CONSTITUTION in 2021 the redrawing of districts based on the CENSUS of 2020. This map was approved and signed off on by our current governor. It is still being litigated and now we are illegally redrawing another map based on ?? We have no new census. At the hearing I attended it was stated they'd use voter rolls. Thats not accurate. This ALL violates the Voting Rights Act.

Sarah Sweet
Self
Austin, TX

Against! This map makes no sense and is clearly gerrymandering. As a Texan, I have a right to have my vote count and influence how my community is run. This redistricting should be stopped

Elizabeth Rocamontes
self
Denison, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.
Thank you.

Melissa Wuigley, Ms.
Self
San Antonio, TX

I strongly oppose this attempt at a power grab to please the president. This is shameless partisan gerrymandering and is not a good look. Texans deserve competitive elections and the chance to be in a competitive district. This is an abomination. Another nail in the coffin of democracy!

Alonzo Mendoza
Self - Union Organizer
El Paso, TX

My name is Alonzo Mendoza and I am a constituent of Texas' 16th Congressional District. There's not much I can say to the Republican party that has been entirely captured by the Bully In Chief Donald Trump that will convince you to not obey his orders to do redistricting in Texas. He says "jump", and you have proven time and time again to say "how high?" because very few of you have the courage to say no to this bully. What I can say is that while you are bending over backwards to appease the authoritarian tendencies of someone who will only be in office for a limited time, you will cause long-term damage to Texans who will be here long after Trump will be. Your actions are fomenting hatred and distrust towards the Republican party. The Eurocentric way of thinking that you must have power OVER others is so harmful; why not try have power WITH others? Your desperate attempts to keep power over demographic changes will not prevail in the long term. I know that the political climate in this country and state has become hyper-partisan throughout the last couple of decades, but going down this path will not serve you well in the long run. If you're so afraid of losing votes, why not champion and enact policies that will benefit your constituents instead of your mega-rich donors? How much more money and power do they need? Why not actually do good things for the working class such as raising the minimum wage and expanding healthcare and other social services instead of pleasing stingy rich people? There are more working class people than the mega rich in this state, so you wouldn't have to worry about getting enough votes if you fight for popular policies. The people of Texas deserve a system in which voters choose our elected officials and not the other way around. It is my hope that you will muster the political courage to do what's right and not go with this redistricting scheme. If you do go with this scheme, just know that you are sowing seeds of antagonism that WILL flower and blossom in the future.

Arianne Baker
Self
Dallas, TX

Texas just had appropriate redistricting based on the results of the 2020 census. There is no new information in population changes that justifies redistricting now. This is a blatant attempt at gerrymandering that disenfranchises Texas citizens. It is shameful that it is even being considered.

Sheli Petersen
self, artist
Denton, TX

I urge the committee to reject this mid-decade redistricting proposal, which will make an unfair balance of representation in our state. Our communities deserve fair maps, not political manipulation.

Debbie Cooper
Self/retired
Austin, TX

HB4 is taking away my right to vote and be represented by the legislator I choose. This is CORRUPT. Please vote NO this bill! Thank you.

Ann Dills
Self - Social Worker
Austin, TX

AGAINST - this off-cycle redistricting subverts the will of people and will limit the voices of citizens in TX, particularly in Travis County. Blatant partisanship.

Andrea Baer
self
Austin, TX

As a voter and citizen in Texas, I urge the committee to reject this mid-decade redistricting proposal. Such a redistricting presents a serious threat to our democracy and sets a dangerous precedent for both the state and the country. It would increase public distrust in the state legislature and would furthermore increase distrust in the US citizenry more broadly of the GOP. The long-term harms of this redistricting for Texas, the GOP party, and the country should not be underestimated.

Thomas Cameron
Self
Austin, TX

The mid-decade redistricting is an unfair, likely unconstitutional, ethically reprehensible power grab on the part of the GOP after the disastrous Trump policies. The media is calling it partisan gerrymandering, and that's a fact. This is a clear violation of Democratic principles. You're intentionally diluting voters' voices based on race.

Core democratic ideals such as "one person, one vote" are undermined when redistricting is manipulated for partisan advantage. Gerrymandering distorts representative democracy by allowing politicians to choose their voters, rather than voters choosing their politicians.

You are driving voter disenfranchisement. Voters in manipulated districts are dis-empowered, knowing their votes carry less weight or are predetermined by political cartography. It is obvious you are trying to create to voter apathy, reduced turnout, and erode trust in institutions. When people know their vote doesn't count, they don't show up. It's a massive ethical problem. You are supposed to represent ALL of your constituents, not just the white, wealthy ones.

It allows the dominant party to cement power artificially, even if public opinion shifts. In other words, it allows you to ignore the will of the voters. This leads to policy polarization, as lawmakers in safe districts cater to primary voters rather than general constituents. It's wrong and unfair.

You have an ethical duty to govern for the common good, not the special interests who make bribes, excuse me, "campaign contributions." Using redistricting to maintain power violates the public trust and the ethical obligation of lawmakers to govern impartially and in the best interest of all citizens.

Legally, I believe that this gerrymandering violates the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States. Davis v. Bandemer (1986) and Vieth v. Jubelirer (2004) both found that extreme partisan gerrymanders are unconstitutional.

I believe it also violates First Amendment rights. Gerrymandering can penalize voters for their political association, violating freedom of speech and association. In Whitford v. Gill and Rucho v. Common Cause, plaintiffs argued that gerrymandering chilled political expression.

This also violates the Voting Rights Act (Section 2). If mid-decade gerrymandering disproportionately weakens minority voting power, it may violate Section 2 of the VRA, which prohibits voting practices that discriminate based on race or language minority status. Your redistricting plan is clearly based on racial divisions. Stop it.

Sudden mid-cycle redistricting can disrupt electoral expectations, creating instability and potentially violating procedural fairness guaranteed by due process.

An argument can definitely be made that there is a legitimate lack of state interest. Decennial redistricting has a constitutional basis (post-census reapportionment), mid-decade redistricting lacks a compelling state interest.

We don't want this. Stop it.

Claire Dunham
Self
Austin, TX

As a constituent and resident in Texas, I vehemently oppose this attempt to redraw maps redistricting Texas. Texas' congressional districting maps are still under active litigation from their 2021 redraw that needs to be resolved. Further these changes so transparently reduce the opportunity for voters of color to elect a candidate of choice. POC represent 60% of our residents and their impact and representation will be reduced to 20% with this redistricting. This is inherently un-American, racist, and unacceptable. I want to know that I live in a state that proportionally and fairly represents the constituents of this great state, and not a group of a legislatures doing the bidding of the federal government to stack the deck in favor of things like the Big Beautiful Bill.
Please, please deeply consider the fractioning of the values of democracy with a redistricting exercise like this -- it's heinous and something to be ashamed of. Texas can and should do better.

Vicky linsalata, Ms
self
Austin, TX

This bill is undemocratic, unfair and an affront to the people living in the targeted areas. My own representative, Lloyd Doggett is doing an excellent job. Will a MAGA represent the interests of myself and my neighbors? Hell, no. Shame on you!

Mike Saulters
Self/Systems Engineering
Austin, TX

George Washington famously warned against the dangers of political parties. The ludicrous gerrymander currently in question is the exemplar of his greatest fear, a shameless attempt to wrest power from the people Congress is meant to represent leveraged on the backs of those already with inadequate representation within the state to erode representation from those outside the state. If this is allowed to pass, democracy truly is dead in this country.

Jamie Rosler, Rev.
self / arts administrator & life cycle officiant
Austin, TX

As an active citizen and Texas voter, I am strongly against the GOP redistricting plan for Texas. There is no new census data to justify new maps, and we are still in the wake of a disaster, with families still burying their loved ones and HOCTX still paying for hotel rooms for folks who lost everything. The only possible reason for a mid-schedule redistricting is political fears around who and what the people will vote for. We have had enough of representatives choosing their constituents when a true democracy allows voters to choose their representatives. This gerrymandering is heartless in its timing and cowardly in its reasoning.

Katherine Perry
Self
Plano, TX

I am opposed. If you can’t win elections fairly you should run better candidates. The people of Texas deserve fair representation, and this is a clear effort to remove that in favor of the governing, increasingly authoritarian party.

Kevin Clancy
self
Austin, TX

Do not approve this new redistricting map if you have any conscious whatsoever. Texas is already heavily gerrymandered and it's disgusting, yet this new map would make it so much worse. Over 42% of Texas voters supported Harris, and over 46% supported Biden in the last two presidential elections. Those people have a right to be represented fairly at the state, and federal congressional level. Congressional districts should not be gerrymandered to favor either party, instead they should be based solely one geography, and county and city boundaries. This new map is illegal and absolutely wrong on every level. Anyone who has looked at the map knows it's wrong. If it is passed then it will create a snowball effect of other states like California and New York doing the same thing and gerrymandering their districts to remove republican seats. IT IS NOT RIGHT. All Texas citizens should have equal representation and have a voice. STOP DISENFRANCHISING TEXAS VOTERS.

Kaleb Asplund
self, program manager
Austin, TX

Texas for Texans, don't grovel for the federales! Outrageous and humiliating to change the rules for a scumbag like Trump

Lisa Kettyle
self/Director of Development and Communications
Marfa, TX

I am against the state of Texas gerrymandering in order to suppress the will of the people. I want fair representation for all Texans. The president and Governor Abbott have expressed that they are redistricting Texas in order to give 5 seats to the GOP. I live in rural west Texas and the proposed maps would expand our district far beyond west Texas. West Texans deserve to have their votes count.

If the GOP can't win without gerrymandering, it means that they don't deserve to win because they we're not voting for them. This redistricting is illegal and violates the constitutional rights of Texas voters. Vote no on this bill.

Christine Newman
Self
Austin, TX

This bill literally splits the area surrounding me (within a 10 minute drive in any direction) into 5 different districts. It surgically removes all local representation for myself and my neighbors and literally divides us from one another as a community- silencing our voices. This effort to make the governance of our country a one party system is as unAmerican an activity as there has been since the McCarthy era. It is truly shameful to deny fellow Americans their right to vote for local representation. And this sets a precedent for districts to swing back and forth, with the citizens caught in the middle.

Olivia Barnard
Self
Austin, TX

I fully support HB4 and the redistricting effort that is necessary in Texas. HB?4 provides a timely, legally defensible, and democratic path to reshape Texas’s congressional districts to reflect current realities and preserve effective representation.

Dillon Reyes
Self
Georgetown, TX

The further gerrymandering of districts in Texas is not what Texans were expecting of our representatives following historic floods in Central Texas and the drastic increase in the cost of living, as well as property taxes skyrocketing in 2025. Voters choose their politicians, and gerrymandering unconstitutionally allows for politicians to pick their voters. Some of these proposed districts, and even current ones, look like they were scribbled by an infant and follow no logical or geographical divides. It makes no sense to lump voters in Central Texas in districts that reach as far as Midland or the Gulf Coast. Don't mess with Texas, and don't dilute voter power. If the GOP had any grit, and remembered the working people, they wouldnt be afraid to put in the work to win over voters come election time and let their efforts as representatives reflect on them, for better or for worse when it comes to the 2026 elections. Instead they are trying to get ahead of a potentially rough election cycle by ensuring they get extra seats. Some of us may have been born at night, but is sure as hell wasn't last night. We see what you are doing and will remember how you vote and whether you stood up for what is right and not just for the Right.

Joe Broome
Safely Limitless/ Live Music
Austin, TX

Please be prepared with a fair map because the Republicans can't possibly keep up this dangerous direction and we will need carefully developed maps that are appropriate sized, account for ongoing projects, have the correct historical background and the legal number of citizens. Ideally the map should be built around existing cities and towns.

Ariana Perales
Self
Eagle Pass, TX

I do not agree at all with the way Maverick County has been split in half. This will make representation convoluted and confusing, especially for our older folks. Leadership is hard enough to organize here. There seems to be no real justifiable reasons as to why this should happen seeing as Maverick County is predominantly one ethnicity and have gone as a whole for many years now. It's obvious this is being pushed to flip some house seats, but why is Maverick County being affected when it was already red?

David Troiano, Mr.
Self-retired
Highland Village, TX

I oppose any mid-decade redistricting, especially while the current maps are still being challenged in court. Furthermore, I oppose any redistricting that does not result in fair representation for all Texans. Texans deserve to have a redistricting process that is fair, transparent, and results in equal representation for all, not this rushed and deeply flawed process. Flood recovery efforts and the safety of Texans should be the top priority, not redrawing political maps.

Carlos Moralez
Self
San Antonio, TX

This is an outrage. The Hispanic people of Texas deserve better. This is shameless and cheating...may God forgive you

David Hernandez
self
Katy, TX

my district already has a disadvantage, this would only make it worse for me and many other texans

Andreanna Ditton
Self
Buda, TX

This evident power grab by the Republican representatives is immoral and should be illegal. It's blatant gerrymandering to ignore the needs and desires of Texans who reject their agenda of destroying public education, disenfranchising voters of color and low income voters, eradicating access to health care and destroying civil rights. Texas is already brutally gerrymandered but at least there are some districts that showcase the growing movement of progressive voters. Please reject this power grab and allow Texas citizens to be FAIRLY represented!

REYNALDO TREVINO, Frio Democratic Chair
Frio Democratic Party
Pearsall, TX

What comes around goes around. I strongly recommend you hold off on this bill. U burn the bridge and we may not be able to fix it later

Laura Rosen
Self
AUSTIN, TX

This is a Trump orchestrated effort that is political and won’t allow voters to be represented correctly. Please vote against this.

Neena King
Self
Irving, TX

Congressional districts should represent the people and not to appease a sitting president

Danelle Pecht, Ms.
Sane people who have eyes that work
Houston, TX

This map is less of a gerrymander and more like a foul bowl of gerryghetti. It is a transparent attempt at seizing unearned control of the state by creating districts even more outlandishly decentralized and nonsensical than those on the current map. The result will be severely diminished representation for many growing minority and underprivileged populations of Texans and elections which are basically decided before they're even campaigned, much less held.

I am sure with the current state of the US Supreme Court y'all will not have to worry very much about legal challenges to this map if you pass it, but I certainly hope you will at least worry about how you're going to sleep at night. At long last sir- have you no sense of decency??

Fayha Iqbal
Self, Student
Richmond, TX

Dear Members of the Texas House of Representatives,

I am writing to object to the redistricting proposed in HB 4. These new congressional maps would remake multiple districts in my hometown of Houston, Texas, severely inhibiting the adequate representation of my fellow Houstonians. These changes go against the purpose and spirit of democracy, and only serve to further partisan control in Congress. Passing this bill would be a disservice to all Texans, regardless of political affiliation. All Texans, regardless of race, gender, or ethnicity, deserve to be represented in the federal legislative branch. By voting against HB4, the Texas House of Representatives would be taking a stand, not just for their constituents, but for the preservation of the core tenants of our democracy - fair and adequate representation.

I urge you to vote against this bill.

Thank you.

Fiona Neale-May
Slef
Austin, TX

Unacceptable, this is wrong and you are harming the people of Texas by considering this bill.

Judy Rowland, Mrs.
self
Richmond, TX

Texas is already, because of the 2021 redistricting, severely gerrymandered. For example, I live in the 22nd congressional district, which was redistricted to help the Republican candidate avoid the competition developing in the 2020 election. That map helped elect 25 of the 38 members of congress allotted to Texas. The new map proposed by HB4 could conceivably help Republicans elect 30 of the 38 members from Texas. A quick look at the numbers shows why this is so out of order! Donald Trump won 56% of the votes in the 2024 U.S. Presidential election, but Republicans, due to the 2021 gerrymandering, won 66% of the congressional races. If this new map is adopted, and the results are what the Republicans (and Donald Trump) want, then the Republicans could win almost 74% of the congressional races. Of course, this is not fair and shows how unethical HB 4 is in application! Please do not subject our citizens to this corruption of the concept of "one man, one vote"! In addition, the map that was created and adopted in 2021, is still being litigated in the courts! Why, then, would anyone think that a map that is even more corrupted could be legal?

Ana Macias, Dr
Self
El paso, TX

I want You to Vote against this redistricting plan. El Paso should be represented by someone who lives in the city not someone hundreds of miles away. That is not fair representation. Our needs will be ignored. Stop following orders from king Trump and do what is right. Moral ethical. Do not change the districting lines. Leave as is.

NZINGA Jones
self
Houston, TX

That the great LONE STAR state of Texas is bowing to a felonious coward is beyond laughable. There's no evidentiary support for mid-decade redistricting, be it census data or otherwise. This effort is being undertaken simply to stroke egos and line already velveted pockets at the expense of Texas citizens. The House should be ASHAMED that this is being brought up instead of addressing measures to mitigate FLOOD concerns as a result of the DEATHS OF TEXAN CITIZENS, like ya'll said this special session was intended to be. SHAME! SHAME! SHAME!

Ann Garcia
Myself, IT
Kyle, TX

This map is clearly oriented on worsening gerrymandering in the state of Texas, a dishonest way of grabbing power and preventing citizens from being represented by our actual votes. Texas is about freedom, diversity, and friendship - this treats Texans like our neighbors' enemy and like livestock to be controlled. Draw districts that enable representation to reflect the values of its people without distortion. We are one of the greatest places in the country, this is not the conduct of strong people. It's a spineless power grab and y'all know it.

Erin Wolter
Self
Austin, TX

I am proud Texan, but these days it is getting harder and harder to say that. I am writing to STRONGLY oppose redistricting. Not only is this ridiculous in a non-census this year, but it is a blatant violation of the voting rights act and is a very thinly veiled attempt to allow the current administration to rig coming elections in their favor. This is an extremely dangerous precedent to set as we know that whatever happens in the state of Texas is soon carried out by the GOP across the nation. I am asking you to break quorum, filibuster, speak out, do anything you possibly can to prevent this from happening. It is a very real threat to democracy, not only for Democrats, but also for Republicans. If the party in power can redraw districts on a whim to further secure their foothold, then we have ceased to be a democracy altogether.

The Republicans in the state have proven that they do not listen to the people. They say they represent us, but they ignore us en masse when we come out for issues. We should be focused on doing things that actually help the state. We just had a massive natural disaster that killed hundreds of our people. The fact that this is not what we are focusing on is truly revolting to me. We have a duty to each other to make this state safer, cleaner, and more just. By focusing your time on illegally redistricting and rigging elections instead of protecting people from natural disasters and helping people rebuild their lives, you are illustrating, in real time, everything that is wrong with this state. Those of you that are going to allow for redistricting, and I know there will be some of you, just know that you are the shame of this state. We deserve better. We deserve basic human decency.

Gabe Kirchner
Self
Austin, TX

Opposed. We want real solutions to our real problems. Playing political games to further suppress Austin voices is anti-democratic. If all we do is play political games at the behest of the con men running the federal government, our country's actual problems will multiply. It's not rocket science.

Erin Routon
Self
Houston, TX

As a Texan and current resident of Houston, I am wholeheartedly against this plan. Please do not further silence the diverse voices of folks across this state through such a blatant gerrymandering power grab.

Cheri Cowart, Ms
Self
Austin, TX

As a native Texan whose family extends back generations, I find my voice as a Texan ignored and suppressed by gerrymandering that skews representation towards the right and ignores productive progressive legislation that would better benefit ALL Texans and not just those that adhere to the GOP.

Margaret Richardson
Power of One
San Antonio, TX

This bill is a gross overreach by the Texas Legislature to ensure that only a few are represented. This is the very definition of taxation without representation, and I am appalled that members sworn to uphold the Texas Constitution now to such a lowly demand as to strip away the right to representation from the people they swear to protect. They no longer serve their constituents - the people they pledge to represent. This pathetic attempt to redraw the boundary lines of Texas is a solution in search of a problem that was already an issue here (it's the same people again taking away rights of the people to truly engage in a democracy). Those who serve should not have the privilege of deciding who they want to represent. Texas must abandon this stupid demand to redistrict. How about actually taking care of an issue like disaster recovery?

Margie Lemons
Self
Spicewood, TX

I am with Mr Garcia, the man that drove round trip from Abilene to speak in front of you.

You know this isn't right.

Think about how you will feel when your children and grandchildren ask you how you voted.

Deborah Countie, Dr
Self
Austin, TX

I am against redistricting Texas to give Trump more representatives. Government is supposed to be by the people, for the people. I am a registered Republican and am unhappy how the republicans I voted for are acting in Congress. We have the right to vote for who we want to represent US.

Jennifer Chenoweth
Self
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose this bill.

Shawna Harris
Self
Austin, TX

The state of Texas continues to go against the wishes of the citizens by gerrymandering the state so that representation is not that of the people. By slicing up my district and those surrounding it is intentionally no longer representative and is illegal. Our citizens need help in Kerr county and this is what our state is up to, enough is enough we deserve to be represented in Washington

Danielle Vega
Self
New Braunfels, TX

Your 2020 Redistricting was a joke, but at least in a census year, per decorum. When you look at the state of Texas, you managed to divide every red territory almost in strait squares but the second that you get to any city with population density you take the city center draw a circle around it and slice it like an apple pie, that way you can include so much rural population in the density of a blue area that you can achieve the vote result that you want. Just so you can cheat to win because you know that not enough people believe in your cause. Why not just make it fair, put a grid on top of the state of Texas and let the vote fall where it may. That way it's actually the people choosing and not your extremist views that you are trying to impose upon everyone else in your state that wants something different. There is probably only 30% of the people in the state of Texas that actually support your agenda so 70% of us have to suffer because you choose to cheat. And then on top of that, you claim it in Jesus's name. You should be ashamed of yourselves and what you are doing and denying every single person their vote, red blue or otherwise. Jesus will judge you. Shame on all of you.

MARY HOWELL
Self
FORT WORTH, TX

My name is Mary, and I'm a resident of Fort Worth. I am here today to express strong opposition to the proposed redistricting maps released by Governor Abbott's office.

These maps are a direct threat to fair representation in our democracy. They appear to intentionally dilute the voting power of communities of color, especially Black and Latino voters in a state where diversity is not only a strength but a reality that must be reflected in our leadership.

Every Texan deserves to have their voice heard and their vote counted equally! This redistricting proposal does not reflect population growth or community needs. Instead, it prioritizes partisan gain over democratic fairness.

I urge this committee to reject these maps and demand a transparent, community-driven redistricting process that protects voting rights and upholds the integrity of our elections. The people of Texas deserve better than gerrymandered districts designed to silence them.

Mary

Stephanie Duell, Ms.
Self
Cypress, TX

The original maps are gerrymandered ridiculously. But the new maps are worse. You can't just eliminate the districts of your opponents. This is a dangerous path that will come back to bite you in the ass. You are trying to silence the people. 2026 will not be kind to the people who are pushing this plan.

Buffie Hollis
Self/Archivist
College Station, TX

I oppose the redistricting. The only reason to do so would be if there was a new census and reapportionment was needed, which it is not. Stop trying to cheat.

Tracie Stone
self
Austin, TX

The redistricting process in Texas has become a powerful tool to consolidate political power, undermining the very principles it is meant to protect. This argument is built on two key facts: the state’s massive, diverse, and rapidly growing population, and the razor-thin divide between its two major political parties.
The notion of Texas as a single-party state is outdated. While the last presidential election saw a Republican victory by a margin of over 13 percentage points, other statewide races have been much closer. The 2018 U.S. Senate race, for instance, was decided by a margin of just 2.6 percentage points, and the 2022 gubernatorial race was the closest in over a decade. This political competitiveness should be the foundation for drawing districts. Instead, redistricting has been used to create an artificially skewed political map. By "packing" Democratic voters into a few overwhelmingly blue districts and "cracking" the remaining voters across multiple Republican-leaning districts, this process effectively nullifies millions of votes and stifles competitive elections.
Texas's population is undergoing a major demographic shift, fueled by its vibrant and diverse communities. The state's Hispanic population is now its largest demographic group, and communities of color are responsible for virtually all of the state's recent growth.

However, redistricting maps have failed to reflect this reality. Instead of creating new districts that empower these growing communities, the maps have been drawn to dilute their voting strength. This undemocratic approach risks violating the Voting Rights Act by intentionally suppressing the political influence of minority voters. The dismantling of "coalition districts"—where Black and Latino voters can form a majority—is a clear effort to erase the political power of the very communities shaping the state's future.
Redistricting should be a process of adaptation, not manipulation. It must be a tool to ensure every vote counts and every community has a voice. The current approach in Texas, which uses partisan mapmaking to suppress a diverse and equally-divided electorate, is a betrayal of democratic principles. To truly represent its people, Texas needs a redistricting process that prioritizes fair and competitive districts. Only then can the state's electoral map accurately reflect the will of its entire, diverse population.

Emma Price
Self- Homemaker
Round Rock, TX

I am requesting that you make It possible for every Texan no matter the party affiliation to have a voice and equal representation when it comes to voting for the election of members of the United States House of representatives from the state of Texas in elections by not redistricting according to what the maga republicans are trying to pressure the redistricting to their advantage

Diane Hogan
self
austin, TX

Please don't do this, please do not gerrymander our state any more than it is - you know it is wrong. This is not what having representation looks like. Donald Trump does not care about Texas, he cares about what power you will hand to him. Please do the right thing here, and vote no.

Melissa Middleton
Self
San Antonio, TX

I am strongly opposed to redistricting the state. It’s racist and extremely gerrymandered.

BETH CHRISMAN
Self/ Musician and Realtor
AUSTIN, TX

I am writing to opposed the redistricting maps. The town I live in with be unfairly broken up into large swaths that make no logical sense or representation sense. This is not the will of the people and is unfair gerrymandering to appease political parties, not the constituents of this district. As a realtor I have seen many people leaving Texas because of growing conservative political agendas and the numbers of people moving here from liberal states is dropping. We are losing good incoming people and folks who have lived in the Austin area for years, and it will only get worse if this redistricting goes through. Please listen to your constituents and vote against this redistricting.

Kathryn Oeser
Self
Cypress, TX

I support HB 4 and desire my representation to get this done NOW

M Meehan
self, engineer
League City, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map

cliff butler
Self
Austin, TX

I was born and raised in texas. This is not what represents texas values. This does not represent the history or values of the state and country i was born and raised in. This is a form of taxation without representation and undermines the core principles of a representative democracy. The current state legislature has lost their independence, a core value of what it means to be a Texan. How embarrassing for our great state.

Sara Gore
self
Austin, TX

I have been living on the same block of Austin more or less for over a decade. This is the second time that I have been redistricted. It's shameful that my vote keeps getting worth less and less because of politicians moving me around. If politicians want my vote, they should have to earn it instead of manipulating maps to keep their seats. Do not gerrymander Austin and Travis county so blatantly. It makes me ashamed to be a Texan when they pull up our district maps on national news.

Joe Segura
Texas
San Antonio, TX

Gerrymandering is unconstitutional, the redistricting will leave representatives that don’t represent or align with their constituents interests. Absolutely appalling that any politician can grant permission to obstruct representation.

Marty Lynch
Self
Austin, TX

The congressional redistricting that the Texas legislature is considering is a slap in the face of democratic representation. I am a proud member of Texas US congressional district 37. After the 2020 census, this district was redrawn to actually represent the interests of Austin and the largely Democratic Travis county. For the first time since moving to Texas in 2016, I felt like my interests were represented in the US House of Representatives. With the new map, Austin will once again be split into unintuitive slices that aim to favor one political party over another.

I have no faith that my commentary will have any impact on the decisions made by the Republican-led Texas legislature. My hope is that the hubris and craven political machinations of the Republican party will catch up to it in 2026 and that they will lose seats in trying to game the system.

Cynthia Lewis
Self
Lufkin, TX

Please vote against this gerrymandering bill. It is not a fair representation of Texas residents.

Kellee Coleman
Myself
Austin, TX

No- do not redistrict Texas. This is a racist ploy to take away representation from the people who need it most. We did not ask for this and do not want this. We choose our reps not the other way around! Stand up to Trump to do what is right for Texas!

Sara Kitchen
self
Austin, TX

Redistricting at this time is a contemptible power grab. New census data IS REQUIRED to justify new maps and there is none. In a democracy, the voters choose the leaders, and when the leaders choose the voters it is no longer democracy. Instead of cow-towing to a tyrant, prioritize taking care of those affected by the recent floods. Families are still burying their loved ones and HOCTX is still paying for hotel rooms for people who lost everything. Attend to that. Have some integrity, please. This is Texas. Act like Texans.

Joshua Albert, Mr
Self / Self Employed
Austin, TX

I respectfully submit this comment to express strong opposition to the current mid-decade redistricting effort and to call for a transparent, democratic process that serves all Texans.
Key Concerns
Unprecedented Timing and Justification
Texas completed its congressional redistricting in 2021 following the constitutionally mandated decennial census. The current effort to redraw maps mid-decade, absent new census data or legal requirement, represents an extraordinary departure from established democratic norms and processes. It is deeply concerning that Texas lawmakers appear to be responding to external political pressure rather than serving the interests of their own constituents.
As a non-conservative observer, I am frankly appalled by how this redistricting effort exposes Texas Republicans as conservative in name only. This rushed process abandons every principle that conservatives claim to hold dear: limited government, federalism, constitutional restraint, and states' rights. Instead, we witness politicians who invoke conservative rhetoric while engaging in the very government overreach and federal capitulation they purport to oppose. Their willingness to discard established processes and constitutional norms reveals that their "conservatism" is nothing more than a facade for raw power accumulation and political manipulation. True conservatives should be outraged that their principles are being cynically exploited by politicians who clearly prioritize maintaining power over maintaining principle.
Lack of Transparency and Public Input
The compressed 30-day timeline provides insufficient opportunity for meaningful public participation in this fundamental democratic process. Citizens deserve adequate time to review proposed maps, understand their implications, and provide substantive input to their elected representatives. This rushed approach demonstrates contempt for public engagement and deliberative democracy.
Prioritization During Crisis
The timing of this special session, occurring just one week after devastating floods impacted communities across Texas, raises serious questions about legislative priorities when Texans are dealing with immediate disaster recovery needs. Resources and attention should be focused on helping flood victims rebuild their lives, not on political machinations designed to protect incumbents.
Call for Accountability
This mid-decade redistricting represents nothing less than an anti-democratic power grab orchestrated to maintain political control at the expense of fair representation. The legislature's willingness to manipulate electoral maps outside the normal constitutional cycle reveals a fundamental disrespect for democratic institutions and the will of Texas voters.

Sheree Morrow
Self/retired
Decatur, TX

Texas already suffers from low voter turnout. Representation is virtually non-existent. Voters are not heard. No town halls. Total lockstep with the Abbott/Trump agendas. This bill further alienates voters by eliminating a second choice and reinforcing a one-party state.

Matthew Keller
Self
Houston, TX

I oppose this legislation as it is nothing but an attempt by one political party to manipulate congressional districts to suit their own objectives. Gerrymandering has been part of the political process for decades, but at least in the past it usually had a veneer of legitimacy based on new census data every decade.

Deborah Ortega
True Texas Project
Fort Worth, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

James Gavin, Mr.
Self, Retired Chemical Engineer
Austin, TX

Congressional District maps are redrawn following the US census. This was completed in 2021. There is no need to redraw maps until 2031. This bill is an obvious attempt to gerrymander the map and eliminate minority votes. This is unconstitutional and against democratic principles held by Texans. Vote no on the bill and focus on flood recovery and warning issues

Sarmistha Hauger, Dr
Self
Austin, TX

This redistributing plan attempts to deny local community representation in their own governance.

jennifer clough
Self
McKinney, TX

I disagree with the current redistributing effort.

Alyson Galus
Self
AUSTIN, TX

I do not support the redistricting

Jose Velez
My self and family
Pearland, TX

This is the sort of reason that democrats hate republicans and call them cheaters and liars. I would love to be proven wrong but I know I won't. Disgusting abandonment of what it means to live in a democracy.

Sally Davenport
Self
Austin, TX

I oppose the current districting efforts that blatantly attempt to gain seats for one party with no regard to fair or equitable voting. This is shameful gerrymandering and should be illegal.

Angela Arnold
Self, IT administrator
Pflugerville, TX

Our state is gerrymandered enough and our votes are already suppressed. It's ridiculous that I am in a district that stretches from Austin to San Antonio but my neighbor across the street is in a district that stretches from Austin to Houston. This newest redistricting is a blatant vote grab by corrupt DC politicians and we need to stand up for them. If republicans want to win more districts, they should do it without literally redrawing the lines in their favor.

Paige Keaton
Constituent
Brenham, TX

Election interference
Cheating

Brandi Black
Self, Provider Service Advocate
Rusk, TX

It’s DISGUSTING that Abbott is stealing Black and Brown voter’s representation. If you really care about democracy, our state, and this country you’ll stop the gerrymandering. This restricting is nothing but Jim Crow level voter suppression sanctioned by the state. It’s morally wrong! If you all pass this redistricting I hope the people of high moral character who once supported you change their votes. IT’S NOT OKAY TO STEAL THE PEOPLE’S REPRESENTATION!

Margaret Garrh, Dr.
Self, program manager
Austin, TX

I oppose current efforts at redistricting. The proposed maps do not accurately reflect the population of Texas. This redistricting effort seems hasty, ill-conceived, and not designed with the best interests of Texans in mind. I heartily encourage elected officials not to support the proposed redistricting.

Patrick Maher
Self, Entrepreneur
Austin, TX

I find this redistricting effort to be dishonest and appalling. I'm asking that redistricting be completed without concerns for the political alignment of districts. For the state to be redistricting for the express purpose of changing the political makeup of the House of Representatives is unconscionable and unacceptable, redistricting should be completed to help ensure that people are better able to choose their representative, not the other way around.
I write this with three demands. First, I expect that the republican controlled legislature will not redraw the districts that it approved less than five years ago without significant and apparent cause, which has not been presented. Second, I advocate against the creation of "safety" districts through district packing and cracking, where the margin between historical votes (d/r) is so wide that the general election results are essentially predetermined. This is what these new maps do, by splitting voters in Austin between five districts, diluting the voices of those who live in the state's capital. Finally, I support the formation of a non-partisan redistricting commission which is blind to precinct level voting histories. Failing this, our representatives are empowered to select their constituents, not the other way around.

There is no legitimate reason why College Station and parts of Austin should be sharing a representative. Reject these illegally gerrymandered, partisan maps, or expect national consequences for the race to the bottom precedent this atrocious map will instigate between states with far more national pull than Texas.

Jennifer Ross
self
San Antonio, TX

I strongly oppose the proposed redistricting maps for the Texas House. These maps are unacceptable for several key reasons:

Violation of the Voting Rights Act – The maps appear to dilute the voting power of Latino, Black, and other communities of color, potentially violating Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act. Texas has a documented history of discriminatory redistricting, and these new maps continue that pattern.

Disregard for Population Growth – Over 95% of Texas's population growth in the past decade has come from communities of color. Yet these maps fail to reflect that growth fairly, and in some cases, reduce minority voting influence.

Partisan Gerrymandering – The redrawing of districts appears to prioritize political gain over fair representation. Cracking and packing tactics undermine the principle of "one person, one vote" and erode public trust in our democratic process.

Suppression of Minority Voices – By weakening the ability of communities of color to elect candidates of their choice, the maps perpetuate systemic inequality and deny these communities equal political power.

Lack of Transparency and Public Input – The redistricting process must be open and accountable. The rushed nature of hearings and limited opportunity for public feedback raise serious concerns about fairness and transparency.

I urge lawmakers to reject these maps and redraw them in a way that reflects our state's diversity, honors the growth of minority communities, and complies with federal law. Texas deserves fair maps that give all Texans an equal voice.

Thank you for your attention.

Bruce Evans, Mr
Self
Houston, TX

How can I teach my 6 grandchildren to respect their Texas government when our representatives are being so blatantly partisan and uninterested allowing equal representation of all Texans?

Shelia Woodfin, Ms
Myself
Austin, TX

I strongly and vehemently disagree with the passage of new gerrymandered districts for the purpose of Trump's wish to have more Republican districts in the House of Representatives. The geography of the districts is absurd and the failure of representation for Democrats is an abomination to the rights of people of Texas.

Melanie Hickerson
self
Austin, TX

Your extravagant redistricting in order to suck up to this President is an abomination. You are hired to work for the citizens of this state. Instead you are serving a particularly selfish oligarch in Washington, DC. His true colors are showing. If you do this deceitful action to support his corruption he won't be able to protect you. He is on his way out as the true nature of his actions are emerging. Don't do it.

Susan Alger
Self
Austin, TX

Don't Mess With Texas. We are independent of the US. Do not deny to those who vote, in Texas their choice in the matter. Who b runs Texas, I ask. Texans. Thank you!

Jordan Orta
Self / Event Coordinator
San Antonio, TX

Let’s be honest, this redistricting proposal isn’t about fair representation, it’s about self-preservation. Texans aren’t asking for maps drawn in backrooms by people more loyal to Mar-a-Lago than Main Street. We deserve districts that reflect communities, individual opinions, and PEOPLE; not contortions designed to protect political careers and appease a man who still thinks Sharpies change hurricane paths.

It’s embarrassing, really… to watch leaders who &
KNOW BETTER bend over backward to serve a national agenda instead of the people they swore to represent. You weren’t elected to be puppets. If this is truly about democracy, prove it. Draw fair maps, and let Texans choose their leaders - not the other way around.

This redistricting effort is a masterclass in political cowardice. You know it’s wrong, that’s why it’s being rushed, hidden behind vague language, and drawn with more concern for party lines than community needs. Let’s stop pretending this is about representation. It’s about control. And how disappointing it is that it’s not even your own control. We see who’s pulling the strings, and he’s not sitting in Austin.

It’s tragic watching grown adults, elected to lead, contort themselves into human gerrymanders just to stay in the good graces of a man whose greatest talent is undermining democracy one tantrum at a time. You weren’t elected to serve a former president’s ego; you were elected to serve Texans. And right now, Texans deserve better.

You can gaslight the process, but you can’t gaslight the people. We know what this is. So do you. And history will, too. We’re all watching. Do the right thing.

Marianne Layer
Self
Plano, TX

It is past time for you all to realize that democracy is based on the will of the people, not the manipulation by the few. Stop trying to alter results by drawing districts that only serve the MAGA base, an ill-informed, under educated, religiously misguided minority of individuals. If you really believed in Democracy and were a true patriot, you would NOT be pushing the agenda of an Autocratic regime.

Louie Sommerfeld
self, engineer
Austin, TX

I am against the redistricting because there is no reason to do so. Voters should choose their representatives, NOT the other way around.

Laura Griffin
Self, retired educator
Lewisville, TX

I strongly oppose redrawing the districts. It is not appropriate for the president to direct our Texas legislature to do so. The proposed redistricting will effectively disenfranchise minority voters in that they will no longer be able to elect candidates to the US Congress that represent their political views.

Zoe Moss, Dr
Myself
Austin, TX

Districting in this way is unfair and does not represent me or my values. Why am I being lumped into a district with people three hours away from me? I want to be represented by and with people with my values. This is cheating, vote stealing, and not in the spirit of democracy.

Karen Pavelka, Ms.
Self
Austin, TX

I am strongly against redistricting in 2025. First, the legislature has many more important things to do. Texas schools are among the worst in the nation. Texas healthcare is among the worst in the nation. We are severely underprepared for disasters. The roads in Texas Are in poor repair. This is not the time to be doing Donald Trump‘s bidding. Get to work on the real things that matter for Texas.

Jose Colon-Uvalles II, Mr.
Self
Brownsville, TX

Hello, my name is Jose Colon-Uvalles. I live in the Rio Grande Valley, in Brownsville, TX which is located in Brownsville, in Congressional District 34,. I am commenting on the racist and vile power grab attempt to redistrict our congressional districts mid-census. I am strongly opposed to these efforts. This brazen move by the Governor and the DOJ to increase Republican representation in the U.S. House by taking it away from communities of color is shameful. It is blatant racial discrimination.
How districts are drawn affects every political issue, from the economy to healthcare to public education. If politicians are elected from districts that don’t reflect the population, you end up with situations where politicians support policies that the vast majority of people oppose, or they won’t support policies that the vast majority of people support. When politicians manipulate maps for personal or political gain, it prevents residents like me from having our voices heard on all of these policies that affect us.
In order for our democracy to function, the public needs to have a voice in the process. It is absolutely unacceptable for both the House and Senate Redistricting Committees to be holding hearings without having maps visible to the public a map. How do you expect the public to actually participate in this process? The Legislature clearly plans to ignore public input and pass maps that discriminate against communities of color.
Therefore, I am asking that this Committee to commit to holding a public hearing in person in the Rio Grande Valleybefore they pass through committee. You must also give the public a minimum of 5 days notice and capability to review the maps before this hearing. It is shameful that millions of RGV residents who fight every day to survive, pay bills and food on the table are basically left out of this partisan attempt to silence and diminish our political power. We all desrve better!

Beletra Thomas
Self / Communications Staff
Arlington, TX

My name is Beletra Thomas, and I am submitting this public comment in strong opposition to HB 4, the proposed congressional redistricting plan. This map is not only deeply flawed—it is intentionally discriminatory and undermines the principles of equal representation enshrined in the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment.
First and foremost, the map completely dismantles Congressional District 9 (CD 9)—a longstanding, effective minority opportunity district that has served as a voice for Black and Brown communities in Houston for decades. Under this proposal, CD 9 would be erased, leaving more than 800,000 voters—primarily Black, Latino, and Asian American residents—without fair or adequate representation in Congress. That is not redistricting. That is disenfranchisement.
Further, the proposed map packs voters of color into CD 18 and CD 29, concentrating their voting power in a way that violates traditional redistricting principles and reduces their ability to influence surrounding districts. These changes appear designed not to reflect population growth or demographic shifts, but to dilute the political power of communities of color that have long fought for—and earned—a seat at the table.
The damage does not stop in Harris County. In Tarrant County, this proposal would completely eliminate any Black or minority-majority congressional district, even though nearly 1.3 million people of color live in the county. Tarrant County has become one of the most racially and ethnically diverse counties in Texas and the United States. Yet, under HB 4, the growing diversity of this region is ignored. The proposed map slices and splits diverse communities, strategically placing them in majority-white districts where their votes will be overwhelmed and rendered meaningless.
This is not about representation—it's about control.
The courts have been clear: race-based gerrymandering that weakens the voting strength of minority communities violates the Constitution and the Voting Rights Act. The dismantling of CD 9, the packing of CD 18 and 29, and the erasure of Tarrant County's communities of color from fair representation are all clear signs that this map is not race-neutral—it is racially motivated.
HB 4 does not reflect the demographic reality of Texas, where people of color accounted for 95% of population growth over the last decade. Instead, this map rewards partisan gain at the expense of civil rights. It disrespects the very communities who are powering Texas' economic and cultural growth.
I urge the Committee to reject HB 4 and begin a redistricting process that centers fairness, transparency, and the constitutional principle of "one person, one vote." This map must not advance out of committee.
Texans deserve representation that reflects who we are—not who some in power wish we weren't.
Respectfully

Jim Dyer
Self
Denton, TX

In favor of this happening

Diane Ramirez
self Occupational Therapist
Austin, TX

I live within the city limits of southwest Austin, TX, currently in district 37. Lloyd Doggett has been my representative for many years and works tirelessly for our city and state in a bipartisan way. The current map splits my neighborhood. That is thinly veiled gerrymandering. Not only is my neighborhood split but instead of being pulled into a district that extends southwest in Travis County, this huge proposed district extends greatly eastward to Bastrop and beyond. Pulling in many rural counties and municipalities. Somebody needs to stand up to this power grab promoted by president Trump. I expect my state reps and senators to represent me and my neighbors, not the power hungry, unethical administration in Washington DC.

karl kleinsasser
Self
Austin, TX

This redistricting is a craven attempt at not representing Texans. I have lived here all of my life and it is embarrassing how little Texas politicians cave to outside pressure and refuse to be properly accountable to their constituents. Please do not push this redistricting map forward. All it will do is further increase divides in our state and create a domino effect across the country of other states gerrymandering themselves. We need a government that actually cares about who they are representing, not draws their own districts.

Theresa Pellecchia
Self
Murphy, TX

I fully support this bill for Texas. Thank you for being so thoughtful in redistricting to better support Texans across the board. I appreciate all the effort and am looking forward to the passage of this new map to better serve the citizens in the great state of Texas.

Al Monsivais
Self
Humble, TX

Alright Cody and Republican committee members, since speaking formally won't do much to catch your attention, I'll do this instead. Have you asked yourselves how hypocritical you are being by taking power away from voters for your own political benefit? If not, well, I wouldn't think you would anyways, so I'll make it clearer for y'all. We do not like these redistricting efforts and we DO NOT NEED THEM! The DOJs argument claiming our maps made in 2020 were not race-blind is not only ridiculous, but also false. The problem is that Abbott has accepted it as a legitimate argument to redistrict, and you Cody have gone along with what your daddy tells you to do. Even Paxton has said "The evidence at that trial was clear and unequivocal: the Texas legislature did not pass race-based electoral districts for any of those three political maps [9, 29, 33]." The truth that the public needs to know is that these districts are being redrawn to maximize Republicans political advantage. How do I know? Because my area in Humble that leans Democratic is being redrawn back into District 2 under this map! Once more, Dan Crenshaw will ignore us because he doesn't care about us poor folks of color. What's worse is that District 9 is being redrawn in an entirely new area favoring Republican voters, breaking up the residents of the current District 9 so they can lose their voting power. Cody, the blatant solution is for you to speak up, admit that this is an unjust power grab by your party, and deny passage of this bill in your committee. But since you and your colleagues will act like imbeciles you are and ignore this, the solution needs to come from the public hearing and reading this. People of Texas, we want you to stand up. You can shake up the Establishment, both figuratively and literally, with your earthquake. You are capable of imagining a different future. And maybe it won't be realized today, maybe not in our lifetime. Maybe it will take generations. We're all part of a continuum. Does that make it pointless? No. We need someone exactly like you. Hold rallies, follow these Republican lawmakers on the street, stop traffic, march into the state Capitol, bring awareness to this power grab on social media. Intimidate these Republican committee members, scare them so that they will be scared of being voted out. Imagine a different world where our lawmakers are not driven by political ambition and actually do care about serving US. Imagine a different world where we DON'T have to resort to intimidating politicians because they actually listen to us. Imagine a different world where we can actually work together, laugh together, love together, and no longer face and resort to these divisive and intense actions. Cody, you and your committee members have all the power in the world to stop this by NOT PASSING THIS MAP OUT OF THIS COMMITTEE. But if you do, then People of Texas, the only solution left is to support Texas Democrats in breaking quorum and for us to rise up

Michael Harmon
Rockwall Republicans
Rockwall, TX

Approve the Map

Michael Sullivan
Self - retired
Austin, TX

Do not redo the district map of Texas.
Who votes to redistrict will not get my vote.
I'm 83 years-old and have voted in every election.
I vote every time, and I'll never back unconstitutional redistricting.

Katie Cardwell
Self
Selma, TX

JUST SAY NO TO GERRYMANDERING! This is a blatant attempt at a power grab. If Republicans have to resort to cheating to push their unpopular policies through, maybe they should try actually listening to The People and change their policies.

Josh Hostetler
Self
Austin, TX

Redistricting congressional districts on a whim to satisfy a president concerned about losing midterm elections demeans our democratic process and disenfranchises voters (like me). I appeal to the committee to make your decisions based on the principles you are called to uphold, not out of fear or desire to boost personal political careers within your party.

Mark Weller
Self
Euless, TX

I feel strongly that this is a good bill. It helps to increase benefits to the will of the people.

Heaven Lopez
Self
Austin, TX

Attempts at redistricting through the excuse of disaster relief is reprehensible. Try propping your party up with winning on merit instead of cheating and stealing.

Charlie Levitt
Self
Haltom city, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting for Texas!

Joyce Dorsey Dorsey
self
Garland, TX

Completely the wrong thing to do. If you know right from wrong, there should be no redistricting this time. The legislators created these current districts previously. Calling a special session at the whim of the President---do Texas legislators have no backbone

kay morris
none
austin, TX

Please do not allow this further gerrymandering to happen. We just want a fair fight.

Jeffrey Narvaiz
Self
New Braunfels, TX

I support this bill and ask that it be passed. It is time that we are rightfully represented.

Kathryn Vernon
Self, homemaker
Dallas, TX

Strongly opposed to this immoral redistricting. It is thoughtless and cruel, manipulative and pathetic. Simply spineless republicans blindly following Trumps orders without consideration for their constitutions or consciences.

Ben West
Self - attorney
Frisco, TX

The attempt to redraw congressional districts this year is a blatant act of political manipulation that undermines democracy, violates long-held democratic traditions, and perpetuates racial inequity. Under the guise of redistricting, this is nothing more than gerrymandering; that is, carving up communities to entrench power, silence dissent, and rig future elections in the GOP's favor.

Texas is one of the most diverse states in the country, with people of color driving nearly all its recent population growth. Yet Republicans continue to draw maps that dilute the voting strength of Black, Latino, and Asian communities—cracking them across multiple districts or packing them into as few districts as possible to minimize their influence. This racial gerrymandering is not just immoral, it's illegal. It violates the Voting Rights Act and the constitutional promise of equal representation. It's a calculated effort to deny fair political voice to millions of Texans based solely on race and ethnicity.

What makes this even more galling is the party's hypocrisy. The Texas GOP has long branded itself as the champion of "states' rights" and "local control." But now, in a desperate attempt to curry favor with Donald Trump, they're tossing those principles aside. Rather than trusting Texans to choose their leaders, Republican lawmakers are manipulating districts to ensure Trump loyalists remain in power, regardless of how their policy positions (and Trump's) have hurt their constituents. By overriding the will of voters and local governments to enforce national party loyalty, Texas Republicans are effectively surrendering the independence of our state to a single man. This is not conservatism. This is submission. And it shatters the long-standing tradition of respecting community boundaries, honoring voter intent, and limiting government interference in local affairs.

Texans deserve competitive, fair elections—not rigged outcomes determined behind closed doors. Redistricting should serve the people, not protect politicians. The current plan is a direct threat to representative democracy in Texas, and I oppose it entirely.

Mario Escobar
Self
Austin, TX

I respectfully submit this comment in strong opposition to House Bill 4.

Redistricting should serve the people—not partisan interests. HB 4 undermines the principles of fair representation by proposing district maps that dilute the voting power of communities of color, fracture neighborhoods, and prioritize incumbent protection over democratic integrity.

This bill fails to reflect the demographic realities of our state. Texas has seen significant growth in Latino, Black, and Asian American populations, yet HB 4 reduces their ability to elect candidates of their choice. By splitting cohesive communities and ignoring the guidance of the Voting Rights Act, this bill effectively suppresses the voice of the very Texans who have contributed to our state's rapid growth.

HB 4 also ignores public input and transparency. This process has lacked sufficient community engagement and rushed through critical stages without meaningful oversight. The people of Texas deserve a redistricting process rooted in fairness, data, and accountability—not secrecy and partisan manipulation.

I urge you to reject HB 4 and demand a redistricting process that centers community input, complies with federal law, and protects the rights of all Texans to fair and equal representation.

Thank you.

Patricia Grigadean
Self/Retired
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose redistricting!

Mary Lenn Dixon, Rev.
Self Episcopal Deacon
Austin, TX

For people to have trust in our democracy, it is crucial that they know that the rules of engagement are fair and stable. To redraw district lines for blatantly partisan advantage, not based on population shifts revealed by the decennial census undermines confidence in fair play and promotes cynicism. Moreover, the proposed new district lines will leave some historically excluded groups again underrepresented. That will discourage voting and further undermine the legitimacy of our government. Fair processes lead to political stability, reliance on the electoral process instead of resort to public disruptions, and promotes national unity. Please defeat HB 4 and hold to the principles of fair process on which this country was founded.

Ann W
Self
Katy, TX

I live in Katy, TX. Troy Nehls has been an utter disappointment. If you cheat the DEMS again, I'll be donating to Gavin Newsome to help him gerrymander California to combat your undemocratic tactics. Don't do it.

Ann Martinez
Self
Kyle, TX

I object to the proposed mid-decade redistricting, as it is a clearly partisan attempt to create a map that limits representation for Texas citizens.

Amanda Cavazos
Self
Pearland, TX

I oppose this bill.

mary clarkson
Self
Dripping Springs, TX

Please step up and pass this into law.

Lillie Kneeland
Self
San Antonio, TX

As my representative, I expect you to OPPOSE redistricting! Gerrymandering is illegal and I do not support suppression of the Black and Latino vote. SAY NO TO REDISTRICTING!

Heidi Brinkerhoff
Self - business owner
Spicewood, TX

Redistricting in this manner makes y'all look like a bunch of sheep willing to do any of Trump's bidding. Shameful. And sure sign the Republican party is on its way out. When you need to redistrict and water down votes in order to win, perhaps that's a sign your party should stop clinging to the past and controlling people. I thought this state was a bastion of freedom, but you are certainly proving otherwise.

Just remember, you can redistrict all you want, but if enough of us vote, it won't matter anyway. But it seems you are angering A LOT of your Republican base by doing this as well. Maybe enough Texans are realizing what a nanny state you are creating by doing whatever the current POTUS says to do. Lame. Y'all should know better. I can't believe you're willing to give up power for this weak president. I'm ashamed to say I'm a Texan right now.

Ryan Lester, Tu Papi
50501
Spring, TX

I'm going to offer a counterpoint to what most public comments have already said ..

PLEASE, in all caps, push through with this. I encourage you to do so. Because when you do, and CA and the blue states retaliate, it will mark the beginning of the end of gerrymandering nationwide, once and for all.
Imagine - TX pulls the trigger with this decision. Most likely result will be that Blue states will then respond in kind, which will then result in an "arms race" to make every state extremely gerrymandered.
And when it's all said and done (and the math checks out on this), the Dems will hold a permanent majority if and when that happens.
Which will then result in one of two things happening - the permanent loss of GOP House control... OR the GOP crying foul, and wanting to push new legislation at the federal level, for gerrymandering to go away altogether (both of those being good things).

So again, I end with this. In the words of Ben Stiller dressed as Maury Finkel, founder of Finkel Fixtures, Biggest Lighting Fixture Chain in the South Land, from the 2004 classic reimagination of the hit 70's TV series of the same name, "Starsky & Hutch"... "Do it. Do it.... Do it. Hey. Hey. Look at me, Look at me (snaps fingers at you to get your attention)... DO IT."

Thank you for your attention in this matter!

Susan Watkins
Self/Retired
Austin, TX

I am writing in opposition to this gerrymandering plan, for which there is no legitimate reason. It is a blatant attempt at a power grab, designed solely to disenfranchise people of color. And it was introduced not to serve the people of Texas, but only to placate Donald Trump. Republicans are obviously afraid that Trump's disastrous policies are going to harm them in next year's elections. If you want to attract voters, you should focus on solving the state's problems, of which there are many, rather than try to win votes with this sort of hyper-partisan legislation. I urge you not to move this bill forward.

Jailynn Smiley
SELF
Desoto, TX

Chairperson and Members of the Committee:

My name is Jailynn Smiley and I am a proud resident of DeSoto, Texas. I respectfully submit this comment to strongly oppose the proposed redistricting maps currently under review.

1. The new maps dilute minority voting strength.
The proposed boundaries appear to intentionally weaken the political power of Black, Latino, and Asian communities—especially in urban and suburban areas where their populations are growing. This violates both the Voting Rights Act and the spirit of fair representation. Every Texan deserves to have their voice heard, not diminished by manipulated lines.

2. The process lacks transparency and public input.
Redistricting should be a transparent, community-driven process. Instead, many Texans have had limited access to the process and little time to review or respond to proposed changes. Our democracy demands accountability, not rushed decisions behind closed doors.

3. Gerrymandering undermines democracy.
Drawing maps to protect incumbents or favor one political party over another undermines the will of the people. Voters should choose their representatives—not the other way around. When lines are drawn with political self-interest in mind, it erodes trust in our institutions and weakens civic participation.

4. Communities of interest are being split.
The new districts break apart natural, cultural, and economic communities, especially in growing metro areas like Dallas-Fort Worth, Houston, and Austin. This makes it harder for constituents to advocate for shared needs like education, transportation, healthcare, and infrastructure.

I urge you to reject these proposed maps and to commit instead to a fair, inclusive, and lawful redistricting process—one that reflects the true demographics and needs of our great state.

Thank you for your service and for considering these concerns.

Sincerely,
Jailynn Smiley
Desoto, TX

Larry Egly, Mr
Indivisible Centex
Killeen, TX

I am totally opposed to redisritcting except after a cenus. This current bill is an unethical attempt to pack the US House with Republcans.

Jennifer Fowler
Self/Precinct Chair
Hutto, TX

The redistricting map in HB 4 needs to be passed out of committee immediately after testimony. Do not adjourn before passing this bill out of committee while there is a quorum. Republicans have an opportunity to support Trump's agenda and gain more republican seats in Congress, which will benefit Texas!

Michele Grieshaber
self, marketing executive
Austin, TX

There is no basis for redistricting in 2025, this is a matter of changing the rules mid-stream in order to disenfranchise voters who don't vote Republican. You know this is wrong. This isn't how honorable Texans behave. Stand up for what is right and wait until 2030 for the next redistricting.

Michelle Marroquin
Self
San Antonio, TX

The midterm redistricting proposed in this bill does not serve the welfare of Texans because it does not accurately or justly reflect the representation of Texans, especially black and brown Texans. As Texans we deserve to have all citizens represented no matter their race or their political affiliation. Our state is made stronger by having and respecting the viewpoints of diverse constituents.

Maria Martinez
Self
Spring, TX

This is only being done to disenfranchise voters and pander to a man hell bent on establishing a dictatorship. What is frustrating is that the current Republican party is no longer about its constituents; it's about placating a man who is obviously on a power trip and showing signs of mental decline. Voters will not be kind to those who try and take their voice away.

Jessica Lopez
Self
Brownsville, TX

I oppose the redistricting mid term. There is no good reason for this to happen, other than the president is looking to illegally aquire 5 districts in Texas. This redistricting effort will suppress voting rights of minorities which currently make up 40% of the population. Redistricting should be done by an independent agency and not those in power.

Nicole Kohn
Self, administrative coordinator
Houston, TX

As a proud Native Texan, I am strongly opposed to this horrendous attempt to redraw the congressional maps. This is a blatant violation to our rights as Americans to vote for our representatives. This bill if passed, disenfranchises all Texans, not just people of color or minorities. This bill is a disgusting attempt to bow down and kiss the felon in chief’s feet before 2026! NO TO GERRYMANDERING THE LONE STAR STATE!!!

Joyce LeBombard, President
League of Women Voters of Texas
Austin, TX

Written Testimony of Joyce LeBombard? On Behalf of the League of Women Voters of Texas?
Regarding Redistricting Maps Released August 1, 2025
?Submitted to: Chair Cody Vasut and Members of the Committee
Chair Vasut, Members of the Committee:
My name is Joyce LeBombard, President of the League of Women Voters of Texas, and I submit this testimony on the League's behalf to express serious concerns about the redistricting maps released earlier this week and the lack of transparency surrounding their development.
The League of Women Voters of Texas has long championed fair maps, transparency, and full public participation in redistricting based on accurate, up-to-date census data. This process has failed on all fronts. The public comment period closed before the maps were even available, denying communities a real opportunity to respond. Hearings were rushed, and many lawmakers declined to engage. This is not meaningful participation—it is a disservice to the public.

As we approach the 60th anniversary of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, it's critical to remember that redistricting must protect the rights of all voters, especially communities of color. Early analysis of the proposed maps raises serious concerns that majority-minority districts in cities such as Houston, Dallas–Fort Worth, San Antonio, Austin, and the Rio Grande Valley may be dismantled or weakened. In some areas, white voters were moved to safer districts, while voters of color were packed into fewer districts, diluting their influence. These are classic signs of racial and partisan gerrymandering.

Such actions not only erode trust, they may also violate the U.S. Constitution and federal voting rights laws. Texas voters of color cannot be silenced through map manipulation. The League is prepared to fight back through every available legal and civic channel.
The Texas Constitution (Article III, Section 28) mandates redistricting based on the decennial census. This process must also comply with federal protections against racial discrimination. But fairness is not just about legality—it's about trust. That trust cannot exist when maps are drawn behind closed doors with no time for communities to weigh in.

The League calls on the Legislature to uphold the principles of open government, public involvement, and fair representation. Texans deserve a redistricting process rooted in equity, not political gain.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Respectfully,?
Joyce LeBombard, President, ?League of Women Voters of Texas

Robert Lawrence
Self; teacher
Lake Jackson, TX

I do not support HB 4 or any mid-decade redistricting measures. The people of Texas have far more pressing matters that need attention. Once again the legislature has chosen to focus on a partisan distraction rather than making real efforts to help their fellow Texans.

Ellie Davis
self
Austin, TX

I desperately urge you to vote NOT to redraw our district maps, mid-decade and without transparency as to why. Your constituents do NOT want this. We elected you to work on our behalf, not on Donald Trump's. Please do the right thing, for us, the people who put you where you are. Do not vote to approve the redrawing of our congressional maps. I love Texas and I have lived here my entire life. I believe in democracy, not in unfairly redistributing power to the benefit of the president and his aims. We're watching you all, and we will continue to fight for our rights, the ones that we elected you to protect for us. What do you stand to benefit from this corrupt project? And is it more important than your integrity, honor, and humanity? Is it more important than the needs and wants of your constituents who you propose to work for? Vote NOT to approve the redrawing of our district maps right now.

Sincerely,
Ellie Davis

Dawn Franchino
self, hospitality consultant
Austin, TX

To Members of the Texas State House:

I am writing to express my deep outrage and total opposition to the proposed redistricting plan currently under consideration. This map is not just flawed — it is a deliberate, calculated, and shameless attempt to rig our democratic system to benefit one political party at the expense of voters across Texas.

By redrawing districts to secure five additional GOP seats in Congress, the Texas legislature is engaging in blatant gerrymandering. This is nothing short of political theft — carving up communities, diluting minority voices, and manipulating electoral boundaries for partisan gain. This is not democracy. It's cheating. And Texans see it for what it is: a power grab.

We deserve fair maps. Maps that reflect the real people, demographics, and communities of this state — not lines drawn in backrooms to entrench minority rule. The fact that these changes are being proposed in a state growing more diverse and politically competitive is particularly galling. You are ignoring the will of the people and subverting the very foundations of representative government.

This map is an insult to every Texan who believes in fair elections. It is abhorrent. It is corrupt. And it must not stand.

I urge you — do your duty, respect democracy, and reject this rigged redistricting plan.

Sincerely,
Dawn Franchino
Austin, 78741

Sandra Bone
Self
Austin, TX

How does this redistricting represent me? I will have someone who lives hundreds of miles away, who has never heard of my neighborhood and will not care about it. This is not the America that our forefathers imagined. This is a power grab that wants to disenfranchise us all. I thought you were meant to represent "we the people" not you and your friends! This is a way for politicians to pass the buck like they are in Kerrville. The disregard for the people of Texas disgusts me.

Charles Turic
Self Healthcare Professional
Highland Village, TX

I urge House Republicans to NOT support HB4 Redistricting. As an American Conservative I believe this is an overt attempt to manipulate elections and stealing. Where will this stop? It sets a dangerous president and Democrats will simply counter with their own EARLY redistricting efforts to balance the slate. Rules for redistricting should be clear, strict, and followed based on the accepted standard of census taking. I would go so far as to say they should be drawn by independent parties and be voted on by the citizens of the State of Texas. What would be even better is if Texas implemented "Ranked" voting and done away with party primaries. Then politicians would be held accountable to a much larger portion of all Texas citizens and gerrymandering coud be a part of our past, not our future.

Elizabeth Caveness, Pastor
Community Transformation Church
Pasadena, TX

What happens if a current Representative now does not live within the newly established district?

Marissa Garrett
self
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose the proposed redistricting maps; they do not reflect the true makeup of our communities and instead serve to protect political power at the expense of fair representation.

Residents of Texas have not called for this change, which comes five years before the census and is clearly being done to sway the upcoming midterm elections rather than create a map with more accurate representation.

I believe every Texan deserves a fair and equal voice in our democracy. I urge you to reject gerrymandered maps and support a redistricting process that is transparent, accountable, and rooted in equity.

Marcia Stewart, Mrs
Self, taxpayer homemaker conservative activist.
New Braunfels, TX

I am fully in favor of the redostricting. It complies with federal law and will be good for Texas.

sandre Beechum
self substitute teacher
Cedar Hill, TX

Please vote no to redistricting

Julie Thurburn
Self
Frisco, TX

Thank you for reading my request. I am in favor of HB4 and am writing to encourage the passing of this HB4. Thank you!

John Brundrett
Self
Houston, TX

Please do not proceed with the Congressional Redistricting bill.

Jo Hamilton
Self
Austin, TX

This redistricting proposal is an egregious move to undermine democratic representation in Texas. The proposed maps are blatantly partisan and are shamefully designed to undermine the representation of Texans in an already gerrymandered state. I vehemently oppose this action and urge our legislators to use nonpartisan methods to draw districting maps.

Miriam Reyes, Miss
self - higher ed
Austin, TX

I and many others do not believe it is right to redraw (further gerrymander) districts when there are many more pressing matters that need to be addressed, such as the flooding damage and victims. My own city will be split up even further, and my district will be a part of other areas in Texas that I share less commonality to than other people in my own city. I'm certain people in these other areas feel the same way. It is very convenient that this redistricting comes before midterms and adds republican seats while removing democratic ones. Is this really what fair representation looks like? Reducing the voice of those you serve that don't agree with everything one side says seems very undemocratic to me.

Lindsay Nieman
Self-IT
Saint Hedwig, TX

This move to redistrict Texas at the request of the President in order to generate 5 more republican seats should be punished. In what democracy would a President dictate that a state
should make an effort to silence the voices of its citizens? The republicans are supposed to be the party of State's rights. The only reason to make such a request is that those participating realize the unpopularity of their policies. I will be paying attention to everyone complicit in this effort to stifle Texas voices. You work for US. You represent us. And when you continue to not do your jobs and represent US, we are paying attention. Everyone participating in this farce is saying that they care more about their political career than actually representing Texan interests. You are showing everyone in the US and the world that you will do anything to cling to your power. I can assure you that we are watching, and this will be an albatross around your necks.

I would hope that those of you in office sought that position to improve the lives of Texans. Please tell us, how does this make our lives better? Especially when you are using the tragedy of the Hill Country floods to do it. If you don't hear our voices now, you'll certainly hear them in 2026.

Sonia Cumpian, Ms.
Self
San Antonio, TX

Are you afraid that TXlege has not delivered on its promises? You've already given wealthy, privileged people free money for their private schools. You know this is wrong! Stop depriving marginalized citizens of representation. We know you are doing this to appease the felon, Trump. Shame on you for trying to take our rights away. We are educated and we know what you are doing! Shouldn't you be focusing on the Red District of Kerr County and their mess with not taking care of their constituents. Stop acting like you are Christian when you hurt the most vulnerable. We will see you at the polls. Once again, shame on you!

JoAnn Fleming, Executive Director
Grassroots America - We the People PAC
Flint, TX

Grassroots America strongly supports the HB 4 Congressional Redistricting Map under consideration and urges the House Select Committee to pass the bill out of committee today when the public hearing concludes. Our reasons for support are:
The Congressional map should represent what the voters demanded in the results of the November 2024 General Election, which is support for the Trump America First agenda. Protecting Texas from massive invasions of illegals and expediting the deportation of illegals already here are key reasons Texans overwhelmingly voted for President Trump. His Executive Orders must be codified by Congress in order to become the fixed law of the land (unless repealed). We ask the Texas Legislature to protect Texas and defend her citizens by approving this map that will allow for five new Congressional seats. Texas voters will do the rest.
We urge you to vote this map out today while you have a quorum of the committee present. Do not wait!

Dahlia Bock
Self. Software engineer.
Austin, TX

We the people DO NOT want this blatant power grab via redestricting. The state of Texas is diverse and we CANNOT dilute its diverse voices.

NO to redestricting!

Monica Newton
Self
Austin, TX

Voters should choose their representatives, not the other way around. Mid-decade, precision, political gerrymandering is overt voter suppression. It’s completely undermines the American principle of one person, one vote.

Crystal Howard
Self
Killeen, TX

I oppose of this.

Nancy Burditt
Self, sales
Austin, TX

I’m against this redistricting that is being proposed. We deserve our vote to count. Do not silence our voice by choosing who is best for your political choices

Ernesto Moran

self - teacher

Fort Worth, TX

I am writing to you from land ceded and shared by the Tawakoni, Kickapoo, Jumanos, Wichita and Comanche nations.
I am a native-born U.S. citizen, the proud son of immigrants from South America, and a resident of Texas for more than 30 years. I am also the father of three. My son just graduated from high school. I have a daughter in high school and another in middle school.
Without even getting into how revolting it is to be doing this when 135 people lost their lives in Texas floods, let me state my unequivocal opposition to House Bill 4 and the entire idea of a mid-decade redistricting process. The mere fact that the committee chair held hearings statewide shows weakness on his part.
Because instead of submitting to the demand of the governor to take this up at this time, the chair should have declined the governor's request.
This is not about doing what's best for Texans.
The justification is flimsy at best, but if we're being honest, it's hollow.
The Department of Justice cites race-based considerations and says they have to be rectified.
But Attorney General Ken Paxton just weeks ago argued the very opposite under oath in open court. He said there was no racial gerrymandering in the maps as they are currently drawn.
But let's not kid ourselves and insult each other's intelligence. We know this is about one person and his desire to ram through the rest of his agenda in the second half of his term as president - not to mention protect himself from possible consequences of his actions thus far in his time in office. He even came out and said so.
This is solely about preserving power that is slipping away. We saw the same thing already happen on the Tarrant County Commissioners Court, which just approved a mid-decade redistricting map. And all it's going to do is cost taxpayers millions of dollars in lawsuits.
And if you do this, you will put into motion a nationwide domino effect that you have no control over. Governors in California, New York and New Jersey have already indicated as much.
In the words of a great American, "Your poll tax and Jim Crow greed have got to go. All you fascists are bound to lose."
I say peace be to you if you're willing to fight for it. Thank you.

Mic Hoefer

Self

Austin, TX

This is an undemocratic attempt to abuse power and We demand the legislature draw maps that are truly reflective of the diversity of our state.

Janice Wallace
Self-retired
Georgetown, TX

I am strongly opposed to this Texas move to redistrict Congressional Seats. This action is taken, not for purposes of securing more representative districts, but rather at the direction of the leader of one political party in hopes of securing that party's control of Congress.
I first became a Volunteer Deputy Registrar in Lubbock County while a college student in the 1970s. I took that action because I believed that the U.S. was truly a representative democracy. I quickly learned that those living in the low-income areas and people of color were often unaware of their right to vote. One of my mantras became that participating in elections and communicating with chosen office holders was key to securing better living conditions, and having needs of their community met. Today I am again a VDR and I have often encouraged eligible individuals to become a voter because that role gives them a voice to affect how they will be governed. Today I am much more likely to receive the response that elected representatives do not listen to constituents, but only follow party dictates. This clear partisan effort to retain political control has made many feel they have no power in how they are served by our government. The current president has pushed law and policy that is having a negative effect on many people and this demand that TX find him at least 5 more Congressional seats is his attempt to secure a Congress that will do his bidding. Congressional office holders should focus on representation of the constituents in their districts, not bending to the will of the president. Congress is intended to be a co-equal branch of the U.S. government, not an echo chamber that meets the whims and desires of the executive branch of the government. Our nation is now very divided, and frankly that division is heightened by political leaders. The people of Texas did not request that districts be remodeled to favor one party, and they are cognizant that the decision to do so was not based on needs of the populace.

Laura Caldwell, Ms.
Self
Austin, TX

This redistricting is gerrymandering and it is wrong. Districts should be compact and represent the people in them. Voters should choose their representatives, not the other way round. This is craven following of Trump’s orders by Republicans and it is blatant cheating! Stop the redistricting!

David Hoffman
Self
Dallas, TX

My 7 year old can draw a map better. This is too fragmented. Gerrymandering is what weak politicians do. I consider myself a proud Texan and Republican but this blatant drawing of the map is pathetic. Be better. We failed at the floods. We have failed at Uvalde. Now failing nationwide on maps.

Laura Chandler
Self
Hutto, TX

The Republicans are saying the quiet part out loud—there isn’t even a pretense that this is anything other than an unlawful gerrymander because the Republican Party knows it cannot win without it. As a constituent and friend of DEMOCRACY, which this administration is undoing, brick by precious brick, I urge you to dump this bill.

David Zvanut, Mr.
Self, visual artist
Commerce, TX

This effort serves as proof that Republicans care more about staying in power than serving all their constituents. We are supposed to be a democracy. This effort undermines democracy by taking representation away from the people and giving it to Donald Trump.

sarah butler
Self
Argyle, TX

Every single one of you should be ashamed of yourselves. You have not represented the will of the Texan people for decades now. There are millions of people in this great state with vast beliefs and values, and yet you have allowed PACs and personal greed to completely destroy our home. Stop redistricting and allow Texans to actually vote for their future.

SANDRA ALRIDGE
SELF
DALLAS, TX

I oppose this mid-decade redistricting scheme.

Jenny Winkelmann
Self and my community
Dallas, TX

I vehemently oppose this redistricting map and the current intention behind it. No one has provided a sound, legitimate explanation as to why we our state needs to redistrict 6 years earlier than called for. Redistricting should not be for political party gain. That is not in the intention behind it. You are not serving your constituents the people of Texas right now, or our state. I ashamed of elected “representatives” that push such a blatant attempt at party cheating. Do better for our state, not your party line.

David Bain
self
Austin, TX

Redistricting occurred 4 years ago when the state was allocated additional house seats, which made sense. It is absurd to redistrict now as there has been no change made to the number of federal house representatives from Texas.

Sydney George
Self
Hurst, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Anna Hammer
Self
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose off cycle redistricting and the plan currently under consideration by the Senate Special Committee on Congressional Redistricting. The proposed maps dilute the voting power of minority communities and undermine the foundational principles of fair and representative democracy.
Redistricting should reflect the true demographic and geographic diversity of our state-not serve partisan interests. There is no legitimate justification do redraw the maps mid-decade.
Our elections are supposed to function on the competition of ideas, a decision for the people to make about who best represents them. The proposed maps disenfranchise millions of Texans and distort our state’s representation in Washington DC. How can you defend maps that would likely put 78% of Texas’ congressional disricts under one party’s control? This imbalance is not only unjust, it is unconstitutional.
As elected officials, you represent all of your constituents. We deserve elected leaders who will put country before party, fairness over power, and truth over partisan loyalty.
I urge you to reject this redistricting plan.

Aaron Miller
Texas Inspector
Garland, TX

Republicans can only win by gerrymandering. How chickenshit is that?

Aileen Sun
Self
Plano, TX

Opposed to this blatant power grab and subversion of the people’s will

Marshall Hatley, Mr
Self
Dallas, TX

I do NOT support this bill or redisticting our state. This is an unfair use of power to further gerrymander Texas and abuse the office of power

Elizabeth Petersen
Self
Austin, TX

Against unfair redistricting

Susan Hald
Self
Wimberley, TX

Making a puzzle map out of Hays County in no way helps or takes care of the citizens of Hays County. We already have a lack of help from the State and Gederal Give4nment wh2n it comes to emergency services in Hays County. HB4 will fracture anything we have left in trying to streamline governmental service by making a part of Hays County; the proposed CD27 being controlled by Port Aransas 100's of miles away. They Gulf Coast cannot help us here in Hays County. You, the lawmakers have to stop this infighting and do what your constituents want and need and that is proper care by our local government and keep everything within Hays County. Breaking up Hays County over a perceived threat to who will be elected in is NOT helping your constituents. This hinders us on aid, funding and frankly tears apart what is a strong community driven County. Please stop playing checkers with our lives and our funding. Stop trying to tear Hays County apart. Please work for your constituents and not for yourselves. We ele Ted you all to help and work for US not for your personal gain. Leave Hays County alone.

Loree LaChance
Self
Driftwood, TX

This plan does not reflect the desires of the voting population but rather the fear of the current federal administration. If federal and actions policies were acceptable across all populations, then this wouldn't come up at all. Texas is being used by a weak and fearful administration. Do not give in. We are better. I urge the committee to vote NO on this.

Jillian Srygley
Self
Austin, TX

I’m writing to demand that the committee vote against the biased redistributing map in Texas. The proposed map harms the rights of voters to be heard. This move would unfairly consolidate districts in favor of a single political party and disproportionately affect marginalized populations.

Arianne Kennedy

Self

Austin, TX

Strong Opposition to Texas Mid-Decade Redistricting
Constitutional Violations and Threats to Democratic Representation
This unprecedented mid-decade redistricting effort violates fundamental constitutional principles and undermines the democratic process. We strongly oppose this partisan manipulation of congressional districts for the following constitutional reasons:
Equal Protection Violations (14th Amendment)
The proposed redistricting dilutes voting power based on partisan affiliation, violating the Equal Protection Clause. By targeting five Democratic districts solely to flip them Republican, this effort treats voters unequally based on their political beliefs, denying citizens equal representation regardless of party affiliation.
Voting Rights Act Violations
The redistricting dismantles minority-majority districts that were court-ordered to protect communities of color. Splitting voters of color in Tarrant County among multiple Republican districts and reshaping the 35th District—originally created to protect minority voting rights—constitutes illegal vote dilution under federal law.
Due Process Concerns (5th & 14th Amendments)
This rushed process denies voters meaningful participation. Public hearings occurred without available maps for review, preventing citizens from understanding how redistricting affects their representation. This procedural failure violates due process requirements for meaningful public input on government actions affecting constitutional rights.
Unconstitutional Partisan Gerrymandering
The explicit goal of gaining five Republican seats demonstrates unconstitutional partisan intent. Courts have recognized that extreme partisan gerrymandering can violate constitutional principles of fair representation. The Republican Party of Texas openly stated this effort aims to "preserve GOP control in Congress"—a purely partisan motivation that contradicts constitutional governance principles.
Violation of Democratic Norms
Mid-decade redistricting without justifiable cause undermines democratic stability and the once-per-decade census-based system established by the Constitution. This extraordinary departure from established procedures sets dangerous precedent for perpetual map manipulation.
Racial Gerrymandering
The Justice Department's claims about four majority-minority districts being "unconstitutional" contradict decades of precedent protecting minority voting rights. Legal experts widely dispute the DOJ's interpretation, viewing it as pretextual justification for partisan gain.
The Constitution demands fair representation, not partisan manipulation. This redistricting effort prioritizes political power over constitutional principles and must be rejected to preserve democratic integrity and equal voting rights for all Texans.
This statement represents our constitutional opposition to partisan gerrymandering that undermines fundamental democratic principles.

Myra Francis

Self

Austin, TX

I am opposed to the redistricting of Texas. The redistricting will negatively impact the people in my community and my ability to elect our preferred representative, infringing on our voter rights. The redistricting caters to the federal government, ironically, in a state that is historically opposed to big government. Please stop the redistricting of Texas.

Jason Dickey

NA

Austin, TX

This is an unnecessary waste of time and public resources as this was done several years ago, making this motion suspiciously political. Please stop the absurd use of public resources and work for the people not the president of the United States.

Jessica Bunting, Mrs.
Self
San Marcos, TX

First and foremost, we are not scheduled to redraw district lines until after the census in 2030, so these hearings shouldn't even be happening. Secondly, the congressional representatives work for the people, not the president. You are all CIVIL servants, and you are all replaceable if we, the people, deem you unfit to represent us. Keep that in mind.

Yeiglin Escalante
self
Houston, TX

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed Republican redistricting plan. The way testimony was recorded as "neutral" despite clear intent to oppose is deeply concerning and undermines the public's trust in this process.

Gerrymandering dilutes community voices, especially those of historically marginalized groups, and this map does not reflect fair representation. I urge you to reject this plan and instead support maps that are equitable, transparent, and drawn with public input at the forefront.

— Yeiglin Elizabeth Escalante, HD 18

Christi Hicks
Self
Missouri City, TX

Written Statement Opposing the Texas Redistricting Map Impacting District 9

As a concerned resident of Congressional District 9, I strongly oppose the proposed Texas redistricting map, which unjustly alters the boundaries of our community and undermines the political representation of minority voters in our district. The redrawing of District 9 appears to be a deliberate attempt to dilute the voting power of historically marginalized communities, especially Black and Latino voters, in direct contradiction to the principles of fair representation and democratic participation.

District 9, under the leadership of Congressman Al Green, has long served as a voice for diverse, underserved populations in Southwest Houston and surrounding areas. The new map threatens to fragment our community, diminish our collective voice, and reverse decades of progress in building political power for communities of color. This is not just a matter of lines on a map—this is about our access to healthcare, education, economic opportunity, and civil rights.

The Voting Rights Act of 1965 prohibits discriminatory redistricting practices that weaken the political strength of minority populations. The proposed changes appear to violate both the letter and spirit of this law by diminishing the influence of voters who have fought hard for equitable representation.

I call on our state leaders and elected officials to reject this redistricting map and instead adopt a fair, transparent process that protects the integrity of communities like ours. We deserve maps that reflect our shared interests, uphold our voting rights, and ensure every Texan has a fair and equal voice in government.

We must stand against any attempt to disenfranchise voters through political manipulation. Our democracy depends on it.

Sincerely,
Christi Hicks
Constituent, Texas Congressional District 9
Missouri City, Tx 77489

Diana Kongevick
Self, Retired
Austin, TX

While redistributing may be something to look at in the future, the motivation now (to influence midterm elections) serves to silence the voices of proud retired Texans like my husband and I. We do not want redistricting now. I strongly and respectfully encourage you to reject these attempts to district at this time. Thank you.

Susan Cook
Self/leadership cosch
Round Rock, TX

I submit this statement in strong opposition to the proposed redistricting maps. This process is not about fair representation—it is a deliberate effort to entrench political power at the expense of voters.

The proposed maps undermine the principle that voters should choose their leaders. Instead, they are designed to protect incumbents and suppress growing communities—especially communities of color—that have driven Texas's population growth and deserve equitable representation.

This redistricting cycle reflects a broader failure of leadership: rather than earn support through policies that reflect the real needs of Texans, the majority party is redrawing lines to hold onto power. When politicians manipulate district boundaries to predetermine outcomes, they aren't serving the people—they're protecting themselves.

Texas deserves better. We need maps that reflect the state we are today—not a political strategy for a shrinking base. I urge this body to reject these maps and commit to a redistricting process that is transparent, accountable, and fair.

Marie Blazek
Blazek enterprises
Cedar Cedar, TX

Gerrymandering is an old trick that sims to skew the choices of the voters, to suit the privileged. Texas is an extremely heterogeneous state which requires digital gymnastic to wrangle a majority of, say, Republicans out of a municipality filled with all voter demographics. BUT Abbot/Trump is trying to cram it through like trash in a bag. When will our "elected" leaders represent us responsibly?? Never, at this rate.

Kenneth White
Self
Houston, TX

Strongly against…Republicans stop your shenanigans now!

Kathleen Deaver
self
Austin, TX

I have lived 27 years of my life in Texas. HB 4 is a sign that Democracy is aggressively being corrupted by the Governor and Republican Legislators of Texas. HB-4's only purpose is to steal my right as a United States Citizen to vote and be represented by the Legislator of my choice. This will also become a poison pill since it will lead other states to use the same tactic to countermand Abbott's response to Trump's bidding. HB-4 is bad for Texas and awful for the United States. Please as a Legislator sworn to support Democracy, to support our state and to support our country, do not vote for this bill. Thank You

If you wish to provide support for a Quorum Break which encourages Democratic Legislators to leave the state to make a vote for HB-4 Gerrymandering Bill imposible. Please contact me for more information.

Thank you.kathleen Deaver

David Johnson
Self
Leander, TX

I am vehemently in opposition of this congressional redistrcting. I expect my state representatives to do what is right by the people of the State of Texas and to quit acting like children who don’t get their way, so they cry to someone who will allow them to do what they want. Be better. The world is watching — and right now, Texas is a laughing stock.

Jack Munich
Self - retired
THE WOODLANDS, TX

I support HB4. Texas congressional districts should be more geographically logical and not twisted pretzel shaped. The maps should reflect the will of the voters,

DLanor Pankotai
Self
Garland, TX

Redistricting should not happen as it only happens after a census has been conducted which is scheduled every 10 years and not due until 200. The republican party is trying to push this early to help them.in the midterm elections.

Karen Sarginson
Self
Henderson, TX

I believe with the influx of citizens moving into the great state of Texas, redistricting should happen. It’s the right thing to do.

Loraine Hoane
self - teacher
Austin, TX

I was born in Texas and have lived here almost my entire life, and I am against the current attempt to redistrict my state and the obvious political gerrymandering that this attempt entails (HB4).

There are many reasons to be against HB4: the way it dilutes the voting power of minority communities; the inappropriate timing that distracts lawmakers and residents alike as Texas struggles to recover from a natural disaster; and more.

But the issue that underlies it all is the blatant attempt to undermine the representative democracy that forms the framework of our state and our nation.

I would remind the elected officials in Texas that their power comes not from “above” but from “below.” You are voted for and chosen by the people. Your sole mission as an elected official is to represent and advocate for your constituents. And because of this, you yourself should be a true representative of that community. It appears that many of you have forgotten that fact. You are placing politics and your own interests above the interests of the very people who got you where you are today.

Why, instead of going into the community to talk to people, to uplift their voices and win their support, do you feel the need to manipulate the voting districts and thus congressional seats? Why, in your desperate bid to gain more power, are you directly undermining our country’s democratic system? If you love our country, and you love your constituents, let us vote and tell you who represents us, not the other way around.

S Seneca
Self
Boerne, TX

You guys are unbelievable. Stop this redistricting farce. Concentrate on the little girls. You're heartless.

Kim Vozar
Self
Austin, TX

My name is Kim Vozar, and I'm speaking today as a concerned Texan who believes in fair representation and a government that reflects the will of the people.

The redistricting plan currently being proposed is a blatant attempt to silence millions of voters in our state. Almost 5 million Texans voted for Democratic candidates in 2024 — the second highest total in the nation. Yet this plan seeks to erase their voices, dismantle diverse communities, and entrench political power through manipulation rather than merit.

This is not about fair representation. This is about preserving power for a single party at the expense of democracy.

Gerrymandering in the middle of the decade — just because Texas is finally in play — undermines the trust voters place in our system. Representation should be decided by voters, not by those desperate to hold onto power.

I urge this body to reject any redistricting map that prioritizes partisanship over people, and to stand with Texans who want their voices — all of our voices — to count equally.

Thank you.

Jean Essig
self
San Antonio, TX

Disgusting abuse of power to appease a deranged want to be dictator! Re-district the state so that the GOP never loses is illegal & immoral. We will not stand for this betrayal & you will ALL pay for it by losing your jobs!!

Jenny Story
Self
Southlake, TX

I stand in support of the HB4 redistricting map.

Barrett Clark
self
Coppell, TX

I am writing to express serious concern about the current redistricting process in Texas. Gerrymandering—manipulating district boundaries for partisan advantage—is deeply harmful to representative democracy. It dilutes the voice of voters, entrenches power, and undermines fair elections. All Texans, regardless of party, deserve districts drawn transparently and equitably.

Moreover, it is deeply inappropriate for the White House—or any federal executive—regardless of administration, to mandate how states handle redistricting. This kind of top-down interference not only oversteps constitutional bounds, it erodes public trust in the independence of the process.

It's also strikingly hypocritical for Republican leaders, who so often champion states' rights and local control, to now support measures that override local governance. Federalism is not a partisan principle to be discarded when convenient—it's a foundational element of our system.
Redistricting must serve the people, not political power. I urge this body to reject any plan that compromises fairness, transparency, or local autonomy.

Aileen Vazquez
Self
Dallas, TX

This is not redistricting, this is voter suppression. It is unfair and being done for power, not the people. Thousands, mainly black and brown, low income voters, will be negatively affected if this bill passes. As a Latina from a working class family who had the opportunity to go to college, I also speak for my community/neighborhood here in Dallas, there are many other things that the Texas government should pay attention to and fix such as infrastructure, school funding, housing cost, etc. LAND CANNOT VOTE! NO TO REDISTRICTING!

Patrick Ryan
Self
Austin, TX

I'm against redistricting. Please stop diminishing representation. We want fair maps that represent all voters.

Nuria Zaragoza
Self
Austin, TX

Please stop this anti-American subservient attempt to please a president who will be seen as an aberration to our history. Do not be remembered as being part of those spineless followers who enabled him!

Susan Galloway Wilson
Self
Bertram, TX

Our state's reputation continues its decline on the national format for restricting citizens choices. Now we're going to gerrymander voter's rights again to satisfy the request of an person who wants to be a dictator.
If this succeeds, history will show Texas, and it's leaders, as complicit in the decline of democracy and voter's rights. Exactly like Germany and Europe in the 1930s.
STOP
Redistricting is not needed.

LzDonna Massad
Self -- retired
Austin, TX

This map is ridiculous.

Grace Paz
Self retired
El Paso, TX

I don’t want to be represented by a representative from San Antonio who doesn’t know El Pasoans needs. We are a unique community.

Mari Russ, Concerned Tax paying Texan
Self
Austin, TX

I am deeply concerned by your partisan efforts to silence our voices to serve your lord and savior trump. Once again, you know you cannot win so you must cheat. It’s really so pathetic and disgusting. Serve the people who elected you by fairly aligning districts to the population. You’re a weasel if not and we’ll still come for you at the ballot box, no matter these shortsighted attempts to subvert our voices.

kate bremer
self retired
blanco, TX

no on redistricting. It is trying to cheat the system. do the right thing,. it is not even a census year.

Charley Rejsek
Self
Austin, TX

As a Native Texan, I'm writing to urge you to REJECT this corrupt redistricting process and all gerrymandered maps. Gov. Abbott is letting Trump control him like a puppet, while ignoring the real problems Texans are dealing with on a daily basis. Please do everything in your power to put Texans REAL concerns first and show Abbott what courage actually looks like in action. Redistricting is not a current concern for REAL Texans who actually care about Texas.
I strongly urge you: REJECT this process!
Thank you.

Chelsea Antoniono
Srlf
Austin, TX

This attempt to steal votes is UNACCEPTABLE!

STOP the shady REDISTRICTING in Texas!

Chad Carlson, Mr
Self
Friendswood, TX

My name is Chad Carlson, and as a resident and voter in Friendswood, Texas, I am compelled to speak out forcefully against the alarming and unprecedented attempts by Donald Trump and his political allies to unfairly redraw electoral districts in Texas. This blatant act of political manipulation is nothing short of a direct assault on our democracy, deliberately engineered to distort election outcomes and silence opposition voices.

Such egregious redistricting schemes undermine the foundational American principle of fair and equal representation, stripping countless voters of their right to have their voices heard. This calculated effort erodes public trust, weakens voter representation, and deliberately marginalizes communities that do not align with Trump's agenda.

Make no mistake—this is not politics as usual. It is a deliberate and dangerous slide toward authoritarianism, reminiscent of tactics used by undemocratic regimes to consolidate power. Texans deserve better. We deserve transparent elections, impartial districts, and above all, a democracy that truly represents the will of the people.

I implore you, as custodians of our democratic institutions, to decisively reject this undemocratic and profoundly un-American attempt at redistricting. The integrity of our elections, the rights of our citizens, and the health of our democracy itself hang in the balance.

Respectfully,

Chad Carlson

Nelda Perry
self
Bullard, TX

It is not necessary to even consider redistricting after it was done several years ago. The Republican party already has the majority! Actually, Redistricting should not be allowed. If necessary, redistricting should always have each party have equal party coverage.

Terri Flickinger
My self
El Paso, TX

This is unacceptable! Our community is entitled to our own representative that lives here and understands our needs. Peeling off part of our community and “giving” it to a city 500 miles away is unethical. It seems like the GOP in Texas is nothing more than a power hungry group who only care about and represent their followers. Please reconsider this obscene power grab and recognize it for what it is. Our community did not ask for this and we want our voices heard!

ADELA JONES
Self
Bastrop, TX

This bill is biased by its nature. The action is designed at the behest of the man who holds the office of US president, and it being considered in order to give him a stronger number of votes in the US House, regardless of the will of the people of Texas.

Anna Ibanez
Self
Pflugerville, TX

This re-districting is clearly a ploy to pull this state apart even more. Marginalized voices are being deliberately ignored and suppressed and needs to be stopped as soon as possible. Do NOT let this pass

Volha Minich
self
Huntsville TX, TX

This is an absolutely unaccepable practice - I am ashamed that the staple of democracy in the world turns to these to tool to obtain the power. I am an independent and these are things that completely turn me away from the current administration.

Lori Brakhage, Dr.
Self / Business Owner - Author
Forney, TX

Why Texas Should Not Redistrict: A Case Against Power Grabs and Voter Suppression

Redistricting, a process meant to reflect population changes and ensure fair representation, has been twisted in Texas. It's now a partisan weapon used to entrench power and suppress the political voice of marginalized communities. The prospect of a new round of redistricting—so soon after the 2021 maps were drawn—is unjustified, undemocratic, unfair, and dangerous.

1. It's a Political Power Grab
Texas redistricted in 2021 following the census, as required by law. Attempting to redraw the maps again now, without new census data or a court mandate, is a clear move to manipulate electoral outcomes in favor of the ruling party. It's not about fair representation—it's about maintaining political control. Courts have repeatedly found Texas's redistricting practices to be discriminatory, including in Abbott v. Perez (2018), where a federal court previously found maps were drawn with the intent to dilute "people of the global majority" votes.

2. It Silences Marginalized Communities
The 2020 Census showed that 95% of Texas' population growth came from communities of color. Yet the 2021 redistricting process failed to reflect that shift. Districts were drawn to preserve white Republican majorities, fragmenting or 'packing' Latino, Black, and Asian-American voters to limit their influence, resulting in the voices and concerns of these communities not being adequately represented in the political process, and policies that fail to reflect their needs and priorities. This tactic dilutes the voices of already underrepresented communities, violating both democratic principles and the intent of the Voting Rights Act.

3. It Undermines Electoral Legitimacy
Gerrymandered maps distort the relationship between votes and power. In 2022, Texas Republicans won 65% of congressional seats with just 55% of the vote—a disparity that reflects manipulation, not voter will. When voters feel their ballots don't count, trust in democracy erodes. Disillusionment grows, turnout falls, and communities become disengaged.

4. It Distracts from Real Policy Needs
Texans face significant challenges, including a fragile energy grid, healthcare gaps, underfunded schools, and a rising cost of living. The recent power outages during the winter storm, still unresolved, the high number of uninsured residents, and the disparities in educational resources are all pressing issues that require attention. Republican legislators should focus on working across the aisle to solve these ongoing and growing challenges.

Conclusion: Stop the Redistricting Machination
Another round of redistricting now is unjustified, legally questionable, and ethically indefensible. It's not about governance; it's about control. It silences marginalized voices, weakens public faith in elections, and diverts attention from urgent issues Texans face every day. It's time for our leaders to uphold their responsibility to ALL the people.

Ina Picarello
self, nurse care manager
Austin 7, TX

We all understand what you are trying to do and is horrific!
You state leaders are redrawing congressional maps with no new Census and no public demand. These proposed maps silence the voices of millions, cut out Democratic members of Congress, and tear apart our communities — all to protect political power.

Daniel Bearden, Mr.
Self
Corsicana, TX

Dear Redistricting Committee,

As a Texas resident, I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed mid-decade congressional redistricting maps currently under consideration.

These maps do not reflect the demographic realities of our state. Communities of color have driven the majority of Texas's population growth over the last decade, yet the proposed districts minimize their representation and influence. This undermines both the principles of representative democracy and the trust of Texans in the redistricting process.

Fair maps should accurately represent the people of Texas—not serve partisan interests. I urge you to reject these manipulated maps and instead draw districts that equitably reflect our state's population and diversity.

Kelvin Hoffman
Self, Tier 3 Tech Support & Data Analyst
Fort Worth, TX

Members of the committee,

I am testifying today in strong opposition to the proposed redistricting maps being introduced mid-cycle. The people of Texas are not fooled. We know this is not about ensuring fairer representation or addressing demographic shifts. It is a power grab, plain and simple. And worse, it is being done in full view of the public, with little regard for how deeply corrosive this is to the trust Texans place in our democratic institutions.

Texas has already endured decades of gerrymandered districts that have diluted the voices of communities, especially communities of color, and undermined the principle of one person, one vote. This effort to redraw maps mid-decade, outside of the standard redistricting process, is not about good governance. It is not about fairness. It is about entrenching political power through undemocratic means.

Some will argue the motivations are partisan, racial, or a response to pressure from political figures like Trump or Governor Abbott. But the motivation behind this effort is ultimately irrelevant. What matters are the consequences: fewer competitive elections, less accountability, and a legislature that no longer reflects the will of the people.

We must remember that redistricting is not a game. It determines who gets to be heard, and who gets left behind. It determines whether Texans get representatives who answer to them, or ones who feel safe in seats rigged for re-election. By pushing these maps forward, this body is signaling that protecting political careers is more important than protecting democracy.

Whether this redistricting effort is technically legal under current law is beside the point. It is morally wrong. It is anti-democratic. And it is a betrayal of the countless Texans who have fought, struggled, and even died to secure the right to vote and to be fairly represented.

If you truly represent the people of Texas, all Texans, then you must reject this attempt to further rig our political system in favor of one party. Stop redrawing the rules mid-game. Stop silencing the voices of voters. And start working toward a future where districts are drawn with fairness, transparency, and respect for every community in this state.

Thank you.

Kelly Holland
Personal
Mertzon, TX

Redistricting now is a sham and cave to President Trump. This proposal is only to gain Republican seats and nothing more. It’s outrageous gerrymandering and blatantly transparent and defies the principles of democracy as it seeks to manipulate voting in Texas!

Angelita MORA
Self
Friendswood, TX

This is atrocious! Who in Texas drew up this ludicrous map.. it’s gerrymandering .. it’s not reflective of our population at all!!! I’m soooo disgusted !!!

Kerristen Brooks
Self - Data Analyst
Austin, TX

As a minority and resident of Austin, I do not approve of the proposed changes to the TX congressional map. It feels like redrawing the boundaries of your neighborhood so all the ppl who disagree with you get split up and outvoted. What ever happened to our right to a fair vote?

The proposed changes appear to target diverse urban areas like Houston, Dallas, and Austin by breaking up communities of color & spreading their voting power thin across multiple districts, making it way harder for people like me to elect representatives who actually reflect our values. It's essentially the political equivalent of moving the goalposts mid-game to benefit one team, which could violate federal voting rights protections that were put in place to prevent exactly this kind of manipulation. As if 34 felonies weren't enough, Trump is twisting his power to violate the Voting Rights Act, which prohibits drawing boundaries that dilute minority groups' ability to elect their preferred candidates.

Moreover, the proposed congressional map changes impact the rest of the country & U.S. territories because when important legislation comes up for a vote - whether it's about Medicare, student loans, or federal education spending - those additional seats could be the deciding factor in whether policies pass or fail.

Redistricting decisions made at the state level in Texas could influence federal policy outcomes that affect people nationwide, regardless of where they live, because congressional representation determines how national laws get made. This could potentially affect the retirement income of my grandmother who lives in South Carolina or a teen in Idaho who needs federal funding to attend college.

In conclusion, I do not approve of HB4 and believe that it is a shame that some of the people who represent Texas believe this is more important than issues that do impact Texans, like healthcare, the outdated grid and flood prevention.

Cindy Saillant
self retired
Wichita Falls, TX

No cheating… no redistributing…

Nick Tracz
Self
Austin, TX

Please do not vote yes on the proposed redistricting as it is not in the community, state or country's best longterm interest.

Elizabeth Bell
Self
Austin, TX

I do not approve of redistricting.

Joseph Schwarz
self
Houston, TX

I am writing to oppose the current redistricting process in the Texas Legislature. We all know why Abbot has put the redistricting effort on the agenda for a special session, because Trump is afraid of losing the House in the mid-term elections. This is not the right or fair way to go about holding on to power in the United States of America. The correct way is to enact policies that favor the majority of Americans then publicize these policies. However, the majority of Americans do not favor the policies of this administration, so Trump must turn to underhanded ways to maintain his hold on power. I am asking you, the Republicans in the Texas Legislature to stand strong for what is right for our state and our country, and stop Mr. Trump from grabbing more power from the Legislative and Judicial branches of our Constitutional form of government, and inflicting more damage on our country. We have seen our share of political heroes in our land. "Profiles in Courage" by John Kennedy and Ted Sorenson contain many examples of congressmen who went against their own party to stand up for what is right for the country. Be one of them.

Aurora Porras, Mrs.
Self
El Paso, TX

I strongly oppose the redistricting that Trump is pushing in our state of Texas so he can gain more seats in Congress! This is definitely NOT democracy in action. I have a voice and a vote and so do my adult children. You do not have the right to do this and anyone who supports this idea is clearly not an American! So respect our democracy and respect not only my voice but the voices of all the Texans!

Mandi Golman
Self
Austin, TX

Just abide by the will of the people and accept results. The tides change frequently and there's no need for cheating.

Ruby Schell
Magic Circle Republican Women
Houston, TX

This is very important to vote yes for this bill. You have my full support

Gracie Niver
Self
Waller, TX

This is illegal gerrymandering based on racism and political gain. This is not what the constituents of Texas want. Trump has verbalized that this is nothing more than a way to "pick up 5 more seats." There is no reason for this other than the ridiculousness that has lead this administration. Please listen to the people and rethink your position on this issue.

Lily Zamarripa-Saenz
Myself
Austin, TX

I am writing today to express my deep concern and opposition to the proposed redistricting maps. These maps do not reflect the true demographics or the lived experiences of the people of Texas. This is not normal, and it is not representative of the diverse communities who call this state home.

Texas is one of the most diverse states in the nation, and our political maps should reflect that reality. Instead, these proposed maps dilute the voices of communities of color and disregard the growing diversity in urban, suburban, and rural areas alike. Fair maps are not a partisan issue — they are a matter of justice, of equal representation, and of democracy.

At a time when many Texans are struggling to recover from floods and other natural disasters, our efforts should be focused on delivering support and services to those in need — not on dividing communities for political gain. People are hurting, and they need leaders who see them, represent them, and respond to their needs — not maps that ignore them.

I urge the committee to reject these proposed maps and to return to the drawing board with fairness, equity, and transparency as guiding principles. We deserve maps that reflect the people of Texas — all of us.

Cesia Hunt
"Self" Healthcare.
HOUSTON, TX

Redistricting aims to silence people of color. It's not about fairness at ALL. It's about stealing elections. These Republicans are so afraid of losing in 2026.

Sarosh Jafri
SaaveTX
Hutto, TX

RE: Opposition to Mid-Decade Congressional Redistricting – A Statement from South Asian Texans
Dear Governor Abbott, Lt. Governor Patrick, and Speaker Burrows,
As members of the South Asian American community across Texas, we write to express our unequivocal opposition to the mid-decade congressional redistricting plan currently before the Legislature.
South Asian Texans are one of the fastest-growing populations in this state. We run businesses, drive innovation, advance medicine, and enrich the cultural and civic life of Texas. We also vote, organize, and contribute to the democratic process.
But this redistricting proposal is not about improving representation — it is about manipulating it. These maps are being redrawn to break up strong, diverse voting blocs and weaken the collective voice of communities of color, including South Asians, who are becoming an undeniable force in Texas politics.
In major metropolitan counties where South Asians live and work — Harris, Fort Bend, Dallas, Collin, Tarrant, Travis, and Bexar — cohesive neighborhoods are being fractured and stitched together with distant rural counties. These artificial districts have nothing to do with shared interests and everything to do with diluting the political power of growing populations.
This is not representation. This is an intentional strategy to silence voters and undermine democracy.
What does a tech executive in Plano have in common with a farmer hundreds of miles away? What shared vision for Texas can come from districts designed to split communities apart rather than bring them together?
Texas should stand as a model of democratic integrity, where representation reflects the people who call this state home. Instead, this process dismantles the very pillars of democracy — fairness, accountability, and trust.
When maps are drawn for partisan gain, they don’t just distort election outcomes — they tell entire communities their voices don’t matter.
We stand with Texans in Fort Bend, Collin, Dallas, Harris, Travis, Williamson, Bexar, El Paso, Denton, and Tarrant Counties who are seeing their voting power diluted and their representation sacrificed for political advantage.
We urge you to withdraw this plan and commit instead to drawing fair maps that keep communities whole, reflect where people actually live and work, and protect every Texan’s right to representation.
Democracy only works when every vote counts and every voice is heard. These maps break that promise. Texans — all Texans — deserve better.

Meredith Buchanan
Self, licensed therapist
Rockwall, TX

I vehemently oppose this sloppy redistricting effort. If you need to cheat to win, you never cared about your constituents in the first place. On both a state and federal level, viewpoints of every citizen should be represented. You will be remembered in the history texts as greedy villains. It's not cute or funny to play with millions of people's lives. Grow up. Act like a professional.

Cynthia Walker
Self
Burleson, TX

Please make the ethical choice not to conduct redistricting at this time. Thank you

Katie Catron
Self
Dallas, TX

This is absolutely atrocious, anti-capitalist and unconstitutional. You are here to serve the people, and you are blatantly disregarding our desires. Gerrymandering like this is ridiculous.

Michelle Livingston
Self; medical editor/USA Citizen
Flower Mound, TX

I am opposed to redistricting any parts of the state of Texas. I am not only opposed to it. I am appalled by it, horrified by it, and very angry and disappointed about the proposition to do it. We only get one life here that we know of, and I ask that anyone who is trying to get this bill passed look past any smoke and mirrors, wake up if you are deluding yourself for any reason whatsoever, evaluate what will actually happen if this is passed, self-disclose your true motives, and take pause. Do you think that this is not important enough, that it won't affect all Texans and possibly all Americans, that your participation in this travesty will not affect the outcome of your soul when you pass on? If you are not interested in saving others from heartache, misery, and loss of freedom, save yourself by turning away from this scheme. It is never too late they say. But is that really true? Stop now, and start doing the right things for the rest of your life. It isn't worth your soul. I'm sure of that. God bless you and the wisdom of your thinking.

Jennifer Sabolcik
Self
Austin, TX

By redistributing Texas to support Republicans unfairly, you are admitting to be an unpopular party. You are also blatantly cheating because you can't win by merit alone.

Katherine Flanagan
Self
Benbrook, TX

I oppose any redistricting. Gerrymandering should not be a part of democracy. Sudden changes should not be made because one party feels threatened. Texans want less government control, not more.

Kelly Toye
Self - sales designer
Spicewood, TX

I strongly oppose the congressional redistricting.

Mandy Burton
Self
Burleson, TX

As a lifelong Texas, I hope you listen to your many constituents who oppose this redistricting. We know the purpose behind this redistricting and do not approve. Please make the ethical decision to not silence voters with this redistricting. I really hope you find it in your hearts to stop this redistricting that hurts so many voters by silencing their vote. Stopping this redistricting will also save our state money from lawsuits because the map is clearly aligned to harm minorities. Thank you for listening.

Edgar Espinal, Mr
self
Austin, TX

This bill is highly problematic and dangerous to our democracy. Redistricting is just a political game of voter suppression that will be felt for years to come.

Jasmine Kent
Self
San Antonio, TX

I vehemently reject this redistributing because this is illegal gerrymandering

Leo DeFelippis
Self retired
Mico, TX

Weak.

Elizabeth Gould
Self, Social Worker
Austin, TX

I am calling for fair congressional maps that truly represent the constituents of Texas. Maps that do not disenfranchising people of color. Elected officials are to work and represent the will of the people, not be dishonest, not vote in the middle of the night, not bend to the whim of oligarchs trying to maintain power. Texas has become a beautiful diverse state, and we need true representatives of that. Having a mid decade redistricting is wrong, and these maps would disconnect us from our representatives and one another, which seems to be what is intended here. Just know we see you and we will remember if you choose to take a stand to truly represent the people or try to take away our voice.

Ben Brown
Dallas NAACP 6169
Dallas, TX

I strongly urge all Legislators to vote against this bill. It does not represent the wishes of the citizens that you are sworn to represent.

Cherie Byrd
Self
Katy, TX

I highly oppose the new redistricting maps that Trump asked for. All so he can pick up 5 more seats. Shame on you who vote for this bill. And if it passes we will remember those who voted for the bill when we vote in the midterm elections.

Martin Moeller
Self / COO tourism
Austin, TX

Hello. I am an Oilers fan born 1981 in Bellaire Hospital. I grew up in New Braunfels as a “river rat”. I went to Christian schools from kindergarten to Bachelor’s Degree. The first movies my father showed me were Fiddler on the Roof and the Roots Series. My mother was from Mississippi and shared her story of desegregation in a small town with a Methodist minister as a father. I’ve been taught so much goodness from the Christian tradition. What I see now is a power grab with Jesus Christ as a poster boy. Our president wants power shows no adherence to the wisdom of Christ and demands a map to be re drawn. When will the values stand that we don’t bow to money and maintenance of control. Let’s vote no on HB 4 or get the name Jesus out our mouth please.

Craig King
Self
Cedar Park, TX

Yes to redistricting

Valerie Loper
Self
La Porte, TX

Please do not allow these redistricting maps to go into effect. This unlawful gerrymandering is not serving the state of Texas fairly. This is NOT the will of the people but the will of a tyrant.

Gail Tosto
None. I am just a concerned citizen.
Austin, TX

I am AGAINST this bill. It would lead to severe underrepresentation of a large portion of our electorate. Do not allow one party to undermine democracy in our state.

Samantha Jones
Self
Fort Worth, TX

The proposed redistricting is not only an overt power play by Republicans to silence the voice of Texans of other political affiliations and particularly minorities, it is a direct violation of the very oath the reps have taken to be servants of the people of Texas. Not one person, or one party. All the people of Texas. Do the right thing, listen to the people of Texas, not just the echo chamber.

Kelsee Cook
Self/caregiver
Houston, TX

I oppose anything/everything the republicans put forth. it is not for the best interest of the people. You all could make a real difference within our communities and if you were a candidate worth a damn you wouldn’t need to gerrymander Texas to hell. Practice what you preach or stfu. The blood of the tragedy in Kerr county is on all of the republicans hands. Shame on you all.

J Sanchez
Self
Fort Worth, TX

I strongly oppose HB4. This bill is not about fair redistricting—it is about manipulating electoral maps to entrench power, silence opposition, and undermine the core principles of democracy. In a representative government, voters must choose their leaders—not the other way around. HB4 flips that on its head. It allows those in power to draw lines that shield themselves from accountability, dismantle fair competition, and silence the will of the people.

This is not redistricting. It is a calculated attempt to rig future elections before they even happen. The maps proposed under HB4 are not drawn to reflect the people of Texas. They are drawn to protect a shrinking political minority from the growing will of a diverse and evolving electorate.

Rather than honoring the population growth that has shaped this state—driven by young people, communities of color, working families, and new citizens—HB4 punishes it. These groups are surgically divided and packed into districts that dilute their political voice and block their ability to elect candidates of their choice. This is not neutral. It is deliberate suppression.

What makes it worse is the process: rushed hearings, last-minute map releases, and deliberate avoidance of meaningful public input. This isn't just a policy failure—it's a moral one. In a functioning democracy, public trust is sacred. HB4 violates that trust at every turn.

The principles of democracy are not complicated. Fair representation. Equal voice. Accountability to the people. HB4 violates all three. It tells millions of Texans that their voices are inconvenient, their votes are expendable, and their presence in the electorate is a threat.

If passed, HB4 will do lasting harm. It will erode faith in our institutions. It will alienate voters who already feel unheard. It will deepen political cynicism and leave countless Texans believing—correctly—that the system is rigged against them.

This is not the future Texas deserves. The people of this state are diverse, engaged, and ready to lead. Our government should reflect that—not fear it.

I urge you to reject HB4. Not out of partisanship, but out of principle. Because the job of an elected official is not to cling to power—it is to serve the people, protect their rights, and uphold the ideals of representative democracy with integrity and courage. The world is watching. Your constituents are watching. Do the right thing. Let the people choose.

Kit Hill, Ms
Self
Plano, TX

The fact this has been the focus rather than the literal tragedy that took place with the dangerous floods. Going forward with this will further prove how little you care about Texans. You only care about yourselves and lining your pocketbooks. If this goes through, just know the people will not stand for this flagrant abuse of power. Shame on all of you. You've broken your oaths, your promises, and you've shown how truly corrupt you are. Down to your core. The moment you pass this, you will all be branded as bootlicking cowards. And that's not Texan. Not by a long shot.

Michael Kerns
Self
Austin, TX

Blatantly redrawing maps early in order to benefit your political party is wrong. Any rep who votes for such a measure should be ashamed.

Beyond that, it's shortsighted. If you are clearly tilting the scales, rigging the game, well, why shouldn't the other side when they inevitably gain control? And in that fight to gain control in the first place, why should they fight fair in an unfair game?

Don't be stupid. Both long and short term this gerrymandering is stupid, even if you're a diehard republican.

Stacey Sinclair
Self
San Antonio, TX

This is insane. You are all insane for doing this. This is so grossly obviously and exactly the kind of evil that is driving our birth rates down. You want more republican votes, so you cheat??? I know you know in your heart of hearts you have sold your souls under the guise of saving souls. Looks like we the people are gonna have to save ourselves since our government wants us silenced by gerrymandering our wonderful state, to where it is misrepresented in our contribution to our country. We the people are ignored. We could be doing so much better with all of this. Hope you enjoy marching us into facism. Fuck you. Thank you.

Rosalind Alexander-Kasparik
District 35 Constituent
Austin, TX

I was born and raised on an historic family farm that is now within District 35. Our district and others have been singled out yet again for redrawn lines—despite years of contested, litigated maps. This mid-decade redistricting plan that is hurriedly proposed as HB 4 is a political power grab at the behest of politicians outside our state. It is unfair to me, my neighbors, and every Texan whose vote will be diluted and/or invalidated by redrawing our Congressional district lines.

Texas' people are our state's government. The government is accountable to us, its citizens, first and foremost. Please do not betray your oath of office and demolish the trust voters and the courts have placed in the Texas legislature by rushing through approval of this discriminatory gerrymander. These radical maps will likely eventually be thrown out by the courts, according to the first legal witnesses heard by this Redistricting Committee. But, by the time the proposed districts are declared illegal by court order, they will have already further damaged Texans throughout the state.

Please stop this wasteful, expensive capitulation to an out-of-state executive.

Joel Dunlap, Dr
Self/Radiologist
San Antonio, TX

I was born in Texas, finished my medical training in Houston and moved to San Antonio 30 years ago to start a career and raise a family. During this time I have come to know a Texas where if you played by the rules and worked hard you could succeed, an ideal exemplified by Texans love of football and Friday Night Lights.
Now try to imagine a tight game between rivals and the home team announces they are changing the rules of the game at half time, guaranteeing they would win. You would be furious, and rightly so.
Now can you explain to me how redistricting in mid cycle instead of the usual 10 year census any different. This is outright theft of voting rights and legitimate representation and you should be ashamed.
I strongly object

David Runnels II, Esq.
Myself - Attorney
Arlington, TX

Hello Members of the Redistricting Committee,

My name is David Runnels II. I'm an attorney from Arlington, Texas and the North Texas Region Director for the Texas Young Democrats. I am writing on behalf of myself.

The HB 4 map is a blatant conservative power grab that is being done at the expense of Black and Brown voters. This map specifically targets my region, the DFW area, by taking Fort Worth out of CD 33 and packing Dallas' minority population into one congressional district, while simultaneously cracking Fort Worth's minority population into 5 different congressional districts that trail into deeply rural communities that have little in common with the communities that live in Ft. Worth. In addition, HD 32, held by Democratic Representative Julie Johnson, would extend from Plano deep into east Texas, an area of Texas that has very little in common with north Dallas County and Collin County. Breaking up communities of interest is a clear sign of racial gerrymandering and shows that conservative mapmakers have intentionally drawn minority voices out of power.

Trump's DOJ has tried to defend these maps by saying that the maps contain impermissible racial gerrymanders. This thinly veiled attempt to turn the Voting Rights Act on its head to disenfranchise racial minorities is insulting to Texans' collective intelligence. Senator Joan Huffman, the architect of the current congressional maps, declared in a public hearing that she drew the maps "race blind". In addition, other Texas legislators have testified in years-long litigation under oath that these maps were drawn race blind. How can a map be drawn "race blind" and also be an impermissible racial gerrymander? It's abundantly clear that claims of racial gerrymandering are being weaponized to further disenfranchise Texans.

The DOJ letter that was created to give Republicans on this committee cover to subvert democracy misconstrues the holding in Petteway v. Galveston County. In the letter, the DOJ uses Petteway as evidence that coalition districts drawn that don't feature over 50% of any one race are example of unconstitutional racial gerrymandering. The DOJ then uses this fallacious reading of the case as a justification for redistricting. In Petteway, the 5th Circuit ruled that the plaintiffs could not claim that the dismantling of a coalition district of Black and Hispanic voters was impermissible voter dilution. In other words, this case held that the plaintiffs did not have protection under the Constitution or the Voting Rights Act to make a claim for voter dilution and preserve their district, not that coalition districts themselves are unconstitutional. This faulty reading of the case is at least careless, if not intentionally misleading. Drawing new maps with no current census data based on this legally unsound analysis by the DOJ is just another example of how Republicans are all about preserving power at the expense of minority voters.

For these reasons, please reject HB 4.

Janice Ivey
self
Fort Worth, TX

I am a citizen represented by Marc Veasy in District 33. I believe it is wrong for the Executive branch of the Federal Government to request that a governor redraw legislative districts to influence an election. I am against redistricting with the aim of creating a district that favors one party over another.

Camille Sabino
Self
Austin, TX

As a Texas resident I reject this redistricting. It is undemocratic and is taking time away from real issues, like Texas flood relief and fixing the grid. Furthermore, redrawing our districts without citizen input is taking our voices away and breaking up our communities. Please stop this attack on our democracy.

Whitney Wood Juarez
Self real estate
Fort Worth, TX

Against congressional redistricting. Horrible info against this constitution

Ashley Rollison
Self
Rosharon, TX

As a Texan, I have never been more disappointed in the representatives of my state. Not only have recent redistricting maps drawn up based on the 2020 census discriminate against minority voters by splitting & diluting our votes the newest takes it even further. Furthermore, as a black woman the targeting of Jasmine Crockett, Al Green & other black congressional representatives is both appalling & discouraging. To me it shows just how little the majority of the government in my state cares about the black community. It is sad that it's 2025 & racial discrimination is not only still alive & well it's being done openly & publicly by our own state government.

Anyone who votes for this bill is violating their oath of office, not working on behalf of all Texans nor providing us equal representation. If you have to cheat to win then you don't represent the will of the people & claims otherwise are just that claims as actions as actions speak louder than words. I doubt my or other Texans feelings will do little to sway representatives as if you were for the people this wouldn't be occurring in the first place but I at least have to try rather than stay silent. I implore all those planning on voting to advance this map to do some soul searching & find it in yourselves to do the right thing. Ask yourself is this truly the legacy you want to leave behind? Cheating & discriminating against an already marginalized community for power & personal gain? We the people will never forget how those enabled or stood up against what they know is morally wrong by preventing this.

Kimberly Vinton
Self
Atascosa, TX

I strongly oppose this bill. Do what's right for ALL TEXANS! VOTE NO!

Lynnette Tyer
self
Austin, TX

To the sponsor of this bill: Let's review the definition of ethics: "The standards that govern the conduct of a person, especially a member of a profession. The study of principles relating to right and wrong conduct." And the definition of integrity: "Steadfast adherence to a strict moral or ethical code." Your oath of office does not address these two nouns specifically. But this bill is a shining example of your total disregard of them. Shame on you! To blatantly disenfranchise voters is not only dishonest but also profoundly disrespectful. From a strictly moral standpoint it is illegal. - Stand up for your constituents, respect their rights. Respect the office you hold. You should not be beholden to the governor or the other members of your party. And certainly not the president. One thing that has always made me proud to be a Texan is we demand to do things Our Way. Not letting others boss us around. I'm starting to become embarrassed to say I'm from Texas. Where is that backbone now? If the most important thing to you is reelection, you don't belong there to begin with. God Bless Texas.

Danielle Ahlrich
Self
Austin, TX

I oppose the proposed congressional Redistricting plan

Sanjay Krishna
self
Plano, TX

This is a dangerous method - instead of voters choosing their leaders, we have leaders choosing the voters. Ridiculous. If we go down this path we will become a banana republic.

Brittany Klemmack
Self
Round Rock, TX

I am a repunlican but I comprehend the importance of democracy. That districts must represent. The ppl that gerrandering is wrong. The fact that you would so disregard the ppl of Texas to protect a few is simply in democratic. If the Republican party is worried that ppl disagree with them the. They need to listen to and help the ppl. Behaviors like this js why I doubt I will vote Republican and I am not alone. You gerrymandering is driving ppl away from your party.

Mary Baker, Mrs.
self
Austin, TX

My name is Mary Diane Baker and I live in far Northwest Austin in the Canyon Creek subdivision. Our subdivision is considered a high wildfire risk area. My current US Representative is Lloyd Doggett who lives in and represents Austin. In the proposed map, we would now be in District 11 represented currently by August Pfluger who lives in San Angelo, TX. So, my question to you is if we had a wildfire in our neighborhood, would Rep. Pfluger help us? Would he even care if this one little neighborhood in the far flung corner of his district needs assistance especially since we may not align with him politically? We have seen in the recent Kerrville floods that you can't count on your local politicians to do the right thing, so would someone who lives 202 miles away from us really care? I know Rep. Doggett would care and would do his best for us. Would Rep. Pfluger? I want to be represented by someone who cares about me and my family.

Elizabeth Miller
Self
Plano, TX

Oppose redistricting

Karen Jensen
Self
Forney, TX

This is outright corruption, unethical,!immoral, poor sportsmanship and a violation of our societal contract with our fellow citizens. As a tax paying and voting citizen, I do no support this power grab.

Matthew Leslie
Self
Fort Worth, TX

No redistricting to help Trump

Nancy Wells
Self
Pleasanton, TX

I support HB 4 and want the redistricting to happen

debra coler
Self Merchandiser
Dallas, TX

I totally oppose this bill.

Laura Dominguez
Self - compliance associate
San Antonio, TX

I oppose this blatant attempt to silence the voices and votes of the large population of those who vote with the Democratic party. This is a blatant attempt to cheat the system to produce more republican seats. This is yet another step towards facism at the direction of a corrupt president and spinless representative base.

Elizabeth Burnett
Self
Dallas, TX

Republicans are trying to deny the votes of millions of Texans and disenfranchise Black Americans. They are consolidating districts with more black voters to dilute the effect of their votes across multiple districts. Nothing about their proposed plan helps Texans to be better represented.

Tim Bulger
Self
Cedar Park, TX

This does not benefit the average Texan in any way and disenfranchises citizens. There’s nothing independent about kowtowing and we should be ashamed.

Joseph Priester
Self
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose the redistricting and I strongly oppose the map. As a lifelong Texan and republican, I am disappointed in Texas republicans and am sad to see what this party has become. I no longer feel as though my elected officials in this state are representing me or my family.

Karla McKinney, Ms
Self
Austin, TX

This is a blatant ploy to fix elections in favor of Republicans. You can't win unless you cheat.

Dorothy Bynum
Self
Wimberley, TX

I am opposed to redistricting our beautiful State of Texas for the purpose of limiting representation of any of its citizens. I know the frustration of living within the a county where my values are disregarded by my Representative. The strength of our state lies in coming together, for the good of all Texans, not just a privileged few who don’t care about people who look differently or think differently. Texas is a beautiful tapestry of humanity- many colors- and we’re stronger for it. Please do the right thing. Do not bend to the will of a misguided, selfish leader who has no love for the people of this nation.

Jennifer Brakey
Self retired
Dallas, TX

It’s a shame that you believe that you can’t win on your ideas alone, and you have to cheat to make sure you stay in power.

Donna Rolater
Self
Heath, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Susan Meyer
self
Austin, TX

I strongly disagree with the new redistricting maps which are clearly designed to disenfranchise voters. Instead of trying to engineer a better map to stay in power in a non-census year, why not appeal to voters and actually win because people support your policies? I've long voted Democrat, but would happily vote for any party that would put more money into education. We deserve fair representation and if you believe in democracy, you won't cow tow to presidential pressure.

Claire Morrison
Self
New Braunfels, TX

I opposed HB4. Texans have the right to fair and equal representation that's achieved through a thoughtful, transparent redistricting process that allows meaningful public input. Lawmakers should have the necessary information to create legally compliant district maps, protect minority voting rights, and respect county lines, city boundaries, and communities of interest. A rushed 30-day special session packed with unrelated agenda items is not the way to achieve this.

Texans deserve to have a redistricting process that is fair, transparent, and results in equal representation for all. The current redistricting is a blatant power grab from Republicans.

Robert Hatten, Dr.
Self, Retired professor
Austin, TX

The malicious effect of this bill will be to disenfranchise voters who do not agree with the unconstitutional actions of the convicted felon who is our President. Redistricting should be done once a decade, not to satisfy the demands of a corrupt President desperate to preserve his majority in the House. It also sets a terrible precedent for other states to respond in kind. Finally, the redrawing of Austin districts may affect me directly. I strongly oppose this bill.

Kenneth Burkins
Self
Houston, TX

As a resident of Texas' 18th congressional district, I strongly oppose HB 4. This proposed legislation violates Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act (VRA) by weakening the voting strength of minority communities.
Texas gained two additional congressional seats after the 2020 Census due to population growth overwhelmingly driven by Hispanic, Black, and Asian communities—who accounted for 95% of the state's growth. Yet HB 4 fails to create any new majority-minority districts and, in several cases, actually reduces the voting strength of minority communities. This is not a neutral oversight, but an intentional strategy to cancel or diminish the votes of non-white Texans.
The bill is clearly designed to racially gerrymander districts by:
Splitting Hispanic, Black, and Asian voters across multiple districts to weaken their influence ("cracking"), and
Concentrating those same voters into a small number of districts to minimize their power elsewhere ("packing").
These practices violate Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act, which prohibits any redistricting plan or voting procedure that results in the denial or abridgment of the right to vote based on race or language minority status. The racial gerrymandering evident in HB 4 denies many minority voters the ability to elect candidates of their choice—despite overwhelming demographic evidence justifying more inclusive and representative maps.
There is also strong evidence that race was a predominant factor in the redrawing of these districts. When race is the primary basis for redistricting, it is not only discriminatory but also legally and constitutionally suspect. Federal courts have already allowed challenges against these maps to proceed, recognizing the credible claims that the maps reflect intentional discrimination.
As a concerned voter in Texas' 18th Congressional District, I urge lawmakers to reject HB 4. The redistricting process should reflect the true diversity of Texas—not be used as a tool to entrench power and suppress the voices of communities of color.

Gene Danser
Self
Dallas, TX

This bill should not move forward as it unfairly guts democratic districts is not representative of Texans best interest. It's nothing more than gerrymandering.

William Koenig
Self
Lakehills, TX

I strongly support this bill, because I realize that voting preferences have changed since the 2024 Presidential Election. Thank you.

JACQUELINE TUCKER
Self
Mesquite, TX

I am so disappointed that 'independent' Texas is following Trump's instructions. Every time something like this happens, we lose another piece of true America. Texas Republican politicians are being cowardly. Thought they cared about Texas, not following instructions from Trump.

Kimberly Ihle
Self
Pflugerville, TX

Redistricting without regard to constituent census is cheating; the Republicans are behaving unlawfully to win elections. Shame on all of you. Try listening to your people and responding to their needs. That is how you honorably win elections.

Pamela Farmer, Ms.
Myself
La Porte, TX

Please consider we need Texas to remain our values and beliefs of most residents of Texas and it must remain a Red state!

Karen Perry
self
Allen, TX

I will be unable to attend the hearing in person on August 1st, but I want it to be known that I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map. President Trump's election proves that some of the current Democrat-dominated voting areas have changed. Voting preferences have clearly shifted since 2020.

Lee Nudelman
Self
Austin, TX

Unnecessary and irresponsible. That is all.

Felicia Rodriguez-Bowman, Mrs.
Retirees
Katy, TX

This power grab is morally and ethically wrong. Our democracy is by the people and for the people. All people not just Republicans or Democrats. The government answers to the people. We are your employers! We do not answer to a pretend king and neither should you!

Julia Gschwind
Self
Austin, TX

Please do not redistrict.

anne Guidry
Self, Retired
Austin, TX

Reducing the percentage of Democratic districts to just 13% of the state's population is grossly unfair and most decidedly UNDEMOCRATIC. I have chose to retire in Texas and pay my taxes here, but if this bill passes, I will be looking to move to a state that values the vote and voice of every single one of its citizens not just Republican ones. This is Gerrymandering at its absolute worst and should be illegal. What's worse is knowing that you are doing it blatantly and solely for the purpose of cheating me out of my voice and vote and to appease Donald Trump.

As a moderate Democrat, there was a time I would have considered voting for a Republican candidate if he/she were the best person for the job. That is no longer true and I will not vote for any Republican candidate given the underhanded nature of these kinds of tactics and willingness to put party over country and state and what is best for all of its citizens.

I highly disagree with this bill and its intent and I hope that in good conscience you will vote against this most unfair action to silence my vote.

Sharon Stewart
Self
Arlington, TX

I am adamantly opposed to the redistricting and redrawing lines in an effort to retain and shore up republican strongholds. Representatives should be just that - representative of the population/demographic in their respective locale. I will oppose with my vote, with my voice, and with my money any effort to gerrymander to further disrupt what should be an equitable and fair process.

Allen Sassano
Self
College Station, TX

I support the Redistricting map proposed by the Republicans. Our districts should reflect the will of the populace.

Heidi Goad
Self
Dallas, TX

RE: Opposition to Mid-Decade Congressional Redistricting

Dear Governor Abbott, Lt. Governor Patrick, and Speaker Burrows,

As a LIFE LONG Texan, I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed mid-decade congressional redistricting plan currently being considered during the special legislative session.

Redistricting is meant to follow the decennial census—not to be used mid-cycle for the political advantage of one party or individual. Attempting to redraw congressional boundaries just a few years after the last map was approved, and while legal challenges to those maps are still pending, undermines both public trust and the basic principles of representative democracy.

This proposed action is more than a political maneuver—it strips me of my freedom as a voter by attempting to silence and scatter the power of my voice and my community. It’s a blatant act of cheating, breaking the clear rules that are meant to ensure a level playing field in our elections. Texans expect our leaders to play fair, not bend the system in their favor.

I believe every Texan deserves fair and equal representation. Proposing a redistricting plan now, without clear and compelling justification, feels like an attempt to manipulate electoral outcomes rather than a move to strengthen our democratic institutions. It risks splitting communities, diminishing the political influence of fast-growing areas, and eroding confidence in the integrity of the process.

Like so many others, I contribute to this state through my work, my vote, and my civic engagement. I expect my leaders to focus on the real needs facing ALL Texans—like improving public education and weather preparedness, fixing our power grid, addressing health care, mental health care, and housing needs—not on political tactics that divide and disenfranchise and benefit the few.

I am especially concerned about the impact this could have on counties such as Fort Bend, Collin, Dallas, Harris, Travis, Williamson, Bexar, El Paso, Denton, and Tarrant, where communities are growing, thriving, and deserve fair representation.

Texas deserves better than this, and I expect better than this. I urge you to reject the mid-decade redistricting plan and focus instead on serving the people of this great state with fairness, transparency, and respect for the Constitution. Please remember your oath of office, and that you represent ALL Texans, and do just that.

Sincerely,
Heidi Goad
Dallas, Texas, 75214

Ilise Lipton
self
Dallas, TX

This map is specifically silencing Black, Latino, and AAPI communities.The current maps were already deemed fair, racially. These new maps are a textbook example of voter suppression. I can't help but also be disappointed for myself and my precinct who will be drawn out of CD 32 after just a few years that our concerns were being represented. Back we go to CD 5 which extends geographically far from Dallas and includes rural communities that have far different concerns. How is this fair? All this is not for Texas voters. It is being done with an eye to the Midterms so that Donald Trump can STEAL the elections. STOP THE STEAL. Do not approve of these racially unfair and deeply politically motivated partisan maps.

Edythe Kirk, Dr.
self
Port Arthur, TX

This redistricting map is designed to limit voter rights by disenfranchising Black and Hispanic voters. It is simply a ploy by Trump and Abbott to maintain control of the House. It should not be approved under any circumstances.

Lauren Santerre, Mrs.
Self-public relations professional
Houston, TX

This is criminal. You are rigging the system for your own benefit. I do not approve of this measure or your attempts to disenfranchise voters.

Mitzi Money
self
Greenville,TX, TX

I support HB4 that will provide a redistricting that more accurately reflects the will of Texans.

Sara Gaston, Ms.
Self/Actor
Houston, TX

Please oppose redistricting in Texas that favors special interests by wealthy Republicans. This undermines our democracy - by the people, for the people is the bedrock of our nation.

Dianne Saenz, Mrs.
Concerned Citizen
San Antonio, TX

PLEASE DO NOT RIG OUR VOTING SYSTEM!! STOP TRYING TO RIG ELECTIONS!! I AM VERY CONCERNED AND ASTONISHED THAT THIS IS EVEN BEING CONSIDERED!!

Janise Tinsman
Self-Nurse educator
TX, TX

As a faculty member of the leading Hispanic serving institution, I strongly oppose any changes in the representation in the State congress. Underserved and underrepresented groups are already at a disadvantage as they try to improve their circumstances and provide for their families. Shifting the balance of power further from reach will only exacerbate the problem leading to more poverty among this population, most of whom are American citizens, or in the country legally.

James Wilcox
Self
Dallas, TX

Against!!! This is not in accord with the wishes of Texans.

Chris Jacob
Self
KYLE, TX

Congratulations on not only gerrymandering this state for your own political gain but also purposely subverting the will of Texans everywhere. This is the most blatant and pathetic attempt at consolidating power to one political party in history, all because you cowards see how the political waters in this state have shifted due to the horrific policies enacted by said party who will do anything to cling to power and prevent progress.

Leo Litto
self
Austin, TX

I'm writing in support of HB 4. Look folks - the numbers are the numbers. The people have spoken, and there's a new sheriff in town. We're tired of being force fed the liberal agenda on economic priorities, kids, education, and all those things that take us away from the values this country was founded upon. This redistricting will reflect the changing will of the people and should be supported by all who truly support the America First agenda and ethos. Vote yes for HB4!

Mark Storey, MR
self
Austin, TX

The potentially illegal and unconstitutional movement to alter the districts again, and during a time when redistricting is generally not done, gives me grave concerns.

Not only will the bill allow votes to be suppressed, and pack districts with known higher voter turnout to favor Republicans, but it also has much deeper, and more disturbing ramifications.

Everyone who supports this effort does so to remain in good graces with one person. Donald Trump, current President of the United States of America.
In addition to his role as President, he has these ignominious honors:
* A president convicted of 34 separate felonies. (Convicted by bipartisan juries).
*A president accused by 26 women (including his first wife) of sexual misconduct, including 3 accusations of rape.
*A president whose cognition is failing more with each day.
*A president with 30,573 documented lies or misleading claims in his first term. That's 21 lies per day.
*A president determined to destroy the United States of America Constitution.
-7 proclamations and/or executive orders that exceed legal limits or contradict statutory frameworks.
*A president whose actions were ruled unconstitutional by courts in 7 separate instances. Five of these actions have been definitely ruled to be unconstitutional.
*A man who has no moral compass, no empathy, compassion, caring, or kindness for any other living beings.
*A president happy and eager to forcibly strip people of their rights to stay in our country under asylum, and to remove their sense of dignity and security here.
*A president who is very likely going to be proven to be a pedophile.

I posit that if the President's actions have direct, lasting benefits for our nation and we citizens, rigging the vote should not be needed because Texas voters will support beneficial programs. The opposite is also true. Republicans, what do you fear? Being voted out of office because your blind devotion to one man led to dismantling of our democracy, and to poverty, homelessness, hunger, suffering from preventable diseases, and mass deportations of innocent people whose only offense is to be black, or brown? The deportations crush families and remove due process from our culture, and without it, our nation of Liberty and Justice for All, dies.

Do the right thing for your constituents, for fellow Texans and do not push us further down the road to ruination of our Democracy. Republican agendas are harmful and cost lives around the world. Do NOT pass this bill to allow the Texas districts to be redrawn.

Thank you for considering my testimony.

Respectfully submitted.

Mark Storey

Colleen Ketchum
Self
Austin, TX

This illegal mid-decade redistricting is a shady attempt to strip millions of Texans of their voice and their right to democratic representation in Congress. The new map will cannibalize districts in Central Texas where I live, and force a Hunger Games contest between Democratic representatives to decide which ones stay and which ones will be forced to step down. The fact that you are jamming this process through without listening to Texans or waiting for appropriate review periods is shameful. Texans deserve better than this. Do not give into partisan pressure from the White House or the Governor's Mansion, and do your job on behalf of the people. This map cannot and should not be passed.

Theresa Atkinson, Dr.
self, consultant
Pflugerville, TX

The redistricting in Texas is a blatant power grab that silences voices—especially in communities of color—and threatens the future of fair elections. When politicians choose their voters instead of the other way around, democracy breaks down. If we don't stand up to this kind of tyranny now, we risk losing the power to shape our own future. This is the moment for our representatives to act—to break free from party pressure and stop blindly following a president who's more interested in control than justice. Just like he's trying to take power from the voters, he'll come for your power next. No one is immune. Stand up now—before it's too late.

Mark Coppock
Self
Bryan, TX

I STRONGLY support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map. Let's get it done!

Odenna Favorite
Republican
Sweeny, TX

I support HB 4 wholeheartedly! It's past time for changes.

Sheila Scullock
Self
Dallas, TX

I strongly oppose this bill. It is a blatant attempt to disenfranchise voters in Urban, districts and districts which comprise more minority voters.

Phyllis Moss
Self
Houston, TX

The current bill to flip 5 seats to GOP
is wrong & unfair.
It really doesn't matter if you're a Democrat or republican this issue should be non-partisan. This issue should be fair to the community that it represents. The rules state that redistricting is conducted after the census is completed, which is every 10 years. This is a ploy by Donald Trump to take over the state of Texas Harris County has been a democratic strong hole for years and now governor Abbott under the direction of Donald Trump is trying to reverse that and that's just wrong!. Play fair and follow the rules. Redistricting should be reviewed every 10 years at the completion of the census. This is just wrong! I DO NOT SUPPORT THIS REDISTRICTING PLAN!
This is a power grad by Trump and Abbott to unfairly gain republican seats.

Leslie Dover
Self
Austin, TX

Please stop the redistricting.

Maria Acevedo
self; social media manager
Austin, TX

I live in Austin, and I’m writing to oppose the redistricting proposal designed to favor Donald Trump with five new congressional seats. This plan slices up communities like mine, dividing neighbors who share schools, transit systems, and local concerns into separate districts for political advantage.
Redistricting should strengthen communities, not divide them. This plan does the opposite—it weakens the influence of cities, communities of color, and young voters who have every right to be fairly represented. It’s a clear example of gerrymandering and it’s unacceptable in a state as dynamic and diverse as Texas.
Please respect the integrity of our communities. Fair representation is not a partisan issue—it’s a democratic one.
Thank you,
Maria

Isokoy McDermott
self; sales manager
Austin, TX

As a young voter in Austin, I’m frustrated and alarmed by the proposed redistricting map that would hand Donald Trump five more congressional seats. This plan doesn’t reflect the will of the people—it’s a move to entrench power and silence emerging voices, especially from cities and communities like mine.
My generation is growing up in a Texas that’s more diverse, more engaged, and more ready to lead. But this redistricting plan sends a message that our voices don’t matter. That’s not only wrong—it’s dangerous for the future of democracy in our state.
Please stop this gerrymandered power grab and commit to fair, representative maps that give all Texans—not just one party—a real say in their future.

Thanks,
Isokoy

Laura Day
Self
Houston, TX

I strongly oppose this effort by the TX House to carry forward this effort that has the explicit goal of advantaging one political party for future state and federal elections.

Deeply harmful policies being enacted by this U.S. Congress are being enabled by these efforts to change district lines, which in turn are reducing and minimizing the voices of non-White citizens.
Citizens are losing their voices because of these changes.
In the Houston area we are proud of our rich diversity of culture, language, opinion, and background. Our house representatives should broadly mirror this rich diversity and the rich variety of backgrounds and opinions.
An instruction articulated from the President, to replace reliably Democratic-led districts with districts that will be reliably Republican, was then embedded in a statement from the Department of Justice that the current districts are racially discriminatory or biased.
This is DESPITE the fact that in 2021 there was explicit confirmation from the Texas leadership (governor, attorney general) that the maps were not racially biased.
Changes to the TX district lines should be based on DATA and EVIDENCE, not swayed by a politician's or party's personal and political pursuit of power.

Stacy Maag
Self- self employed
Katy, TX

When politicians carve up the maps to choose who is voting for them, you don't have to care about what I care about. Politicians drawing maps to stay in power is how we get our current situation. Communities of interest should stay together. The races now are decided in the primaries, and the partisanship divide continues to grow. We need to take redistricting out of the hands of politicians and the party in power and give it back to the people of Texas. Politicians take away the power of our voices. Every. Single. Time!

I am concerned that we are losing the big picture here. This special session should be focused on the needs of Texans, flood control, preparedness for natural disasters, relief and mitigation. Instead, here we are talking about maps, again, mid-census, and why? For a tyrannical president to attempt to control and stay in power.

There is ongoing litigation regarding the maps drawn after the 2020 census, and that needs time to play out and for that process to finish.

Not only is it illogical and unprecedented to redistrict now, it's blatantly obvious, focusing in on 4 districts that are majority minority to redistrict. It's rushed and disingenuous. TWO regional hearings and using 2020 census data will not result in equity without considering communities of interest and the harm that will be done to these districts, the state of Texas, and the nation!

I want you to consider a constitutional amendment to create an Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission now to draw the maps AFTER the next census. When politicians choose their voters, the people lose their Voice and their representation.

This mid census redistricting ploy should not be happening at all. It is a power grab. Texas has a long history of discrimination. The people who represent us should reflect our population and our values. Gerrymandering makes that impossible.

All of this ties into what congress can accomplish. So, thanks to the already gerrymandered maps, the services that were helpful when my neighborhood flooded during Harvey in 2017 are being cut. FEMA, weather alerts, Hurricane tracking, early warnings, flooding prediction, and mitigation, all vastly diminished. How does this help us? How does this help the hill country? Natural disasters will happen again!

Drop the redistricting and focus on what Texans need right now. Rushing this process with a map drawn by the same person who drew the last set of "illegal" maps is far worse! How much longer do we have to wait to have real, responsive representation? How much longer do we need to wait to be heard? Vote against this blatant power grab!

Jason Garrett
Self
Dallas, TX

I ask that the congressional district that will contain the Village in Dallas be numbered 32 for consistency.

Terri Ramos
OPEIU 277
San Antonio, TX

Texas has had a reputation for being larger than life and for those who work to have a home and to be able to feed their families and live in our free society it is a dream come true. Many of the decisions that come from our legislature affect those dreams, today we often leave those critical decisions up to our representatives, in hopes that they too will see our dream and help it be true. We select and choose who will speak for us, work for us and believe in us. We should be able to choose the people who will carry our message[s] and they should be the same people who work beside us, live beside us and is one of us. I ask that you keep those requirements in line when you draw the line for us....

Christy Savage
Self
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose any efforts to further divide the voting districts in the state of Texas. As it stands now, my voting district is not representative of the community voices near me. To further re-district will dilute my vote, the vote of others, and seems to be the opposite of what democracy is meant to do. It is silencing any who are opposed to, what seems to be, primarily Republican agendas. What happened to collaboration and conversation between two party representatives? I strongly encourage others to voice their disapproval/distaste for this agenda.

Alix Josey
Self
Porter, TX

I strongly reject the states desire to redistrict - this is not a priority for Texans. We the people have elected this group to keep Texans safe, build our economy, and create healthy futures for our families. Please focus your time on something that promotes the values a majority of Texans care about 1/ increases funding for public schools, 2/ investing in preventative measures for natural disasters, 3/ creating space for economic growth 4/ providing vital resources for rural communities…. Just ask constituents what they want instead of recoloring maps

Joyce Pulich, Ms
self/retired
Austin, TX

I do not support further gerrymandering of already gerrymandered congressional districts. It is a blatantly political move that will further disenfranchise minority voters. The maps should be left as they are. If you really want to do the right thing, you should redraw maps to give accurate representation to minorities based on demographics. Texas will not be dominated by Anglos much longer no matter how you draw the maps.

Leah Knight
Self
Austin, TX

I OPPOSE this bill. The Republican Party DOES NOT represent the majority of people of the state of Texas or this country as a whole. It only represents the pocket books of the extremely wealthy and cruel. Redistricting in Texas has been used to manipulate political power rather than ensure fair representation. The process lacks transparency, reduces political competition, and promotes one-party dominance. Additionally, Texas's redistricting has faced multiple legal challenges. Without reform, the system continues to undermine democracy and voter trust. I am a direct descendant of the old Texas 300 and they would be ashamed at what you are doing. T
his bill is treading on me and everyone else.

Kathryn Kannady
Self
Houston, TX

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed redistricting changes affecting ZIP code 77018 in Houston, Texas. These changes risk undermining fair representation for our community and appear to disregard the integrity and cohesion of our neighborhood.

ZIP code 77018 includes historically connected neighborhoods such as Garden Oaks, Oak Forest, and parts of Independence Heights. These communities share longstanding social, economic, and educational ties, and any redistricting plan that divides them across multiple legislative districts weakens our collective voice and representation.

The proposed map appears to fracture our community for political gain rather than to ensure fair and equitable representation. If implemented, these changes could dilute the voting power of residents in this area—particularly minority voters—potentially violating the Voting Rights Act.

Furthermore, many residents in 77018 attend the same schools, rely on the same city services, and are part of shared civic organizations and local business corridors. Our community deserves to be kept whole, not parceled out for partisan advantage.

I urge the redistricting committee to reconsider this proposal and instead draw district lines that respect the geographical and social unity of ZIP code 77018. Please prioritize keeping communities intact and ensure that all residents have a fair opportunity to elect representatives who reflect their needs and values.

Liz Zepeda-Scott, Educator
Self
Austin, TX

Lifelong Texan Voter! Generations going back to the Daughters of The TX Republic.on one side and the state of Tejas on the other.
Do not gerrymander our state any further!!! Vote NO on HB 4! We see you and are watching. The voters of Texas will turn on you if you vote to carve up districts further. This is not the flex you think it will be, trust you will be voted out. Texans for Texas first!!
No to HB 4!

Marie Parisot Olsen
Self
Houston, TX

As a lifelong Texan, I’m deeply concerned HB4 risks prioritizing political power over fair representation and election integrity.

“Woe to those who make unjust laws, to those who issue oppressive decrees.” — Isaiah 10:1

Texas was built on godly principles and honest elections. This bill threatens both.

Hanne Keiling
Self, Marketing Lead
Austin, TX

As a lifelong Austin resident, committed Texan, and active civic participant, I strongly oppose the proposed congressional redistricting plan that would add five Republican seats by manipulating district boundaries. This isn't just about party politics, it's about preserving core principles of representative government that all Texans, regardless of affiliation, value: fairness, transparency, local control, and accountability.

Texas is growing faster than almost any other state in the country. With that growth comes a responsibility to ensure our congressional maps reflect real communities, not political advantage. Unfortunately, this proposal prioritizes short-term power over long-term stability and effective representation.

District lines should reflect actual population shifts and shared regional interests. Take Austin as an example: our city is not only a cultural center, it's a major driver of the Texas economy, home to entrepreneurs, veterans, families, educators, and taxpayers. Yet this plan splits Austin into multiple districts, many of which stretch far beyond our region and lump us in with areas that share little in common in terms of infrastructure, economic needs, or policy priorities. This harms both urban and rural voters. It weakens local representation and forces our elected officials to serve fragmented constituencies instead of cohesive communities.

Texans believe in the importance of competition, whether in the free market or the ballot box. But rigging district lines to ensure predetermined outcomes undermines that principle and damages public trust. Voters should choose their representatives, not the other way around.

Let's also consider the practical costs. Past gerrymandered maps in Texas have led to years of expensive litigation. Courts have repeatedly found flaws that forced redraws, wasting taxpayer money and prolonging confusion. Instead of repeating that cycle, we should adopt maps that reflect constitutional standards, withstand scrutiny, and serve the people, not just a political party.

Fair, functional representation is not a partisan idea—it's a Texas value. We are a diverse, dynamic, and growing state, and our redistricting process should rise to meet that moment. Please reject this map and support a process that respects real communities, strengthens local control, and upholds the integrity of our elections.

Janis Brackett
self architect
Houston, TX

I oppose any mid-decade redistricting. Our communities deserve fair maps, not political manipulation from DC.

Nicole Cirino
Self
Austin, TX

Hello,

I write to strongly oppose the current proposed special-session redistricting of Texas's 38 U.S. House districts. I believe it is unconstitutional, illegal under federal civil rights law, and it purposefully dilutes the votes of non Republican communities, especially Black and Latino voters. This would directly effect my district and force my Representative, Rep. Casar, and another Representative I admire, Rep. Doggett to unfairly be forced into a primary, which would weaken representation for our community.

This redistricting effort appears to:
- Violate Section?2 of the Voting Rights Act, by diluting minority voting power.
- Likely constitute unconstitutional racial gerrymandering under Fourteenth Amendment precedent.
- Serve partisan motives rather than legitimate districting principles.
- Undermine equal representation for growing communities of color.

I urge the Legislature to pause the process, provide meaningful transparency and public hearings, and rewrite maps that comply with both federal law and constitutional protections.

Thank you for considering this public comment. I stand ready to support fair and equitable congressional boundaries that reflect Texas's true diversity and democratic ideals.

Respectfully,
Nicole

Ginnie Morrison
Self
Austin, TX

I do not support this redistricting proposal. This is an overtly political power grab, and Representative Hunter and those representatives supporting this bill should be ashamed of themselves.

Kathleen Davis
self
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose the proposed Congressional redistricting in Texas, which continues a troubling pattern of voter suppression through gerrymandering—particularly targeting urban centers like Austin.

The dismantling of two historically representative Austin-based districts is yet another blow to fair representation. Instead of respecting the integrity of the community and its distinct political and cultural voice, these districts have been carved up and diluted, folded into sprawling rural districts with vastly different interests. This erasure not only disenfranchises Austin residents but also undermines the principles of democratic representation.

Since 2012, every subsequent map has compounded the damage. Districts have been drawn with increasing precision to favor partisan outcomes at the expense of community continuity and minority representation. These maps have consistently been challenged—and at times struck down—because of their discriminatory impact, particularly against voters of color.

Prior to 2012, the Congressional maps—while never perfect—reflected a more balanced and regionally appropriate representation of Austin and other Texas communities. The aggressive gerrymandering we've seen since then has only served to entrench power, silence diverse voices, and weaken public trust in our democratic process.

I urge the legislature to reject any redistricting proposal that continues this harmful trajectory. Texans deserve maps that reflect their communities, respect their rights, and restore accountability—not ones that divide us for political gain.

Pamela Simpson
Self/Retired Nurse
Point, TX

I support this bill and it's redristricting.

Erin Moffitt
Self
Lubbock, TX

The redistricting is absolutely unacceptable!! You are trying to take away democratic seats, and it is not ok. If you have to cheat to win, it isn't winning, and it's not what the majority of people want. Stop doing this, and let's have free and FAIR elections. I am absolutely disgusted by the state I was born and raised in.

Don Woodard
Self. Retired
Denison, TX

I support HB4 for redistricting due to the large influx of new residents that have moved here. Thanks

Sara Burk
Self
Driftwood, TX

Hello, my name is Sara I live in 78619. I am testifying on the Legislature's
redistricting efforts mid-census. I am strongly opposed to redistricting and the new map. This brazen move by the Governor and the DOJ to increase
Republican representation in the U.S. House by taking it away from communities of color is shameful. It is blatant racial discrimination. Gerrymandering is anti-democratic.

How districts are drawn affects every political issue, from the economy to healthcare to public education. If politicians are elected from districts that don't reflect the population, you end up with situations where politicians support policies that the vast majority of people oppose, or they won't support policies that the vast majority of people support. I am pleading with you to stop manipulating maps for your own partisan gain. Put principle over party, and reject this effort to redistrict in Texas.

Tori DeGraffe
Self
Desoto, TX

The attempt to gerrymander votes in our state is unconstitutional and a violation of rights. Our voices will be heard during the primaries and we want you to do the right thing. Stop the administrations directive and listen to the voices of the people of Texas. Say no to Trump and no to redistricting our state!

Sara Haynes
Self
Houston, TX

This is supposed to be considered every decade based on the census. Doing this now is a blatant political ploy. District 18 has been without representation for too long already. Texas has become as corrupt as POTUS. The people deserve better from elected officials who are not representing them but serving their own interests shamelessly.

Aleya Noor
Self
Austin, TX

As a longtime Texan and Austinite (and taxpayer), I need to voice my concerns over the proposed new map. This latest effort at redistricting is beyond the pale and will further disenfranchise already under represented populations in my area.

Casey Froehlich
Self, Librarian
Houston, TX

Texas already redrew its congressional maps in 2021, but now Donald Trump and national Republicans are demanding a second redraw, not because of new Census data, but to protect their grip on power as MAGA extremism loses ground. In response, Governor Abbott called a rushed special legislative session just one week after devastating floods hit communities across the state, choosing political manipulation over disaster relief.

This mid-decade redistricting is not normal. It’s a calculated, anti-democratic power grab.

Lawmakers have 30 days to redraw the maps, with no requirement for transparency, public input, or fair representation. We deserve a process that is transparent and accessible.

Annie Pruski
self
San Antonio, TX

As an 83-year-old, I've seen a lot of changes, but some things just don't make sense, like redistricting. When politicians redraw our voting maps just to help their own party, it's a real shame.

First off, it's a waste of our precious tax money. That money should be going to things that actually help us, like fixing our roads, supporting our local schools, or improving healthcare. Instead, it gets spent on drawing these complicated lines that just confuse everyone and frankly, are a sneaky way to keep certain people in power.

More importantly, it makes it harder for our votes to really count. Our voices should be heard fairly, no matter where we live. When they mess with the maps, it feels like they're trying to pick their voters, instead of letting us pick our representatives. It just isn't right, and it makes our democracy weaker.

Greg Gardner
Self / retired
Grapevine, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed Redistricting.
This redistricting is representative and reflective of how the state is currently structured.

Jennifer Crone
Self
San Antonio, TX

I strongly support this bill to redistrict and have a more accurate representation in Texas!

Erin Mooney
Self - Subcontract Administrator
Austin, TX

Dear Representative,
I'm writing to express my firm opposition to HB 4, which I believe represents a blatant effort to gerrymander districts and undermine the democratic process in Texas. This bill appears to serve partisan interests rather than the people of this state, especially communities of color and underrepresented voters who deserve equitable representation.

Texans deserve fair maps that reflect our diverse population—not maps manipulated to entrench power. I urge you to reject HB 4 and stand for transparent and just redistricting that upholds the principles of our democracy.

Thank you for your consideration. Please do the right thing.

Tina Harris
Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA)
Fort Worth, TX

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the proposed redistricting effort.
My name is Tina Harris, and I am a Proud Texan and Proud member of Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA). Our members and family have worked to build Texas and we want our voices to count.
I am speaking out against any redistricting in Texas outside of a census year. No new evidence has come to light to warrant any redistricting. I feel this is a calculated way the Republicans can try to take over more districts. This is a power grab plan to cut out the voting power of the full residents of Texas. This mid-cycle redistricting is just wrong especially now while Texas is recovering from disasters that have wrecked parts our community.
Let's put our full power into helping those that need help recovering from the recent disasters. There are other important issues that need to be addressed that will help our communities, how about investing in flood infrastructure and emergency response. There are many issues in Texas that can be focused on to help all our communities instead trying to grab power for yourselves, it is time for unselfish dedication not political posturing.
I ask that the lines stay the same and stop trying to silence the working-class voices. Lean into what we are saying and asking, and you will start helping instead of hindering.
I urge this committee to reject these maps and halt this process.

Donna McIntire
Self, retired
Georgetown, TX

I am not exactly sure why you all are spending time on redistricting. The way the lines are drawn, it smacks very loudly as a power grab rather than serving any useful purpose to the constituents in the state of Texas. The power grab that I'm referring to appears to be an effort by you all to cowtow Trump and shows that you are fearful that you will not keep your seats under the current districting maps. Texans are not cowards so why are you doing this? Vote no on making any changes. Vote no on making any changes

Orlando Pena, Mr.
Myself
Cypress, TX

Good morning, my name is Orlando Pena Jr., I was born and raised in Houston, TX, I am concerned over what has gradually happened to the city of Houston and all other major cities, these cities have been ravaged by rampant crime and lawlessness due to Democrat judges and radical Democratic lawmakers, we need Republican representatives and politicians in our major cities to restore law and order, I am pleading with you to heed my message, this is for Texas's future and our country's future, please I implore you, thank you.

Greg Barber, SR, Mr.
Self
Round Rock, TX

Redistricting mid-decade is not ethical. Besides the ethical concerns, it will backfire. At least six democrat-led states already have action plans to negate Texas' Republican gains, California being the largest. Stop this self-defeating plan.

Elizabeth Kumbalek
self
Blanco, TX

I oppose to the proposed redistricting map. It is a blatant power grab to force through unpopular policies that are harmful to Texas families. It is very concerning that this is happening after the current US president personally called Governor Abbott to tell him to give him five more seats. If Texas republicans truly respected all Texans and our democracy, they would not be trying to gerrymander our state to force universally unpopular policies on us. The old map is badly gerrymandered, but this new one is beyond the pale. Kindly focus on things to help Texans (like flood warning systems), not bowing to the will of an unpopular president.

Juan Monarrez
my self-defense
El paso, TX

n/a

Ginger Krug
NA
Kyle, TX

I am very opposed to this bill. By changing the districts in this way, it serves one party over another in a purposeful way. This does not value the actual votes of the people of Texas.

jerral spann
none
granbury, TX

i support

WAYNE STALSWORTH
Self. Retired teacher
Seguin, TX

Dear Representative,
REJECT these corrupt redistricting efforts!
As one of your constituents, I'm writing to urge you to REJECT this corrupt redistricting process and all gerrymandered maps.

Gov. Abbott is letting Trump control him while ignoring the real problems in our lives. Please do everything in your power to fight back and put Texans first!
Remember a few statewide elections ago when people were saying this election was about Washington, not Texas? Well, right back at you. The current president is a little Dick-ta-tor wannabe who thinks he is above the law. Texas should never bow down to a dictator. We need fair district maps. without them democracy fails. The current maps are in violation of chapters 42, and 43 of the Texas election code. Bring the maps into compliance! Remember: What you do to others can be done to you! Give us fair, representative maps!

I strongly urge you: REJECT this process!

Thank you.

Megan Peglar, Rev.
Self
Austin, TX

I am against this redistricting. It is a pure power grab. Please have some integrity and allow Texans to actually have votes that count. Have some respect for the democratic process, and leave the districts alone.

Rebecca George
Self
Houston, TX

I support HB 4 and the proposed redirecting map. Please do the right thing and vote for this.

Sandy Ibanez
Self
Houston, TX

Texas completed its congressional redistricting in 2021 based on Census data, setting maps expected to last the decade. Yet in July 2025, Governor Greg Abbott under pressure from Donald Trump and national Republicans called a rushed 30-day special legislative session to redraw those same maps. This is happening not because of population changes, but to protect partisan power as MAGA extremism loses ground. The session was called just one week after devastating floods, showing that political manipulation is being prioritized over disaster relief.

This mid-decade redistricting is not normal. It is a calculated, anti-democratic power grab. Texas has only done this once before, in 2003, also under Republican control, and it was widely condemned as a partisan maneuver.

The proposed maps could expand GOP control from 25 to 30 of Texas's 38 congressional seats, largely by cracking and packing Black, Latino, and urban communities. According to AP News, five newly drawn Republican-favored districts would have been won by Trump in 2024 by 10 points or more. These maps specifically target districts represented by Democrats like Reps. Cuellar, Gonzalez, Crockett, Castro, and Garcia, weakening the voting power of communities of color.

At a July 24 public hearing, Rep. Jon Rosenthal (D-Houston) said:
"The effort to change these districts at this time has nothing to do with representing people better … It's a power grab at the expense of Black and brown communities."

Community members voiced the same outrage. Christy Stockman of Corpus Christi testified:
"It's a good old fashioned bait-and-switch, with a power grab added in."

The process itself is deeply flawed. Lawmakers have just 30 days to redraw maps, with no requirement for transparency, public hearings, or fair representation. There is no independent commission or court oversight to ensure maps reflect Texas's rapidly growing and diversifying population.

Civil-rights advocates warn these maps violate the Voting Rights Act by diluting minority voting power. Vox reports that even fair-drawn maps would likely still favor Republicans, but this proposal goes further by weaponizing boundaries to ensure their hold on power. It silences communities that already face underrepresentation.

We deserve districts that reflect our state's diversity not partisan gerrymanders that entrench politicians. This rushed special session ignores public input and undermines democracy.

Every voice matters. Every district matters. This is a power grab and we must protect the future of representation in Texas. We cannot stay silent, future Texans are counting on us!

Texans demand maps that honor every voice, protect every community, and put the power back where it belongs, with the people, not the politicians.

Jennifer Helms
Self, writer
Austin, TX

This redistricting bill is a bad faith effort to rig the system and it is your job to stand up for the people in this state, NOT the people already in power. Y'all know this is wrong. YOU KNOW IT IS. And you have the power to do the right thing, even though it's hard and even if you don't want to. Your integrity is being tested and I hope and pray that you pass this test. If not for our sake, then for your own.

Angelia Wade Stubbs
Self, attorney
Humble, TX

The proposed bill is undemocratic and is an attempt to strip many voters of their voices. The legislature is yielding to the will of Trump and designing makes with the purpose of trying to ensure more republican representation from Texas. This is an affront to justice. Voters have a right to elect representatives that reflect their priorities. And, by drawing maps designed to dilute dissenting voices, particularly voices from African Americans and Latino Americans, you are working to ensure that the concerns and issues of those constituencies are not heard. This redistricting effort does not reflect the will of the people but is an egregious power grab.

Susan Jones, Ms
Self
Richmond, TX

As a woman, mother, and public school teacher in Harris County and resident of Fort Bend I urge the committee to reject this mid-decade redistricting proposal. This new map is an attempt to silence voters, particularly people of color and low income families. Texas voters deserve to be heard and our elected officials have a duty to listen.

Misty Barham
self, attorney
Austin, TX

These maps are an insult: to the idea of democracy, to one person one vote, to our Constitution, to voters, to anyone who believes our representatives are interested in anything other than their own power. This is a caricature of democracy. You should be embarrassed to present these maps with any pretense of good faith.

Robert Leach
self, retired
THE COLONY, TX

Pass the redistricting bill.

Michelle Bond
Self
Dallas, TX

I support the redistricting. Please vote for it. Thank you.

Morgan Constantino
Self
Austin, TX

The proposed map is unnecessarily greedy and unfair to the taxpayers and citizens of Texas. Austin is growing at an exponential rate, and we need representation more than ever. This map does not accomplish that goal.

I'm ashamed of the Texas GOP allowing President Trump to "come and take it"away from the people, your constituents. Where is your dignity? Where is your honor? Where is your morality? It's not in the state with us. And it's absolutely lacking in the Capitol Complex. It is WILD that the proposed map would have your staff enter the capitol complex parking in the extension in one district and exit into another. Seriously???

This map is laughable. The process is a slap in the face to efficiency and fairness. Yall just did this in 2021. This is also a complete waste of state resources and public funds. What a joke after ramming the Texas DOGE down our throats during the regular session. This is the opposite of efficiency, effectiveness, transparency, and most importantly, accountability to your constituents. But a puppet legislature will puppet. Whose hand is working you?
And the cost is not over yet for the taxpayers; the inevitable legal challenges that Texas will be forced to defend will cost us all for decades to come. Why do you want to waste our hard earned tax dollars on something you know is wrong?

You shouldn't have to cheat to win. And that's exactly what this map will do. It will only add to the stained Texas history of marginalizing minority voters. This map is far from "race blind," and you all know that. It's offensive to continually ignore your constituents and effectively subjugates the first amendment. No taxation without representation!

You do not have to move this bill forward. You can be stronger than the president and stronger than the office of the President by taking a stand and not moving this bill. You can do the right thing here.

Please do the correct and moral action and DO NOT move this bill out of committee.

Happy Spillar
Self retired
Galveston, TX

I oppose congressional redistricting at this time. Redistricting in response to the President's call to strengthen his control cedes the power of Congress to act as a check on Presidential power while disenfranchising voters. This is bad for Texas and bad for the country.

Suraj Batra
Self
Round Rock, TX

I didn't vote for this. Stop ignoring your constituents' wishes. No redistricting!!

Sara Walters
Self
Fort Worth, TX

As a concerned Texan and a public school student in Tarrant County, I oppose any mid-decade redistricting that reduces minority voting influence. Our communities deserve dair maps, not political manipulation.

SHARRON LARRISON, REV
SELF
SAN ANTONIO, TX

As Texas last redrew its congressional maps in 2021, following the previous Census this mid-decade redistricting is not normal; especially knowing it was only called for following a phone from our President to our Governor. There is absolutely no need for our congressional maps to be redraw at this time so soon after their last redrawing. This It looks to us all to be nothing but a calculated, anti-democratic power grab meant to rob selected Texans of their constitutional representation and right to vote. I urge all Texas representatives to vote against any and all attempts to redraw our congressional maps at this time. Follow the law and wait until after the next Census.

Dolores Hailey
Self Retired
Georgetown, TX

We have to keep the Conservative Republicans in power to keep good things happening in America!!!!! I support redistricting.

Elizabeth Matarazzo, Ms
Self; retired public high school English teacher
El Paso, TX

This comment may be too little too late, but...
I wish to remind you that were this redistricting bill presented by the opposing party, it would be called an abuse of power which is precisely what redistricting or gerrymandering is, regardless of party. If a candidate or party or issue cannot stand on its merits then it should be voted down by the voters. The party in power misuses its power when it rearranges the configuration of voters to get its way.
I hope the Texas representatives remember the higher calling of their office as they consider this issue.

Sheiha Eshaq-Henry
Self
Pflugerville, TX

strongly oppose the proposed redistricting plan in Texas—which was advanced under pressure from former President Donald Trump—as it intentionally seeks to flip five Democratic-held U.S. House districts into Republican-leaning seats.

This plan specifically targets districts in Austin, Houston, Dallas–Fort Worth, and South Texas, home to large Black, Latino, and progressive communities. Through racial and partisan gerrymandering tactics like "packing" and "cracking," this map would dilute the voices of millions of voters—many of whom have historically been underrepresented.

This isn't just political gamesmanship—it’s a direct threat to democracy. By manipulating district lines to favor one party, this redistricting undermines the fundamental principle of free and fair elections, and silences the will of the voters. If implemented, this map would result in taxation without representation—denying entire communities meaningful influence over decisions that affect their lives.

Such a move is grossly unfair, deeply undemocratic, and may violate the Voting Rights Act. It sets a dangerous national precedent that could encourage similar anti-democratic redistricting efforts elsewhere.

I urge you to reject this map. Texans deserve fair representation—not strategic disenfranchisement for political gain. Please, I do not want my child to grow up in a state where she is essentially muted because someone decided that cheating is OK. It is not ok, please do the right thing.

Eve Myers
Self
Tomball, TX, TX

I attended the Select Committee on Redistricting hearing at the University of Houston on Saturday, July 26, 2025. The hearing was not conducted in a way that was equitable, transparent, or accessible.
By about 10:50 a.m., before the hearing even started, the doors to the room were blocked by guards and citizens were denied entry because the room was full. There was no overflow room, so those wanting access had to wait outside in the foyer, many of them standing, with no way to see or hear what was going on inside other than to use their cell phones. I was told by people outside that many people simply left. While they were permitted inside to give their testimony when the time came, they were denied access to hear and see the discussion.
The clerks ran out of forms for providing in person comments. While people could still submit comments online (as I did), many lack the skills to do so. Over 1,000 people registered to make comments. Limiting the public comment period to five hours in a room that accommodates 600 people, for a city of over 2.5 million people is again denying access to the public. Furthermore, this hearing was not just for Houston but for other Congressional districts around the state.
Participants were instructed to record their comments as being “on” the bill, rather than “for” or “against” because there was no bill or map filed. In the words of a friend who accompanied me to testify, “I did not come all the way down here to sit for hours to be “on” something; I am against this redistricting!” The comments will be incorrectly categorized as “on” when I did not hear one single testifier support redistricting. This shows a lack of transparency.
The hearing opened with much discussion of the purpose of the hearing. At one point, Chairman Vasut, you remarked that “I am not a mind reader” to be able to discern the Governor’s intended outcome for the redistricting process. You stated that you were responding to the Governor’s call and that the first step was to hold a hearing to determine whether redistricting was supported by the public. Not only are you not a mind reader, Chairman Vasut, you also must not be a reader of news reports, because President Trump has been widely reported as saying the Texas redistricting is intended to create five more Republican Congressional districts in Texas. Your statements to the contrary are disingenuous at best.
Three days later, we magically have a map with five more Congressional districts, exactly as Trump ordered. Why would you fail to acknowledge this obvious intention in the first place?
You have the responsibility to ensure that redistricting, which is foundational to our democracy, takes place with equity for all citizens, transparency to the public, and access for all stakeholders to express their opinions.
I implore you to provide more equity, transparency, and access in this process going forward.

Sarah Weaver
Self / Construction Project Manager
Austin, TX

We must stop the redistricting of our state. If we allow this to happen, what will stop Democrats from doing this same thing if they hold power? This state is red because we are anti-government in our business. This is the opposite of what Texasns want.

Linda Chew
self
El Paso, TX

The proposed redistricting maps as designed by Washington GOP leaders, rather than Texas leaders, is an affront to the citizens of Texas and demonstrates that partisan power is more important that representing the people of this great State. Please answer why you seek to suppress the political influence of communities of color?
Why are you not seeking to encourage broad voter engagement? What do you fear? This kind of gerrymandering is not only unfair, but it also risks violating the Voting Right Act. Republicans are choosing their voters instead of allowing voters to choose their representatives. The Texas GOP today is nothing more than a group of lickspittles. Texans deserve better.

Carol Doucet
Self, Retired
Frost, TX

I support HB 4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Susan Selesky
Self
Austin, TX

I strongly urge the committee to reject this mid-decade redistricting proposal.

As a lifelong Texan and resident of Travis County, I oppose any mid-decade redistricting that reduces minority voting influence.

Texans deserve better than blatant manipulation by one party to silence their fair and equal representation in our government. Our communities deserve fair maps, not political manipulation

Eric Scott
Self, retired business owner in this community
Humble, TX

I support the passage of this redistricting bill. I have been a voter in Texas for many years and worked the polls as a clerk, assistant judge, and judge. Over the years, I have seen both parties redraw district lines that were clearly not well supported. I believe this change is fair, timely, and warranted.

Cathleen McAuliffe, Dr.
self semiretired college professor
Rockport, TX

The idea of redistricting at this time is wrong for so many reasons. The people of Texas do NOT want this. It hurts Black and Brown communities by taking away the power of their vote. This is unAmerican. History books will tell the story of how you bowed to Trump instead of doing what's right for your constituents.

Swarna Madduri
SAAVETX
Dallas, TX

I strongly OPPOSE this map and midredistricting as you are suppressing our vote. You should be ashamed. How can you even redraw when the new population numbers are unknown. As a member of the South Asian American community across Texas, we write to express our unequivocal opposition to the mid-decade congressional redistricting plan currently before the Legislature.
South Asian Texans are one of the fastest-growing populations in this state. We run businesses, drive innovation, advance medicine, and enrich the cultural and civic life of Texas. We also vote, organize, and contribute to the democratic process.
But this redistricting proposal is not about improving representation — it is about manipulating it. These maps are being redrawn to break up strong, diverse voting blocs and weaken the collective voice of communities of color, including South Asians, who are becoming an undeniable force in Texas politics.
In major metropolitan counties where South Asians live and work — Harris, Fort Bend, Dallas, Collin, Tarrant, Travis, and Bexar — cohesive neighborhoods are being fractured and stitched together with distant rural counties. These artificial districts have nothing to do with shared interests and everything to do with diluting the political power of growing populations.
This is not representation. This is an intentional strategy to silence voters and undermine democracy.
What does a tech executive in Plano have in common with a farmer hundreds of miles away? What shared vision for Texas can come from districts designed to split communities apart rather than bring them together?
Texas should stand as a model of democratic integrity, where representation reflects the people who call this state home. Instead, this process dismantles the very pillars of democracy — fairness, accountability, and trust.
When maps are drawn for partisan gain, they don’t just distort election outcomes — they tell entire communities their voices don’t matter.
We stand with Texans in Fort Bend, Collin, Dallas, Harris, Travis, Williamson, Bexar, El Paso, Denton, and Tarrant Counties who are seeing their voting power diluted and their representation sacrificed for political advantage.
We urge you to withdraw this plan and commit instead to drawing fair maps that keep communities whole, reflect where people actually live and work, and protect every Texan’s right to representation.
Democracy only works when every vote counts and every voice is heard. These maps break that promise. Texans — all Texans — deserve better.

Jennifer Vincent
self
Round Rock, TX

The fundamental principle of democracy is government by the people—popular sovereignty. The U.S. Constitution begins with “We the People,” a reminder that power ultimately rests with the citizens. Yet, at the direction of the President, Texas Republicans are attempting to undermine that principle through discriminatory redistricting maps designed to silence voters. I urge our representatives to have the courage to say “no” to this blatant power grab. History will judge this moment. It will condemn those who remained silent and honor those who stood up for democracy and the people of Texas.

Lori Burke
self retired
Centerville, TX

I support HB4 and the redistricting map.

Anna Peters
Self
The Colony, TX

It's absolutely unacceptable that we are once again allowing gerrymandering essentially omitting so many vote voices including mine. Just as with ESAs earlier in the regular session, Governor Abbott is using the special session to push President Trump’s political agenda rather than addressing the real crises Texans are facing. Please reject this Redistricting proposal.

Gregory Bond
Self - Data Governance Manager
Houston, TX

I am writing for the first time to express how disappointing this entire exercise is and how it reflects poorly on the Texas values I was raised with. The current Republican leadership is acting spitefully and making punitive decisions for Texans who need repreeentstion based completely on the current Presidents political grudges.
I have always considered my self a Texas Democrat which means I voted for almost as many republicans as democrats in local and state and federal elections. I am not able to do this any longer.

I will work and fund efforts to fight these types of efforts for the rest of my living days. I am disgusted by the poor leadership in our state and intend to lend my support to organizations and politicians that support balance and fairness in our elections and representation.
This bill is the epitome of unfairness. It is mean. It is everything that is opposite of what we learned thru our religions and moral teachings from our parents and adult leaders about how to treat people. This process reeks of desperation to control changing community diversity and voting patterns.
Shame on this current Republican government. Shame!

Samantha Smella
Self employed
League City, TX

As a parent with school age children, I oppose any mid-decade redistricting that reduces minority voting influence. Our communities deserve fair maps, not political manipulation. This appears to be a personal attack on Jasmine Crockett for standing up Governor Abbott and President Trump's administration. If this is allowed to happen in Dallas County it can happen anywhere and anytime!!!!! JUST SAY NO!!!!!

JENNIFER CLARKE
Self
Nederland, TX

We write today with serious concern regarding the State of Texas' decision to initiate mid-decade redistricting—an extraordinary and undemocratic action that is not only unnecessary, but fundamentally harmful to the principles of representative government.

This redistricting effort, called under the pretense of a special session focused on flood mitigation and recovery, is not about protecting Texans. It is about protecting power. It is about preserving partisan control in anticipation of Donald Trump's potential return to office, rather than preserving the will of the people of Texas. Redrawing districts barely halfway through the decade—just four years after the last census—reveals the true intent. Texas districts should reflect the reality and diversity of our state.

Let us be clear: Redistricting mid-decade is not normal. It is not fair. And it is not in keeping with the traditions or principles of a democratic republic.

In a true democracy, voters choose their representatives. Gerrymandering—particularly when done outside of the decennial census process—flips that principle on its head. Instead, representatives choose their voters, manipulating district lines to predetermine electoral outcomes. It is a betrayal of public trust.

Texans are already grappling with historic challenges: unaffordable housing, crumbling infrastructure, rising insurance costs, lack of healthcare access, and devastating floods. The state's attention and resources should be laser-focused on solutions that serve all Texans. But instead, this redistricting effort prioritizes political gain over recovery, over fairness, over justice.

This is not governance. It is a power grab.

Mid-decade redistricting also directly threatens the constitutional principle of equal representation. District lines drawn to favor a political minority violate the Voting Rights Act, weaken the voices of communities of color, and diminish rural and working-class representation. In regions like Southeast Texas, where people are preparing to face hurricane season, this move could sever community representation at a time when residents need it most.

We urge every Texan—regardless of political affiliation—to recognize what is at stake. This is not just a political issue. It is a moral and civic one. Democracy only works when it is accountable, transparent, and inclusive.

We rely on Governor Abbott and state leadership to stop any attempt at mid-decade redistricting and instead focus on the urgent needs of Texas families. We trust that local and federal leaders will raise their voices in opposition. We ask that everyday Texans stay informed, show up, and speak out.

This is our state. These are our communities. Our right to fair representation must not be sacrificed to partisan manipulation.

Defend Democracy.

Gil Flores
Self
Pflugerville, TX

Redistricting occurs every 10 years based on the census. To circumvent the process serves no purposes other than the politicization of Texans' voices. This power grab reeks of cowardice. This is not a Texas virtue. But what do you expect from a representative who was born and raised in Oklahoma and went to Kansas for college. Representative Hunter was a democrat who switched parties to keep his seat. Clearly, this man is solely in politics to be a politician and not represent the people of Texas. He spearheaded the last gerrymandering bill. It appears his goal, and the goal of so many who support this bill, it to appease a man who is trying to distract people from the Epstein controversy. I find it strange that Texas lawmakers who puff their chests, boast about Texas pride, claim to care for children, have no care for young girls who were raped and sex trafficked. Texas just experienced a horrendous flood that killed so many people, especially young girls. But the focus the Texas Legislature is redistricting. Maybe I just give our "representatives" too much credit or benefit of the doubt. It's clear from how the "people" treating the victims and families of the Uvalde massacre, they have sold their souls. May God have mercy on them and grant them the grace they forget to show others.

Stephanie Barrow
self
Houston, TX

Members of the Texas Legislature,

My name is Stephanie Barrow, and I am a Texas native. I am writing to express my unequivocal opposition to the proposed redistricting legislation currently under consideration. This measure is not only unnecessary—it is a blatant partisan power grab designed to further entrench minority rule in a state where the majority of voters do not support the party pushing this agenda.

Texas is already one of the most gerrymandered states in the country. The proposed district map does not reflect the actual demographics or political will of our population. Rather than serving the people of Texas, this legislation serves the interests of a political minority that is increasingly reliant on manipulating electoral boundaries to retain control.

There has been no legitimate, data-driven justification for this redistricting effort. The only clear impetus comes from Donald Trump who solely prioritizes personal gains over democratic integrity. Redistricting outside the regular post-Census cycle is not standard practice. Instead, it is a distortion of the process intended to further weaken fair representation for millions of Texans.

This legislation would silence the voices of non-Republican voters—who in fact make up a majority of the state's registered electorate. That is not governance - that is disenfranchisement. It is morally indefensible and legally dubious.

I urge this body to reject this legislation and instead commit to restoring faith in our democratic institutions by pursuing electoral reforms that reflect the will of the people—not the whims of a party who is trying to maintain control while clinging to deeply unpopular policies.

Texans deserve fair representation. Not partisan manipulation.

Thank you.

Rikky Rivers
self
Wimberley, TX

I see that Rep Hunter's HB 4 will change 5 districts into racially-majority districts. I am concerned that racial gerrymandering is another corrosive influence on our collective conversations about how our government works. I urge that our representatives opt for a more egalitarian voting plan and avoid aligning themselves with the base objective of enhancing their narrow political fortunes.

John Redding
Self - Database Developer
Dallas, TX

Respectfully, using a special session of the Legislature to redistrict in the middle of a decade is a waste of our legislators' time and energy. Using the flimsy pretext of a challenge against four districts as an excuse to redistrict every Congressional seat is an embarrassment, especially when that redistricting process started with an explicit ask from President Trump to find more Republican districts.

If this passes, Texans deserve to see the state officers who originally stated that the 2020 redistricting was purely partisan, only to change their tune when it was politically expedient prosecuted for perjury.

Kathy Haigler, Mrs.
Self - Elections Consultant
Dale, TX

Please help the county elections departments, the mapping departments, and the county parties by keeping whole counties within the same Congressional District, as much as possible. Thank you!

James Rowe, Rev.
self
Denton, TX

As a person of faith and a resident of Denton County, I urge you to reject any mid-decade redistricting that uses political manipulation to determine our represenation in the US House of Representatives. Our communities -- my community -- deserve fair maps and not maps that are about kowtowing to the desires of political leaders hell bent on power.

Lindsey Read, Mrs.
Self, mother
Pflugerville, TX

This breaks up my community and dilutes our power as voters. It's bad for Texas, and it's especially bad for my family and our neighbors.

Thomas Torres
self
Mesquite, TX

This redistricting is a blatant attack against fair democracy, I do not feel represented by the redrawing of my district and I feel my democracy is being threatened. I did not vote on this redrawing, I do not consent to this. you are giving a leg up to a certain party by redrawing these districts.

Cynthia Ann Parker
texas federation of republican women
Dallas, TX

Districts must reflect new republican registered voters. Redistricting according to political party is necessary and all legal registered voters should be accounted for.

kathryn kirkland
self, physician
Houston, TX

I am firmly opposed to this redistricting effort, which is NOT an emergency, merely a power grab. The Texas Legislature should focus on establishing the necessary regulations and support to prevent the horrific flooding and deaths which just occurred in Central Texas, an actual emergency. You should not be making a mockery of democracy with these shameful, gerrymandered voting maps. They are a disgrace to the notion of democracy. Stop these maps now.

Peggy Green
Cross Timbers Republican Women's Club
Lipan, TX

I am a Texas native and a Ronald Reagan Republican. I whole heartedly support the redistricting efforts that will truly represent the voters of the great state of Texas. People are moving into Texas because they are fleeing the liberal states of California, Oregon, etc. They vote Republican as was seen in the 2024 election. The state of Texas should not have to wait until the next census to have accurate representation from the citizens at the national level. Do what is right and draw the lines that fight against the woke tactics of the looney left.

Nancy Gutierrez, O.D.
Self - Optometric physician
Rockwall, TX

Why is there a need for "redistricting"? Texas has been under GOP rule for decades now and this is a futile effort to disenfranchise voters in order to stay in power. Leave the maps as they are and win seats in a fair manner - there shouldn't be any fears in any future elections with the GOP "win" history. Relax, guys! Just keep in mind that (*fairly won) elections have consequences!

Kevin Dooley
Self, writer
Austin, TX

I have long been in the tiny sliver of gerrymandered Austin that is used to connect rural farmers to the east with affluent white conservatives at Lake Travis known as District 10, but to remove another representative from Austin, the capital and a major population center for Texas is absurd. You CANNOT keep silencing us. I am actively seeking legal council to bring a suit in the eventuality that this passes. Everyone who filed, fights for, and votes for this bill will be subject to discovery and we will expose your corruption to the people of Texas.

Claudia Kulaga
Self
Austin, TX

No, this non-standard attempt at redistricting for the purpose of manipulating election results is shameful and if it’s not illegal it should be. This must be stopped.

Mackenzie Dye
Self Interior Designer
Austin, TX

I strongly urge the committee to reject this mid-decade redistricting proposal.

As a lifelong Texan and resident of Travis County, I oppose any mid-decade redistricting that reduces minority voting influence.

Texans deserve better than blatant manipulation by one party to silence their fair and equal representation in our government. Our communities deserve fair maps, not political manipulation

Pat Caisse
Self
San Antonio, TX

The district need to be re-drawn to represent current populationS

Michelle Thompson, mrs
self - web designer
Georgetown, TX

If you need to cheat to win, your policies SUCK. This is cheating, through and through. Trump openly saying it is to grab 5 more seats for you, disgusting that cheating is openly accepted now. The reason I left the Republican party, after a lifetime (25+ years) of being a proud and staunch voter, was because I saw you lie about things to get votes. You lied about health care overseas to screw over ACA. I know, as I lived overseas for 25+ years. Then I see you lie over and over to your voters, to push hate, racism and fear to them. I am disgusted I have voted even one vote your way. STOP THE CHEATING< this should be an absolutely neutral and bi-partisan setup.

Ruby Rubio
Self
El Paso, TX

We all know this is a clear case of gerrymandering. No one should be taking in any part of it. You believe in the constitution and we the people. I urge you to reject redistricting. Vote no on this map and any changes. Thank you

Jody Quimby
Self - Retired
Bryan, TX

I understand the redistricting is necessary because the districts in question were drawn illegally based on race.
I support HB4 because I support legal solutions not crony favoritism.
Please make every effort to support HB4 and vote it out of committee as soon as possible.

Kate Stal
Myself
Houston, TX

Texas Republican law makers, do the right thing. I don't know what else to say. We all know why texas should not undergo redistricting only 2 years after it's been done.

Stop lying to yourselves. Stop lying to your constituents. Leave the boundaries as they are.

God be near.

Colleen Beery, Ms
Self
Austin, TX

As a citizen in the state of Texas, I support fair congressional maps. What has been proposed is grossly unfair. I urge a bipartisan reworking of the districts so that there is fair and unbiased representation. Thank you!

Mark Terranella
Self, retired voter
Austin, TX

I oppose this effort to redraw congressional districts in Texas at this time. The whole effort seems to me to be an attempt to undermine the democratic voting system in Texas in order to serve the interests of Donald Trump and the Republican Party! The new map divides the state into districts that don't serve the best interests of the taxpayers. Rather the districts are redrawn solely for political purposes in order to prevent the will of the voters to elect representatives that will support their interests.

chris trail
self
BEDFORD, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Lily Bynum
Self
San Antonio, TX

Please hear the voice of your voters and do not modify the districts based on politics. I understand that sometimes the districts meed to be changed based on population growth but the realignment being proposed seems to be very much based on diluting specific populations, and this should not be the case. This is of extreme concern to me based on our country's history on prior voter suppression. I do not want our country to repeat these same mistakes made in the past. Representation should be fair and not skewed. I'm greatly troubled by these turn of events. I am not alone in my sentiment but many people are frightened to speak out. Please consider my voice in voting on this bill and do not vote in favor of this.

Cynthia Keohane
self, retired software testing manager and community volunteer
Austin, TX

Redistricting should be done every 10 years, after the census. This current proposal is not justified by the data and has not been requestied by your constituents. The President demanded it and Texas Republicans caved in. Our representatives must show the courage to stand up to bullies and to represent the people of Texas. Please vote NO.

Anita Woods
self/retired
Amarillo, TX

Please do not pass this bill. It is voter suppression pure and simple.

Christopher Claro, Mr.
Self
Austin, TX

The American people are sick and fucking tired of these blatant power grabs (aka Gerrymandering) from corrupt politicians like Greg Abbott. This is a Democracy, not a Goddamn Putin style Authoritarian, Facist state. Enough already with the goddamn Gerrymandering! Either win elections fair & square or die & rot in hell, you spineless, un-American corrupt bastards.

Katelen Korty
Self/ physician
Austin, TX

I am writing to express my opposition to the recent congressional redistricting plan in Texas.

The proposed district maps fail to reflect the demographic and population changes identified in the most recent census and instead appear to be drawn primarily to preserve political power rather than ensure fair representation. Texas has seen significant population growth, particularly among communities of color—Latino, Black, and Asian American residents now account for the majority of the state’s growth. Yet the new maps dilute their voting power by cracking and packing these communities into districts that diminish their influence in selecting representatives who truly reflect their values and interests.

This undermines the fundamental principle of representative democracy. Rather than empowering voters to choose their leaders, the maps allow politicians to choose their voters, eroding public trust and weakening electoral accountability.

Furthermore, the lack of transparency and public input in the redistricting process has heightened concerns about fairness and legality. Maps that fail to reflect the political and demographic realities of the state are not just undemocratic—they are a disservice to the people of Texas and risk violating the Voting Rights Act.

Redistricting should be a tool for equity, not a weapon for partisan advantage. I urge lawmakers and officials to reject this plan and adopt maps that ensure every Texan has an equal voice in the democratic process.

Bill Hawk
Self - Engineer
Austin, TX

Life-long Texan and conservative here, I am saddened and alarmed that the Texas I have lived in my entire life - fiercely independent, refusing to cede any local power or authority to the Washington establishment and power structure - has decided to allow a deeply divisive and controversial "demand" from the current administration to overturn our centuries-long tradition of independent thought and action. By going along with this most unusual request, Republicans may be able to cement permanent control over our state elections and thus confidently abuse the power granted to them by their own rulings and legislation. I have been a Texas long enough (65 years) to know that this will backfire, the Texas population is not interested in nor capable of being ruled by decree from a small group, regardless of their political orientation, and when Texans get sufficiently riled up there is pure h*** to pay. The current action is both illegal and morally reprehensible, as well as incredibly short-sighted and sickeningly obsequious. Legislators should know that what they are trying to accomplish is both unethical and illegal - the lack of interest in the future of our state and society as is being demonstrated by the current crop of state officials is a huge warning to the citizens that we are soon to be living under an authoritarian single-party system with no chance of non-violent contention. I implore each legislator to sincerely ask themselves whether our Founding Fathers, of the nation or of the state, really intended this to become our form of government or whether they, the legislator, are submitting to the foolish and imprudent, as well as venal and criminal, character of the current administration and the current president - and if this lack of democracy and permanent societal upheaval is really the legacy they wish to bequeath upon their families and neighbors.

Abbie Scheider
Self
Austin, TX

I’m a resident of Austin, and I’m writing to express my strong opposition to the redistricting plan that seeks to give Donald Trump an unfair advantage by creating five new congressional districts. This proposal carves up communities like mine, separating neighbors who share schools, public transit, and everyday concerns—all for political gain. Redistricting should unify and empower communities, not break them apart. Instead, this map dilutes the voices of urban residents, communities of color, and younger voters who deserve equitable representation. It’s blatant gerrymandering and has no place in a state as vibrant and diverse as Texas. I urge you to preserve the cohesion of our communities. Fair maps aren't about party politics—they're about protecting democracy.

Michelle Friedrichs
Self
Austin, TX

The congressional redistricting directly affects my district. I am OPPOSED to this bill and the redistricting. This bill has NO BENEFIT to the PEOPLE that live in these districts. This bill only serves one political party, Republicans, as has been stated by the president. This bill suppresses the voting rights and the voice of all of us living in these districts. I have a right to vote for my elected leaders! It is an abomination of democracy. KILL THIS BILL for the people of Texas and democracy.

Caitlin Roetheli
self/ marketing
Austin, TX

This bill is a clear attempt to muffle the voices of non-republican Texans by gerrymandering. Congressional districts should not be determined by political affiliation. This bill should be struck down on the basis of clear pandering to a Republican president.

Melissa Mercado
Self - Billing Analyst
Amarillo, TX

This is bullshit and yall know it. The GOP has gerrymandered TX to its benefit for too long because you’re terrified that TX might actually be blue or purple. Your constituents, THE PEOPLE YOU WORK FOR, are tired of this. Be good ancestors, keep Texas great.

Irma Mebane-Sims
Self
Pflugerville, TX

This proposed level of gerrymandering is unconscionable, un-American and threatens my voting rights. It is immoral to create a stacked deck to allow Republicans, or any other political group a guaranteed win by diluting the votes of the perceived opposition party. This legislation is an abomination that should not be allowed to be passed.

Donita Bowers
self/retired
Cleburne, TX

Opposed to this redistricting plan which dilutes the effective votes of Black, Brown and AAPI neighborhoods by pairing these areas in highly gerrymandered districts. Texans do not owe Mr. Trump any more votes because he is not fighting for us...he is only trying to consolidate power for the mid-terms because his policies are so unpopular. Texas legislators: Find your courage to represent your people! Don't be taken in by this sham!

Ashkan Ghaeezadeh
Self/ engineer
Austin, TX

I respectfully submit this comment in opposition to the proposed congressional redistricting plan for the State of Texas.

The redrawn congressional districts fail to meet constitutional and statutory requirements for fair and equitable representation. Although Texas has experienced dramatic population growth, the proposed maps do not reflect these demographic shifts in a manner consistent with the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment or Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Rather than providing increased electoral opportunity to communities that have driven Texas's population growth, the maps appear to dilute minority voting strength through tactics such as "cracking" (dividing cohesive communities across multiple districts to weaken their voting power) and "packing" (concentrating them into a limited number of districts to minimize influence elsewhere). This undermines the requirement that districts provide minorities a fair opportunity to elect representatives of their choice.

Additionally, the redistricting process has lacked adequate transparency and public engagement, further calling into question the fairness and legality of the outcome. The U.S. Constitution and federal law demand not only population equality and compliance with the Voting Rights Act, but also good faith in ensuring that all voters—regardless of race or political affiliation—have equal access to representation.

The principle of "one person, one vote" is not merely a mathematical exercise—it is a constitutional mandate to ensure that political power is not systematically withheld from historically marginalized communities.

For these reasons, I urge lawmakers to reject the current plan and adopt congressional districts that comply with constitutional standards, federal civil rights law, and the democratic values to which this state and nation are committed.

margo garana
self
Austin, TX

I do not support this redistricting. My voice and my neighbors' voices will be silenced. This is Texas. Do not bend the knee to DC. you all have a responsibility to all Texans. No one man is worth sacrificing Texas.

Gordon Justice
Self
Plano, TX

I am very opposed to this bill and request you please vote no on redistricting Texas. This an absurdity and unfairly effects many people. Again please do the right this and vote no on this bill.

Nancy Lee, Ms.
self
Lewisville, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Sylnovia Rabb
Self
Pflugerville, TX

Dear Members of the Texas Legislature,

I strongly urge you to vote NO on House Bill 196. This bill is not only unjust and potentially unlawful, but it also undermines the democratic values and moral integrity we claim to uphold in Texas.

Allowing a convicted felon or anyone actively working to overturn our democracy to influence our electoral process is unacceptable. This is not about party politics—this is about protecting truth, justice, and the will of the people.

As public servants who often proclaim Christian values, I ask you to consider: Would Jesus support a map that serves only the powerful and silences the rest? HB 196 does not reflect the compassion, integrity, or fairness that Christ taught.

Texas deserves leadership that protects democracy, not one that bows to corruption and fear.

Do not pass this bill. Keep Trump—and the corruption he represents—out of Texas politics.

Laura Gray
Self/Administrative Professional
Winona, TX

The very basis of our government started with a tea party and a cry of "no taxation without representation". As it stands now, before your unnecessary an discriminatory redistricting I already am being taxed without representation. If you are allowed to redraw the maps yet again in service of power and the president I definitely didn't vote for you will be effectively silencing my voice forever. What point is there in exercising my right to vote of a select group of men have ensure it will not count? When did government positions become a way to become wealthy and revered instead of a service to the people that elected you? You've shown repeatedly you have no allegiance to anything but the Almighty dollar but as a resident of this state and this country I ask that you let my voice matter again. As it should have always.

John Menzies
Myself
Denton, TX

I would like to register my support for HB 4 concerning the re-alignment of the house districts for Texas representation in the House of Representatives. I support this effort to set fair representative districts. Thanks!

Austin Haller
Self, Musician
Austin, TX

I'm disappointed that the House would seek to re-draw the current Congressional lines without new census data that would justify this action, and while we should be focused on helping flood victims. Please keep the current Congressional district boundaries until after the 2030 census.

Susan Anderson, Dr.
self
Benbrook, TX

I am writing to express strong opposition to House Bill 4, which proposes mid-decade congressional redistricting in Texas. While the U.S. Supreme Court has held that partisan gerrymandering is allowed under federal law, racial gerrymandering remains unconstitutional and is explicitly forbidden under the Voting Rights Act. The proposed map appears to rely on both tactics, including in the Dallas–Fort Worth area, in ways that dilute the voting power of Texans of color.

Since the 2020 Census, Texas has experienced population growth driven primarily by people of color. These demographic changes should result in greater representation for communities of color, not less. Yet HB 4 moves in the opposite direction. It cracks and packs urban communities in ways that undermine fair representation.

For example, in the Dallas–Fort Worth metroplex, District 33—which currently includes diverse communities in Fort Worth and Dallas—has been cracked, and its urban neighborhoods redistributed into heavily white, Republican-leaning areas like Parker and Denton Counties (Districts 12 and 26). This dilutes the electoral strength of voters of color in Tarrant County. Meanwhile, South Dallas communities are packed into District 30, concentrating Black voters in a single district rather than allowing them to influence multiple elections.

These tactics are especially concerning given that approximately three-fourths of the incumbents in districts most affected by these changes are people of color. That raises serious questions about whether race was used as a proxy for partisanship—an approach that courts have repeatedly found to be unconstitutional. Expect lawsuits if this bill passes as it is currently written.

There is no compelling justification for mid-decade redistricting at this time. The current map was adopted based on the 2020 Census and remains legally valid. Absent evidence of a constitutional deficiency, this effort appears politically motivated and likely to diminish the representation of the very communities driving Texas's growth.

Redistricting should not be used to entrench power by dividing communities or suppressing the voice of historically underrepresented groups. HB 4 runs counter to both the letter and spirit of the Voting Rights Act and undermines the principle of fair representation. I urge lawmakers to reject this bill.

Courtney Arnold
Myself
Austin, TX

Austin should be represented by people living in Austin! Not someone in another city who will not themselves be impacted.

Yvette Castellanos
Self
Elsa, TX

I am against the Texas redistriction map. This will only benefit a certain group which is what y'all are trying to attain. It is an injustice the rest of us who live within these counties and have actually been living here for years.

Kimberly Cobb
Self. Financial professional
Corsicana, TX

I am writing as a resident and Precinct 109 Chair of Navarro County Texas. I support HB 4, but request an amendment to the bill to ensure that Navarro County remains whole and not divided between District 6 and District 17. This would have an adverse effect on our county's cohesion and unified voice.

Miriam Rubin
self/homemaker
Austin, TX

I am vehemently against redistricting. It is nothing more than a ploy by a desperate president and his lackeys to rig an election in order to maintain control of Congress which they are on the verge of losing because of their terrible anti-democratic and anti-American policies. After the catastrophic flooding on July 4th, the Texas Legislature has much more important work to do than participate in this authoritarian power grab to silence opposition and suppress votes.

Erin Twiss
Self, business analyst
Carrollton, TX

Worst. Idea. Ever.

Therese Bauer
Self, retired UTEP faculty member
El Paso, TX

As a long time El Paso resident, I've always valued having local representation in Congress. Our current representative, Congresswoman Veronica Escobar, does an exceptional job of working for the needs of all El Paso, including Ft. Bliss and the airport. She has spent countless hours meeting with all her constituents to understand their concerns so as to properly represent us in Congress. It makes absolutely no sense to peel off Ft. Bliss, the airport, and other regions of El Paso county from the 16th district to land them in a different district led by a representative located in faraway San Antonio, who doesn't share the same values and interests as El Pasoans and very rarely visits this area. The whole justification for this redistricting push is bogus. President Trump knows that his "Big Beautiful Bill" is very unpopular and because of that, he and the Republicans are afraid of losing congressional seats. Rather than changing Texas districts, how about changing policy by reinstating Medicare funding and food assistance. Let citizens vote to elect local representation. Texas prides itself on individual thinking and responsibility, so why are so many Texan Republican politicians clinging to Trump and doing his bidding rather than acting independently and in the best interest of all Texans (even those of us in urban areas represented by Democrats)?

Jordan Neff
Self
Austin, TX

Can you please for a few moments represent the people of Texas and make a decision that is in our interests instead of your own? I'm sure you think giving Trump more power is in Texas interests because the mental gymnastics and complete disregard for integrity you've shown so far in cow-towing to him is honestly impressive. Most people knew politicians were liars and snakes and that was when you all tried to hide it. Now the brazenness you've shown in your complete lack of integrity and comprising of morals by not even trying to hide your selfish acts just meets expectations.
Since you do not care about honesty, integrity, morality, America or your fellow man I'll say this. Have you considered what's going to happen when the other guys get into power? Sure the dems don't do anything now but you can only get kicked in the clackers so many times before you kick back. All the power you're trying to give to a President will be granted eventually to a Democrat. Sure you've got scotus and Texas courts who are also corrupt but eventually on a long enough timeline you'll lose. And then what? Cry morality when you don't even understand it? People will forget, that's true, bread and circus and all that but the laws will remain and the next up politicians will destroy…whatever it is you value with the devices of your own making.
I know I'm asking a lot out a group of people who have historically done nothing to help anyone other than themselves but can you at least fake it this time? Doing the smallest thing good may actually help your image or give you another false box to stand on during midterms and elections to shout your lies and peddle whatever misinformation your masters want.
Redistricting this way is so obvious you'll be hated for it.
Maybe that's your goal. Maybe you're tired of being a puppet to Trump and you're trying to do this to stoke hatred against your party to watch it collapse from the inside. If so, carry on…vote no on HB 4

Ronald Stockdreher, SMSgt (ret)
self - university lecturer
San Marcos, TX

As a constituent from San Marcos, Texas, I write with deep concern regarding the current special legislative session's focus on redrawing congressional maps in a manner that is both overtly partisan and deeply damaging to the democratic fabric of our state. Governor Greg Abbott's support for this redistricting effort, one that transparently seeks to bolster Republican control through strategic gerrymandering, betrays a troubling disregard for fair representation and civic equality.
The proposed maps rely heavily on prior election data to manipulate district boundaries using the well-worn tactics of "packing and cracking", concentrating opposition voters into a few districts while dispersing others across many to dilute their influence. This cynical maneuvering is designed to engineer electoral outcomes, not to reflect the will of Texas voters. Indeed, early analyses suggest that these maps would enable the addition of at least five Republican congressional seats, not through persuasion or democratic consensus, but through geographic distortion.
This initiative further compounds the damage already done by the 2021 congressional map changes, which were similarly engineered to entrench partisan power. The cumulative effect of these maneuvers is a systematic assault on electoral fairness and democratic legitimacy. It is particularly troubling that these new maps appear to target communities of color, exacerbating racial disparities in political representation and ignoring the demographic realities of a diverse and rapidly changing Texas.
As a strong proponent of free speech and balanced electoral rules, I reject the notion that politicians should be permitted to choose their voters. Our electoral system should serve as a mechanism for the people to hold their leaders accountable, not as a tool for incumbents to insulate themselves from public scrutiny and dissent. This redistricting scheme not only undermines the principle of one person, one vote, but also weakens public trust in democratic institutions.
I urge legislators, civic leaders, and citizens across the state to reject these gerrymandered maps and demand a redistricting process that is transparent, accountable, and guided by nonpartisan principles. The integrity of our democracy depends on it.

Bridget Brame
self
Georgetown, TX

My family and friends SUPPORT HB4.

Jon Abel
Self
Richardson, TX

It is rare that someone who is trying to steal from you states explicitly what they are intend to do, but in this case the Governor and Texas Republicans have done all of Texas a favor by doing just that. It is remarkably plain that the objective of this redistricring effort is to fulfill Donald Trump's demand that Texas provide him five Republican seats in the House of Representatives. Donald Trump does not vote in Texas, and to my knowledge has never been a constituent in this state. He does not, to my understanding, have significant commercial interests in the state. His only interest in this legislation is the political power that he believes it will help him amass and preserve at the federal level.

The Republican Party used to advocate for states' rights. The power to set congressional districts is one such right of a state, and perhaps the most fundamental right as it pertains to the state's relationship with the federal government. Ceding that power to the President is a fundamental abrogation of that bedrock principle.

Republicans must remember that it is the people who choose their representatives, not the reverse. District lines drawn with the abject cynicism that is evident in the current proposal will lead to further disenfranchisement and disinterest by the public in their elections. This is perhaps what lawmakers want, but it is absolutely anathema to the idea of the United States and the blessed State of Texas.

May God guide each lawmaker to do what is right.

Lana Phillips
self, digital engagement manager
Carrollton, TX

I am submitting this comment to express strong opposition to the practice of partisan gerrymandering in the redistricting process in Texas. As a fifth-generation resident of this state, I am deeply concerned that political map drawing is being used as a tool to favor one party over another rather than to ensure fair and equal representation for all Texans.
Partisan gerrymandering undermines the foundation of representative democracy. It allows elected officials to draw districts in a way that insulates themselves and their party from accountability, often at the expense of the will of the voters. This practice discourages political competition, dilutes the voting power of communities, and makes many Texans feel that their voices don't matter, because in many cases, the outcome is predetermined by the district's shape.
Our democracy only works when all voters have an equal opportunity to elect representatives who reflect their values and priorities. When district maps are manipulated for partisan gain, they disproportionately harm minority communities, divide neighborhoods, and deepen political polarization. These outcomes do not serve any of us, regardless of party.
As representatives elected to serve your district's constituents, I urge you to oppose gerrymandering and support fair, transparent, and nonpartisan redistricting efforts. This is not a partisan issue — it is a democratic one. Voters should choose their representatives, not the other way around.
I respectfully ask that you use your influence and sense of decency to support redistricting practices that are accountable to the people and free from partisan bias. By doing so, you can help restore trust in the electoral process and ensure that every Texan's vote counts equally.

Lee Barlow
TrueTexas Project
Bluff Dale, TX

I am a senior citizen who was raised in and graduated from HHS in the RGV. I fully support a mid-census redistricting of the Texas US House seats. The voting demographics of our state has changed dramatically since 2020 and ALL voters should have the chance to have their voices properly represented.

George Patrin, Dr.
Self and Family
San Antonio, TX

Texas is one of the worst states for gerrymandering its districts to put conservative Republicans in office. In addition, Texas is one of the worst states for republicans lack of integrity, supporting the MAGA movement, giving power to a increasingly authoritarian executive branch. The legislative branch needs to get back to work and provide oversight. Texas Republicans have no business initiating a recertification of maps at this time, unless it is because they have seen the light, and are going to remove the discrimination the 2021 lawsuit just settled verified. This map recently offered is no doubt yet another attempt for a power grab. It is illegal. It is unconstitutional. And it needs to stop!

Karly Houchin
Self
Austin, TX

This redistricting plan is harmful to democracy and profoundly short-sighted. No party should be engaging in this type of political gamesmanship and Texas so obediently bending the knee to the will of the current administration is disappointing, and in contrast to long-held Texas values. The Texas Legislature should be voting on issues that benefit and help its constituents, not diluting and minimizing constituents" voices. Texas representative should do the right thing to maintain districts, not overtly gerrymander, and make sure that Texans have their voices represented in Congress.

Ellen Cassidy
Self - retired teacher
Addison, TX

This is totally unacceptable. We must be inclusive, a state, a country where all men and women - ALL- are created and treated equally. That is definitely not this plan. Your proposal is an embarrassment to me as a lifelong Texan, whose great-great grandparents arrived here in 1830. For the first time, I’m ashamed to be a Texan because of your treatment of most of our residents. Vote NO to this redistricting plan.

Lydia Tressel, Dr.
self, Graduate Student
Maxwell, TX

The recent redistricting in proposal represents one of the most extreme cases of gerrymandering in the country, deliberately manipulating district lines to dilute the voting power of minority communities. These maps prioritize partisan advantage over fair representation, undermining the fundamental principle that elected officials should reflect the will of the people. By distorting districts to predetermine outcomes, this redistricting denies Texans—particularly communities of color—an equal voice in their democracy.

Mary Dierolf, Mrs
Self
San Antonio, TX

This bill is a shameful correction of our Democratic republic. We are guaranteed equal representation and this redistricting is completely the opposite of that. Politicians should not be able to choose their voters. This is what is wrong with our system and why people are no longer able to work across the aisle and compromise in the best interest of all Texans.

Tommy Wan
AliefVotes & Self
Houston, TX

Mid-decade redistricting is wrong, and it's fundamentally unfair. I would like to highlight my hometown neighborhood in the heart of Southwest Houston: Alief.

Alief is more than our home in Houston—it's a powerful mosaic of sari stores, taquerías, African groceries, Iglesias, dim sum spots, and Islamic Masjids lining Bellaire Boulevard. It's a community defined by cultural prowess, working-class grit, and a sense of solidarity.

However, Alief is burdened with the weight of deep-rooted challenges, including environmental injustices, low-propensity voting, infrastructure needs, youth civic neglect, and the once title of the "Forgotten District" in local representation. Congressional action helps us, whether it's funding, event attendance, or advocacy for policies that constituents need to thrive in our community.

The proposed map will bifurcate Alief into two (if not more) foundationally distinct districts. We are all familiar with the history of division and its impact on our neighborhoods. In addition to redistricting, federal cuts are actively threatening the resources that help communities like Alief thrive. This year alone, the Alief Super Neighborhood Council lost $250,000 of green infrastructure funding for tree planting. We lost our local YMCA, and cuts are affecting community health outreach. All of these things profoundly impact our neighbors.

Consistent and fair congressional representation matters. It allows us to continue building a robust relationship with district staff, work on community-funded projects to ensure that all communities are represented, maintain consistency in constituent services with federal agencies (and in an immigrant-rich community, that certainty rings true), and advocate for issues that affect us all, especially those most vulnerable.

One doctrine prevails: This is unfair, unjust, unconstitutional, and inconsistent with the trust we've endowed to you from our collective communities. Please, do the right thing for our communities—especially Alief.

Aaron Hardman
self, Research Scientist
Austin, TX

No individual in good conscience can see a piece of legislation such as this and say nothing. No individual could examine these maps and find the adjustments to be representative of anything about the constituents within these districts. Redistricting is a tool for adaptation of political boundaries to a changing landscape of people and needs, yet it is being manipulated to create prime conditions for misrepresentation of the people. This map MUST be remade to not divide or consolidate the people's voices by political perspective, and it must be accurate to the experiences of citizens on the ground. The state legislature must reexamine their priorities and goals, realign them with the concerns of the people, and build a political map that BRINGS power to the people instead of segmenting it to oblivion. Failure to address the needs of the people will not age well in elections or the history books.
- Aaron Hardman, a Texas resident and your constituent.

Neil Sharp
Self, software developer
Argyle, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Diana Farrar
Self
San Antonio, TX

I support the redistricting bill. We need to change to better reflect the current demographics of our state.

Linda Neldner
Self
Henderson, TX

I am in favor of HB4 by Hunter. We need to keep Texas Red and keep the Democrats out of office. I have seen where the Democrats have come into a state and have taken over. I lived in Colorado for 30+ years. When the Democrats got elected into the House, Colorado started going t
They have completely ruined Colorado. They legalized pot, embrace everything that is ungodly. That is the main reason my husband and I left Colorado and moved to Texas. Colorado was once Red, now it's very Blue. We need to fight to keep Texas free from socialism and keep it RED!!!

Jim G. Tate
self
Granbury, TX

Don't let convicted felon Trumph gerrymander our voting maps anymore than they already are! we all know that Abbot will lick his shoes at the drop of a hat!

Kate Pool
Self, Speech-Language Pathologist
North Richland Hills, TX

This proposed legislation is a race to the bottom for authoritarianism at the local, state, and national level. It does not represent the people. It further marginalizes vulnerable populations and benefits no one other than those who are already privileged. I strongly oppose this proposed legislation and I'm exhausted of rich, entitled individuals making decisions for those that are not. It's plain wrong on many levels.

Ryan Bennett
Self
Dallas, TX

Need to establish a n independent redistricting commission that is transparent and adheres to criteria, strictly, that doesn't benefit any political party. Another better solution is to adopt proportional representation instead of winner take all single districts. Going through with this bill to reorganize districts is a obviously for republican gain and is not only undemocratic, it's petty, shameful, and shows a lack of care or integrity in the voice and choices of all constituents.

Linda Call, Ms
Cooke County Democrats
Gainesville, TX

Map doesn't need to be redrawn as it is not unconstitutional. Texas Republicans need to grow a spine and stand up for their Texas constituents. They were not elected by Trump and therefore are not obligated to do his bidding. Far more important issues need to be decided on this special session. Redistricting is not popular to Texans at this time. Do your job for once and listen to your constituents.

Terry Guidry
Self, Retired
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose Texas House Joint Proposal 135. This bill appears to deliberately reduce the number of Democratic representatives in the Texas Legislature, undermining the principle of fair and equal representation for all Texans. Rather than reflecting the diverse political views across the state, HJP 135 risks manipulating electoral boundaries or procedures in a way that consolidates partisan power and weakens democratic accountability.

If enacted, HJP 135 would disenfranchise large segments of the population—especially in urban and minority communities that often vote Democratic—by diluting their electoral influence. Such tactics violate the spirit of the Voting Rights Act and contradict the foundational values of representative government.

Texas is a diverse and rapidly changing state. Our legislative process should empower voters and encourage competitive, fair elections—not rig outcomes in favor of one political party. I urge lawmakers to reject HJP 135 and pursue reforms that enhance, not suppress, democratic participation.

Brenda Thomas
self/retired
SAN MARCOS, TX

If you are gerrymandering voting districts, it's an admission that YOUR PARTY isn't strong enough to wind elections fairly! So much for your "christian" values!

Tim Rabroker
Self
KILLEEN, TX

The proposed mid-decade redistricting effort in Texas is not only unnecessary—it is a direct assault on the democratic principles that underpin our state and nation. At a time when Texans are grappling with real challenges—from recovering after devastating floods to rebuilding communities—state leaders are choosing to prioritize political power over people. This redistricting push is a blatant attempt to manipulate electoral boundaries for partisan gain, and it disproportionately harms communities of color, undermining the very foundation of representative democracy. Texas prides itself on being welcoming for all, but this act proceeds forward, we are most definitely not!

Texas has a long and troubling history of racial gerrymandering. Every decade since the Voting Rights Act of 1965 was enacted, federal courts have found at least one of Texas' maps to violate the law. The current effort continues this pattern. The Department of Justice recently warned that four majority-minority districts in Houston and Fort Worth were drawn "along strict racial lines," rendering them unconstitutional. Yet, instead of addressing these concerns transparently and equitably, Texas leaders are using them as a pretext to redraw maps in ways that further dilute the voting power of Black, Latino, and other minority communities.

This contradiction is glaring. Just weeks ago, Texas officials defended their existing maps as "race-blind." Now, they are embracing the DOJ's concerns, which are biased towards the Trump administration's wishes, to justify a rushed redistricting process that conveniently aligns with partisan interests. This flip-flop reveals the true motive: not to protect voters' rights, but to entrench political power.

Redistricting should be a careful, transparent process guided by data and public input. Instead, Texas is rushing this effort behind closed doors. In 2021, lawmakers held 12 public hearings before drawing new maps. This time, only four virtual hearings are planned, despite the fact that millions of Texans lack reliable internet access. This exclusionary approach silences voices, especially in rural and underserved communities, and erodes trust in the system.

By manipulating district boundaries to favor one party, the redistricting effort threatens to disenfranchise voters and distort representation. Communities that have historically been marginalized will find it even harder to elect candidates who reflect their values and advocate for their needs. This is not just a political issue—it's a civil rights issue.

Texas is home to the largest number of Black registered voters in the country. Their voices matter. Latino communities are driving the state's growth and deserve fair representation. Yet, the proposed maps risk weakening their influence, denying them access to responsive leadership, and perpetuating systemic inequities.

We must call this effort what it is: a power grab. There is no new census, no court order, and no urgent need to

Kelly Doyle
Self / Cloud Support Manager
Austin, TX

Against this due to the reduction of Austin seats down to 1

Paul Wagoner, Mr
Texas citizen
Emory, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map

Dauna Gomez
Self/retired military
San Antonio, TX

Regarding the efforts to re-district Texas: There is no way to see this other than as a blatant attempt to disenfranchise Black and Brown voters. All of you who are supporting this corrupt effort to still our voices are also attacking our democracy. If you fear losing, then maybe you should rethink your policies. Instead of perverting our democracy, why don't you try UPHOLDING our democracy? If you are so afraid that your actions will hurt your chances at reelection, why don't you stop hurting the people who elected you, as well as the people who DIDN'T vote for you but who are STILL your constituents?! You represent Texans, not Donald Trump. As someone said yesterday, you should be telling him, DON'T MESS WITH TEXAS! You've shown yourselves to be cowards. Fight fair.

Lawrence Tucker, Mr.
Self - EFL Teacher.
Cedar Hill, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Alexis Tavira
Self
Austin, TX

The restructuring and GERRYMANDERING of the districts in Texas is not only unjustifiable but ILLEGAL. What this bill is trying to bring forth when it comes to Texas district map should not be allowed and should indeed be restructured in a different way. The people in one district are supposed your neighbors are supposed people in your community! However, in the case of Maverick county a county that has been always in one district I it's fullest now it's being proposed to be split between two districts. When it comes to the DFW area the same thing is happening but worse. These districts do not represent the people but everyone else. Please look back to your high school education and ask your teachers what gerrymandering means. You will see then that what you are proposing is indeed the very definition of what is illegal and always looked down on. Please reconsider structuring and upholding what this country is about and I'm not talking about the corruption and the illegal "gifts" that are given to many politicians. Instead do what Texans are always known for what the great lone star state stands for and be proud of living in a state that will always be known for good things not this proposed bill of congressional districts. Thank you for your time and I hope this reaches many of yall who represent us Texans because it includes you and your family.

Andreya Evans, Mrs.
Self
Austin, TX

Texans are supposed to be self sufficient and proud of who we are. So why is our GOP majority kowtowing to Trump and outsourcing redistricting to people who don't live here? Why aren't you listening to your constituents and honoring who makes up your state? Why are you even redistricting right now? We haven't had a new census. This is just an atrocious act of kissing the ring of a man who thinks he's king. You should all be ashamed to be taking up your constituents time when you should be working on how to take care of those harmed by the flooding. Shut down this bill. And focus on what's actually impacting Texans.

Ginny Brown Daniel, Rev. Dr.
United Church of Christ
Spring, TX

I vehemently disagree with this bill and any attempts to redistrict the congressional districts of Texas. This is not a census year where population data has changed. This will severely impact black and brown Texas voters, which is unconstitutional and immoral. I demand you vote no on HB4.

Linda Peterson
self
Austin, TX

Do you have nothing better to do in the face of the worst natural disaster and loss of life in Texas in this century but to do President Trump's bidding and enact a special action to further gerrymander this ridiculous current situation? This is just completely wrong. Why are the representatives of this great state falling all over themselves to benefit the knee to Trump. We have DEAD CHILDREN bc the administration would not do the hard thing--and an inadequate post-disaster FEMA response. So--grow a spine Texas legislature. Take care of grieving families. Leave redistricting for the timing it is supposed to be and tied to the next census.

Mary Hilbig
Self
Houston, TX

This is completely unacceptable and unethical, if not illegal. I live in Congressional District 18 and have already spent 5 months unrepresented in Washington due to Governor Abbot's refusal to call for a prompt special election that would keep a democrat in that seat. Now he wants to further erode Democrats in Texas the ability to have their voices heard. Aligning with Donald Trump is a huge mistake, and I think the elected representatives in Texas are smart enough to know that. Shame on you for even proposing this ridiculous scheme.

Tat Whitley
self
Austin, TX

This is not democracy, please do not gerrymander these districts, it should be unconstitutional and is not representative of the people in Texas or the constituents.

Maryam Sultan
Self
Houston, TX

Do not pass this corrupt bill.

Laura Marshall
Self, social worker
San Antonio, TX

I'm a lifelong Texan (3rd generation) and social worker in community mental health. I see this redistricting plan as craven. It is a clear attempt to give GOP an advantage and remove seats from districts in the RGV and Fort Worth. I oppose this attempt to manipulate the districts into suppressing voters and ask the House to do the same

Stewart Williams
Self
Austin, TX

I completely disagree with this redistricting plan and do not support this action by our State legislature.

Mary Baker
self
Austin, TX

Corrected comments:
My name is Mary Diane Baker. I live in the Canyon Creek neighborhood in far Northwest Austin. We are a politically and culturally diverse neighborhood within the City of Austin, Travis County, and Round Rock School District. Most of my neighbors work in the tech industry and value our neighborhood because of the good schools. We have owned our house for 24 years and during 22 of those years, we have been gerrymandered into districts with whom we share little in the way of common ground. I have been thrilled in the past two years to finally have someone who represents me who shares my values. This new map takes our tiny little neighborhood and places it in District 11 with Odessa and San Angelo with whom we share practically nothing in life experiences and world view. I, a 73 year old white woman, am very angry that once again I will be disenfranchised. I urge you to reject this misguided attempt to give in to an increasingly unpopular President and I would worry that in the next election you will face a public that finds this effort totally unacceptable. I am active in election work and vote in every election. I will do my best to support candidates who do not give into political arm twisting next time around.

Linda Dieffenbach
Self
Eddy, TX

This gerrymandered redistricting is an abomination. Erasing the votes of democrats by this means should be criminal. There is no good reason for this bill. I gave up on the Republican Party exactly because of these dirty games being played by them. Do not pass this bill.

Patty Lewis, Mrs.
Self/former public school teacher
Keller, TX

Do NOT vote in favor of tedistriciting!??

Michelle LoweSolis
Self
San Antonio, TX

As a former senior executive who supported the men and women who defend our nation for 36 years, I'm repulsed by this naked power grab which disenfranchises the people of this great state. All in an attempt to rig the 2026 election. The Republicans are running scared because they passed a deeply unpopular budget reconciliation bill. That bill will take healthcare and food safety from the working class to give billionaires a tax cut. And now they're worried they'll lose the US House majority. So Texas Republicans are doing Trump's bidding AGAINST THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE OF TEXAS. Rep Hunter and any Texas Republican who votes for this extreme gerrymander should be ashamed at how massively undemocratic this move is.

Traci Dunlap
Self/Teacher
Austin, TX

I urge you to vote against HB4. I am opposed to this blatant power grab, which would redraw congressional districts mid-decade. HB4 will disenfranchise working people and harm our community. As voters and citizens, we should be able to choose our representatives. The passage of HB4 would mean the opposite, and representatives would choose their voters. HB4 is an assault on democracy, and our Governor and Legislature should focus on doing what is in the best interest of Texans rather than passing this redistricting scheme at the President's bidding. Please vote NO on HB4.

Cheri Goodwin
A constituent
Houston, TX

This is unethical to districting order to take seats away from dems. Also the fact Sylvester Turners seat was left empty with no representation all of this time. Shame on you all for doing this.

Jane Louis
Self
Austin, TX

I vigorously protest this effort to manipulate district lines to create a favorable election outcome for Republican candidates. Doing so denies the commitment endowed in the Constitution for fair representation. Gerrymandering is pure manipulation - not equitable representation.

Linda Hanratty, Ms
LWV Tarrant County Texas
Fort Worth, TX

As a resident of Tarrant County, I am disgusted that the proposed Congressional maps disenfranchise our county of over 2 million people, many of whom are Black, Hispanic, or Asian. Thus, Tarrant County continues to have no representation in Congress, a fact this gerrymandering makes worse by removing the Tarrant County portion of Marc Vessey's current district. The maps are disrespectful to the people who you supposedly represent. I am also sad that true a freedom-loving Texans like you support the Trump Administration's redistricting map to protect Trump and his grossly unpopular policies that are robbing all Texans of their freedom, especially those who are immigrants whether they are citizens or not.
Political gerrymandering clearly and purposefully destroys voter choice and makes a mockery of our voting system. Texas is already more purple than is exhibited by the current Congressional map. The new maps are worse with 80% of the district planned to be Republican districts. My only hope is that Texas citizens will wake up and vote in their best interests and Republicans will lose rather than gain Congressional and state seats.
The Tarrant County Republican chair and his supporters view Democrats as enemies who should have no say in government. Is that how you feel because that attitude is unacceptable in people who hold political office and pledge to serve all constituents, not just those who vote for them.
Until we have a nonpartisan committee drawing district maps in Texas, we will continue to be ruled by ever-increasingly reactionary politicians, with no interest in the will of the people, answering only to the oligarchs who finance their campaigns. This is not the United States/Texas where I wish to live.

Debi Hart
Self
ROUND ROCK, TX

As a Texas resident and voter, I strongly oppose the redistricting map currently under consideration. It is not logical and does not reflect our citizens. It also appears to weight the new districts in a partisan manner. Please reject this proposal. The will of the people is being ignored.

Gwendolyn Ricco
Self/ state employee TCEQ
Austin, TX

This is incredibly unethical for state officials to choose their voters and not let voters choose their politicians. Fair maps are the cornerstone of democracy and this is blatant voter suppression to skew the voting maps toward a particular voting party and create unequal representation for citizens of Texas. The Redistricting Reform Act prohibits partisan gerrymandering and ensures fairer district boundaries and this bill is in violation of that act. There should be standardized criteria for redistricting to increase fairness and accountability

Jose Garibay, Esq
Self Attorney
Pflugerville, TX

I do not agree with the redistribution of power that you all are going for. This is not the will of the people. It’s a clear power grab intended to force your will on we the people. I do not want what you all are selling. I do not trust the Republican Party or its leaders filled with pedofile protectors. You all are trying to push a Christian agenda while watching porn on your government computers.You all are hypocrites and cowards. I hope California and other liberal cities do the same but 10 times worse. As it is, Texas ranks as a top state for gerrymandering, this will only further the discriminatory practices. Once again, shame on you all.

Carla Gonzales, Precinct chair 3214
Self
North Richland Hills, TX

I support HB 4 and the redistricting map

Dayna Beck
Self
Austin, TX

If republicans want to play this game, we’re ready! Democrats will easily take more than 5 republican seats in blue states!!

Dawn Lawrence
Self
Austin, TX

My family and I are EXTREMELY opposed to the changes in maps that have been released. It is so incredibly wrong in a democracy to not let the people being affected by the rules and policies pick their legislative leaders. It is very clear that the Republican Party does not believe they can win on their policies/ideas/how they treat Texans if they feel they need to change the maps to pick up more seats. If this was being done by a Democrat it would be all over the news and not tolerated. It is quite simply wrong. We should be talking about how to keep Texans safer from weather events (of which we've had several in the 20 years I've lived here) and mass shootings (of which we've had at least two that come to mind - El Paso and Uvalde - but do you want to help and protect people? Not that I've seen. Please stop this madness and od the right thing by appealing to the people who live in the state with policies they want to live under instead of taking our rights away by having us represented by someone who doesn't even live in Austin and doesn't want to listen to or support what matters to us. Where is your humanity to help the people that have died in shootings and floods and ice storms? Do the right thing and don't further gerrymander our maps - appeal to the things voters care about and then prove you will act on these things vs cheating by rigging maps. It's so wrong!!!

Lynette Ross
Self Minister
Houston, TX

There is absolutely no reason to perform a congressional redistrict other than pandering to the wins of our dictatorial President. It is unconstitutional and immoral. I promise I will track the names of every member who votes to allow the redistricting and do all within my power to defeat everyone of them.

Emma Gorishek
Self
College Station, TX

Having lived in many regions impacted by the proposed redistricting I know for certain they are not fair and reasonable representations of the populace. This is a clear as day attempt to gerrymander the state to give Trump "5 more seats" as he so gleefully bragged in recent weeks. Shame on you. This is not Texas values. This is a violation of ethics and certainly the law.

Catherine Marrs
Self
Dallas, TX

It is critical for the survival of our great constitutional Republic (the United States) that Texas create the FIVE new districts recommended by Hunter in HB4. Please do not let the Democrats push you Republicans around. As a conservative, having been a Republican all my voting life, I am appalled at the weak response the current Texas House of Representatives have given the lame Democrats throughout the regular session. STAND up for what is right in this Special Session 2025! Texas is Red and needs to stay RED. Thank you. Catherine Marrs

Francine Heckman
Self retired
Canyon, TX

As a longtime Texas resident, I am asking you not to pass the new redistricting bill. All Texas voters should have a voice. We need diverse opinions. No one party or legislator is always right or has all of the answers. We will move forward best together, not divided. We need to work together and not hate or resent each other like the rest of the country seems to do. Texas is better than that! Thank you.

Brenda Barnhart
Self, Mortgage Lender
Point, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Marian Roberts
Concerned Austin resident
Austin, TX

I live in Austin, and I'm writing to oppose the redistricting proposal designed to favor Donald Trump with five new congressional seats. This plan slices up communities like mine, dividing neighbors who share schools, transit systems, and local concerns into separate districts for political advantage. Redistricting should strengthen communities, not divide them. This plan does the opposite-it weakens the influence of cities, communities of color, and young voters who have every right to be fairly represented. It's a clear example of gerrymandering and it's unacceptable in a state as dynamic and diverse as Texas. Please respect the integrity of our communities. Fair representation is not a partisan issue-it's a democratic one.

James Winer
Self
Lubbock, TX

“I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Claudia Stravato, Ms
Self
Amarillo, TX

While it is not appropriate to redraw district lines in the middle of the ten-year period, the greatest concern is the reason and the consequences for this abberant action.

It is a purely political motivation to maximize Republican districts while at the same time it diminishes minority strength and representation.

Redistricting midterm is a Republican plan to gut minority representation and it is not only unfair, it is clearly unconstitutional.

I hope that the Texas Legislature withstands this outside effort to serve Presidential whim, which hurts Texas minorities and in no way helps Texas.

Kathleen Boyd
True Texas Project
Granbury, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Lanelle Belicek
Self
Port O Connor, TX

Support passage

Doug Young
Texans who love democracy
Helotes, TX

I am adamantly opposed to the proposed mid-cycle redistricting proposal. It is unconscionable to change the electoral districts to advantage one party over another. The people in those areas should be allowed to pick their own representatives without meddling from Governer Abbot and President Trump. The proposal to gerrymander to create five more Republican districts is wrong, wrong, WRONG. You should have the dignity and the strength to quash this immoral proposal.

Milena Thompson
Self
Round Rock, TX

Outrageous that Republicans are going to such extremes to unfairly influence elections. You should be representing the people, not caving to gain the favor of a felon and rob voters of their voice.

Kristy Smith
SELF-Writer
Fulshear, TX

I object wholeheartedly to the proposed redistricting. The fact that redistricting is more important than trying to figure out how to manage and fund vital infrastructure that could save lives and mitigate damage from future disasters--that are sure to happen, especially as the climate continues to change and 100- and 500-year floods and disasters are happening every few years--first tells me that the lives of Texans are not a priority. It also tells me that this sudden need to redistrict isn't even a Texan request or a call to action from anyone that lives in the state, but rather a directive from the current white house administration. Since when did Texas cow to what anyone outside the state directed? I've been here twelve years and I cannot imagine anyone in the Come and Take It state considering the wants of those outside of Texas in higher regard than those of Texans themselves. It's shameful. Redistricting right now, in the middle of a decade, is meant only as a power grab and not as a means to allow the voices of all Texans to be equitably represented in congress. As a citizen and resident of Texas, particularly one whose voice is regularly drowned out already because of previous power grabs, I object wholeheartedly to the proposed redistricting.

Wendy Kirkpatrick
Self teacher
Spring, TX

Congressional Redistricting

Kevin Lee
self
LITTLE ELM, TX

Please stop the power grab and let every citizen of Texas have EQUAL representation and a voice in the state government of Texas.

Camberlyn Edge
Self - fraud peevention
Houston, TX

Statement on Gerrymandering and the Protection of Democracy in Texas

Texans value the principles of a free and fair democracy, as guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution. Gerrymandering—especially when used as a tool for partisan advantage—is a blatant power grab that undermines the voice of the people.

The decision to pursue early redistricting ahead of the midterm elections is an egregious mistake. It erodes public trust in our electoral system and weakens the foundation of representative government. Texans deserve fair maps that reflect the will of the people, not political manipulation for short-term gain.

We call for transparency, accountability, and a commitment to uphold the democratic values that our nation was built upon.

Jasen Chavez
Self
PLANO, TX

In what meth and cocaine bender did you come up with this districting map. Do you seriously believe that this is for the betterment of our city. I was a republican, and I do not even recognize our party anymore. This obvious seat grab/gerrymandering is patently ridiculous and should not stand. Each and everyone the 59 sponsors this bill should seriously A: Seek mental help. B: Apologize to everyone in the city and all counties surrounding this utter disaster of a proposal. C: Leave politics immediately and contact a cult deprogrammer. I am disgusted by all of you for your blatant pandering to the current Cheeto-pedo in Chief. You should all be ashamed and may whatever god you pray to have mercy on your soul for this travesty.

Jamie Pickerell-Brock
Self
Dallas, TX

These redistricting maps will further dilute moderate suburban voters and give us more extreme representation on both sides of the aisle, making compromises less and less likely and creating even worse gridlock in the house. Congress being incapable of doing its job is bad for everyone!

Kent Morstain
Self
Fort Worth, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Courtney Bowers
Self
Austin, TX

I'm writing to oppose bill HB 4. Gerrymandering a district is a total manipulation of voters' rights, and this bill will create an unethical map for Texas voters. The Redistricting Reform Act prohibits partisan gerrymandering and ensures fairer district boundaries and this bill is in violation of that act. There should be standardized criteria for redistricting to increase fairness and accountability and maintain a true American democracy.

Joshua Doe
Self
Houston, TX

These new maps are a complete travesty. They group vastly disparate electorates across unconstitutionally gerrymandered geographies with the sole intent to benefit the current ruling party. It will be hell for the candidates to even visit parts of these regions during primaries/elections, let alone to seek in-person feedback from them once the districts are won. This is a fool's errand destined to be overturned via litigation and a complete waste of precious time during a special legislative session when only the most urgent issues should be considered. Redistributing 5 years ahead of a census sets a terrible precedent which will only increase the partisan gridlock. This is not the will of the people. Listen to your constituents, not the wannabe dictator and alleged pedophile living at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue.

Eric Mata, Board member
Somos Tejas
Dallas, TX

To the Honorable Members of the Texas Legislature,
As a proud Navy veteran and someone who grew up in Congressional District 32 (CD 32), I am writing to express my strong opposition to the recently released mid-census redistricting plan, particularly as it pertains to our district. This move is an unjustified and harmful attempt to manipulate our electoral maps for partisan gain, at the expense of our communities and the integrity of our democratic process.
CD 32 is a growing and diverse district, with a population of 764,396 people as of 2023, representing a 0.725% increase from the previous year. Our district is composed of a rich tapestry of ethnic groups, including White (Non-Hispanic) at 31.6%, Black or African American (Non-Hispanic) at 20.6%, and significant Hispanic populations accounting for a combined 34.36% (Two Races Including Other (Hispanic) 14.3%, White (Hispanic) 11.4%, and Other (Hispanic) 8.66%). Furthermore, 42.2% of the households in CD 32 speak a non-English language at home, highlighting our vibrant multiculturalism.
The state's history of discriminatory redistricting is well-documented, having violated the Voting Rights Act or intentionally discriminated against voters of color in every decade for the past 50 years. Texas's population growth has been fueled by communities of color, yet the state has consistently failed to create congressional maps that reflect this growth. Instead, there has been a reduction in majority-minority districts and an increase in majority-Anglo districts. This proposed redistricting, explicitly aimed at adding up to five additional congressional seats for one party, is nothing more than a continuation of this pattern of partisan manipulation and racial discrimination.
It is particularly concerning that this mid-decade redistricting is occurring while the current congressional maps are still under review by a federal court. Governor Abbott's addition of redistricting to the special legislative session agenda, citing concerns from the Department of Justice, appears to be a pretext for what the Republican Party of Texas has openly stated is "an essential step to preserving GOP control in Congress." The irony is not lost on us that this official redistricting map was released after all the initial field hearings were conducted, leaving only one more hearing scheduled for August 1 at 10 AM in Austin. This opaque process further demonstrates a lack of genuine public input and a rush to push through a partisan agenda. This action risks further disenfranchising communities of color and creating more litigation, wasting valuable taxpayer time and money.
We need districts that reflect the diversity of our state and allow all voices to be heard, not just special interests or political factions seeking to gerrymander districts for pre-determined outcomes. I urge you to reject this unnecessary and harmful redistricting proposal for CD 32 and prioritize fair representation for all Texans.

Carrie Ibrahim
Self, teachet
CYPRESS, TX

As a parent and public school teacher in Tomball, I strongly oppose any mid-decade redistricting that reduces minority voting influence. Our communities deserve fair maps, not political manipulation.

Sam Potasznik
Self
Austin, TX

This is undemocratic and shameful. We deserve representatives that actually represent us - not custom drawn districts to suit those already in power.

Laura Miller
self
Austin, TX

I am a resident of Travis county and I am against HB4. HB4 erases my vote and makes my voice silent by splitting my county into a pieces. This bill will end fair elections in Texas. The lack of respect for voters shown in this bill is abominable. The gerrymandering in this bill clearly and blatantly to silence the voices of people of color and young adults by diluting the votes of all the residents that live in Austin. Furthermore, the rushing of this bill does not give time for lawmakers to actually understand and contemplate the meaning of their vote. This is a manipulative and undemocratic way of making laws.

Marcie Brownlee
Self
Dublin, TX

Hello, my name is Marcie, I live in 76446, Erath County. I am testifying on the Legislature's redistricting efforts mid-census. I am strongly opposed to redistricting and the new map. This brazen move by the Governor and the DOJ to increase Republican representation in the U.S. House by taking it away from communities
of color is shameful. It is blatant racial discrimination. Gerrymandering is anti-democratic.

How districts are drawn affects every political issue, from the economy to healthcare to public education. If politicians are elected from districts that don't reflect the population, you end up with situations where politicians support policies that the vast majority of people oppose, or they won't support policies that the vast majority of people support. I am pleading with you to stop manipulating maps for your own partisan gain. Put principle over party, and reject this effort to redistrict in Texas.

Madelyn Ricco
Self
Dallas, TX

I strongly oppose this bill and these are my reasons:

This is incredibly unethical for state officials to choose their voters and not let voters choose their politicians. Fair maps are the cornerstone of democracy and this is blatant voter suppression to skew the voting maps toward a particular voting party and create unequal representation for citizens of Texas. The Redistricting Reform Act prohibits partisan gerrymandering and ensures fairer district boundaries and this bill is in violation of that act. There should be standardized criteria for redistricting to increase fairness and accountability

Mike Smith
Self
Houston, TX

I used this and edited

"As a Texas AFT member and public school educator in Harris County, I oppose any mid-decade redistricting that reduces minority voting influence. Our communities deserve fair maps, not political manipulation."

Anil Prabhakar
self engineer
Cedar Park, TX

As a resident of Travis County, I oppose any mid-decade redistricting that splits up Austin neighborhoods and lumps them with far-away rural communities that have very different needs. I especially oppose this redistricting effort because its sole goal is to reduce minority voting influence and create 5 additional Republican house seats as ordered by President Trump. The goal of redistricting should be to create districts that truly serve the needs of the members of the districts; not to appease power-hungry politicians that believe in politicians choosing their voters as opposed to voters electing the politicians that they want and that will be responsive to their needs and concerns. Our communities deserve fair maps, not political manipulation.

Eric Brown
Self
DALLAS, TX

This is incredibly unethical for state officials to choose their voters and not let voters choose their politicians. Fair maps are the cornerstone of democracy and this is blatant voter suppression to skew the voting maps toward a particular voting party and create unequal representation for citizens of Texas. The Redistricting Reform Act prohibits partisan gerrymandering and ensures fairer district boundaries and this bill is in violation of that act. There should be standardized criteria for redistricting to increase fairness and accountability. Also, trump is a pedophile. If you support him, you support child suffering.

Mary Fried, Ms
Self
Houston, TX

Republicans are focusing on cheating to win elections instead of helping Texans with issues like the flooding, schools, hunger etc etc. Do your job.

Ruth Olvera
self
GRAND PRAIRIE, TX

this obvious redrawing is meant to misrepresent people systematically. i am tired of having to be misrepresented, and this government going against what i agree with all because they want to draw my district in a way that keeps them in power. stop being cowards and run on something worthwhile and maybe you wont have to redraw district lines to win.

Elizabeth Ferrari
Self
Fairfield, TX

I strongly support HB4 redistricting bill as written.

Mary Cone
Self
San Marcos, TX

I am most strongly opposed to redistricting Texas to solely gain advantage before the 2026 midterms. You are completely interfering with the wishes of voting Texans. Too bad you don’t trust Texans enough to play fair and square. I firmly believe this will come back to haunt you.

Beth DORCAS
Self
Fort Worth, TX

You know that you are the ones who gerrymandering district 33 the last time. The demographics may be changing because of people moving in and out of the district. Why are yoy so sure you can make it a repyblican-voting district? If you mess with the borders of the few districts, it is obvious yoy will be redrawing the districts touch the changing borders.
Actually you know it is wrong to use the district lines to manipulate the red-blueness, as well as being a deliberate plan to disinfranchise some voters. What you are doing is wrong. You know it is wrong. Have courage to make righteous choices and face down political bullies.

Marion Alexander, Dr.
Self
Houston, TX

There is not even no moral justification for this congressional redistricting: it is unethical to change the rules that have governed our country for hundreds of years. It is changing the rules to make your cheating look okay. Itwill cause the state to waste time and money during the special session – only to later waste more time and money in litigation over whatever maps are proposed. Please stop this unethical and wasteful effort when Central Texas is Still unprotected from flash flooding! Using their deaths to sneak in your gain is awful!

Antoinette Hunter
None
Austin, TX

This bill makes a mockery of democracy. It groups me with people who have different concerns. I hope it backfires on Republicans supporting it.

Bleigh Bleigh
self
Grapevine, TX

I vote that HB 4 by Hunter be put into law.

Connor Quinn
Self
Kingwood, TX

HB 4 is a slap in the face to Texans.

James Simpson
Self/Retired
Schulenburg, TX

I ask you pass to Pass HB 4 as the population in our great state has increased and redistricting needs to reflect the voters.

Lin Anthon
Self- Restaurant owner
Austin, TX

Here we go AGAIN, HB4 is just another predictable, obvious, desperate round of consolidation of GOP power. Every 10 years, like clockwork, they cut up the proverbial gameboard to make sure they win again, since old fashioned democracy doesn't yield the *ahem* result they like! This bill is part of a broader campaign by political elites and their billionaire backers to pre-determine outcomes, silence rising constituencies, and lock in a ruling class, just as the demographics and values of Texas shift beyond their control. So let's call this what it is: a vote to protect the status quo and the wealthy, NOT democracy.
Under the guise of "fairness" or "efficiency," HB4 is designed to weaken the power of communities of the global majority, urban voters, young people, and non-wealthy Texans. Which of course are the very groups most impacted by economic inequality, climate disaster, failing infrastructure, state overreach, and the list grows. This bill fixes nothing.
So ask yourself: who truly benefits from this?
Not the average Texan struggling to find housing, pay medical bills, or rebuild after yet another disaster. No, it will be Elon Musk, who would love nothing more than to get his grubby little hands on our Gulf Coast, better tax abatements, and weakening regulatory bodies. HB4 creates the political conditions to make all of that possible. This isn't just gerrymandering, y'all. It will be paving a smooth road for privatized futures, technobro-feudal land grabs, and unregulated industries with no accountability to the People.
A vote for HB4 is a vote to send us further down the river we're already drowning in. This is NOT the time for legislators to choose their voters, instead of voters choosing their leaders.
It is no exaggeration to say that bills like HB4 increase the risk of civil unrest, democratic breakdown, and social instability. When you cut people out of the political process, do not be surprised when they stop trusting it altogether.
This is not the will of the people. This is a manipulated power grab by those who fear democracy because they cannot win it honestly anymore. If you pass HB4, you are telling us clearly: You don't work for Texans, you work for billionaires.
Your move.

Viridiana Rodriguez
Self flight attendant
El paso, TX

I oppose to the redistricting I would like to keep Escobar in charge of OUR city and that includes the airport AND fort bliss

Belinda Newman
Self
Flatonia, TX

This redistricting should be against the law because it gives an unfair advantage to the Republican party. We've had enough of Trump's atrocities. If Greg Abbott thinks this is a good idea that he needs to be voted out.

Trina Miller, Ms.
Self
Huntsville, TX

I do not support the current redistricting process, and it should be done to reflect actual population changes, not when a politician "urges." The primary purpose of redistricting is to ensure fair and equal representation, not to further a political agenda. Last completed in 2021, redrawing again is nothing more than an attempt to further marginalize and suppress voters and their voices.

Mary Webber, Ms.
Self
Wimberley, TX

The current maps are still being challenged in federal court. The new maps fail to meet Constitutional requirements and are racially discriminatory. They're threat to representation, resources, and rights. Government is at its best when it works to solve the real problems of ordinary people: disaster relief, inflated prices, affordable housing, a living wage, accessible quality health care – and when the voices of all citizens are heard, not just special interests and racially polarized extreme partisans.

Krystal Martinez
Self
El Paso, TX

I write you as a working mother fully aware that the integrity of our democratic process is at stake. By redistricting the congressional seats at this time you jeopardize the integrity of our democratic principles. Make no mistake that the world is watching. This is not about Texas alone but will have implications for the rest of the country as states follow in hot pursuit to redistrict their own congressional seats attempting to amass power for their side. No one will win, we will lose what sets us apart from the rest of the world, a respect for rule of law in our voting processes. This idea democracy only works if the people believe in the process. Democracy is something that we have to fight for every single day, not a concept from the past. This is not something we own, rather it is a concept we hold dear which our men and women in uniform have sacrificed their lives to defend. You make history today to either stand up and forge a renewed commitment to protect, or do you bend to the will of those that do not consider the cost of what will be lost if you proceed with the redistricting at this time. We lose ourselves, we lose what makes us the United States of America.
God please see us through this darkness, for this we pray.

Caylee Chambers
Self, Operations Coordinator
Aubrey, TX

HB4 should not be passed as it is a veiled attempt of racial gerrymandering. Redistricting is to be completed using census data every 10 years. Texas should not redistrict mid-decade as we do not have the necessary population data to reasonably support changes to our current districts. Supporting HB4 demonstrates both a lack of prudence and a disregard for the constituents you are to represent.

James Jiao
Self
Carrollton, TX

Stupid people always think that they are the smartest. The GOP is the perfect example.

Denise Reily, Ms
Self
Dallas, TX

What a blatantly transparent power grab by the Republican Party. If the courts don’t stop you, I hope your efforts have the opposite effect and they mobilize all the irregular and unregistered voters to vote you all out. Still possible despite your gerrymandering.

Jessie Casteel
self/educator
Houston, TX

I urge the committee to reject this mid-decade redistricting proposal. I oppose any mid-decade redistricting that reduces minority voting influence. Our communities deserve fair maps, not political manipulation. It’s a blatant power grab that could drown out the voices of Texans of color — communities that drove nearly all our state’s population growth over the last decade.

Deborah Bobbitt, Ms
SELF / Substitute Teacher
Rowlett, TX

Dear Sirs and Madams -I fully support and encourage you all to pass HB4! The compositions of our Congressional Districts have changed and grown in population! We need to do some redistricting to allow everyone proper representation in their immediate area of residency not on the other side of town! Times have changed and we need more full representation available to our diverse and growing population. Thank you!

Roxanne Whitt
Self
San Antonio, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Melinda Holloway
Self
Richardson,, TX

I OPPOSE THIS BILL. I currently live in the 32 nd district and am satisfied with the current map as drawn. This bill is designed to deprive me and my family of representation in the US House. To see my district lumped with areas outside my current district stretching into smith county is alarming. An obvious power grab to satisfy those not interested in representing people in my district. This is surely illegal and I hope the courts will step in and stop this.

Jessica Harris
self, retired
Lubbock, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map

Curtis Ford, Mr
Guadalupe County Democratic Club
New Braunfels, TX

Dear Representatives- as I appeared before you last wee in person with thousands of others protesting.this rushed, unnecessary redistricting bill to further disenfranchise black and brown and poor white voters of Texas, that is unconstitutional and a direct violation of the 1965 Federal Voting Rights Act/ your focus should be on flood relief and flood prevention and health insurance for the 5 million Texans who do not have access to health care, though many are employed.

Jose Salazar
Self / Instructional Officer
Eagle Pass, TX

I am strongly opposed to the redistricting map being proposed as this will separate my county (Maverick) into two districts. This will split the representation into two districts when finally our voices are being heard at the Capital and Washington. Please reconsider your proposal to enact this bill as you are being asked to vote

Mirna Ponce
Self
Austin, TX

"As a Texas public school parent in Travis County, I oppose any mid-decade redistricting that reduces minority voting influence. Our communities deserve fair maps, not political manipulation."

Peggy Huey
my household
Farmersville, TX

Please vote yes on redistricting!

J. Wise
Self/citizen
Austin, TX

HELL FUCKING NO!!! CUT THOS SHIT OUT & stop trying to legally cheat to suppress the real choices of actual Texans . NO GERRYMANDERING!!!!!

Randall Christian
Self, Retired
San Antonio, TX

As a person of color and understanding the gerrymandering attempt as instructed to do by the current president I for one am against it. We don't want our vote watered down to the point it doesn't count anymore. Let us keep our seats fair and equal and may the best candidate win.

Marissa Rosa
self, medical student
Temple, TX

I oppose Texas Special Session HB4 because it undermines fair representation by manipulating district boundaries for partisan gain. This kind of redistricting blatantly dilutes the voting power of communities of color and threatens the integrity of our democratic process. All Texans deserve electoral maps that are reflective of their vote.

Cassidy Meyer
Self
Fort Worth, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Rogelio Pequeno
Self, provider
Bryan, TX

NO TO GERRYMANDERING!!

Philip Minor
Self
Austin, TX

I am strongly opposed to altering the current map out of cycle in response to unethical national-level influence on our state processes and sovereignty and for the ultimate benefit of corrupt Federal politicians. The current out of cycle redistricting agenda is a distinct sign of a decline in governance integrity which should be rejected on a bi-partisan basis.

There are Texans of both major political parties who are competent to govern without corrupt interference from any level of government, state or federal, and your willingness to put established process and ethical principles above dirty politics will help all Texans to have agency over our state and local affairs.

Texas, the second most populus state in the USA, with 4 or 5 of the largest cities in the nation, can better lead and progress into the 21st century as a modern and diverse polity by adopting objective non-partisan redistricting methods and eschewing divisive partisan gerrymandering. Extreme partisan gerrymandering creates a political environment that drives away talented, productive and worthy members of our society.

If another extreme gerrymandered map is approved, those who designed and voted for that map will bear responsibility for effectively disenfranchising many thousands of tax-paying Texans – a dishonorable legacy at best.

William Droke, Dr.
Self. Dentist
Frisco, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricking.

john Montes
Self
MCKINNEY, TX

Citizens like me in Collin County fully support HB4, and the whole idea of it being racist is a bunch of baloney.
I'm a Puerto Rican American, veteran, and taxpayer, we just want commom sense government that works, enough with all of this drama from the other side.

Venus Wilder
Self, Retired
Bellville, TX

I support HB4 and the current redistricting map.

Pam Parkhill
self
Grapevine, TX

I support HB 4 and the proposed redistricting map. Texas voters have changed and we need to be better represented in Congress.

Chelsea Willis
Self
Batson, TX

Constant redistricting creates confusion, undermines voter trust, and disrupts community representation. Districts should be drawn to reflect the genuine interests of the people—not manipulated for partisan advantage. Frequent changes serve political power plays, not democratic stability. Gerrymandering weakens accountability, dilutes voices, and makes it harder for citizens to know who represents them. Voters deserve fair, consistent districts—not shifting lines that prioritize politics over people.

Magdalene Barrera
Self
Arlington, TX

I would like to express my concern and disagreement with HB 4 by Hunter. This bill would only benefit the republican political party and removes elected officials of the people that serve their communities. The representation that would replace the officials would not have the community and people’s best interests.

Alison Reitze
self
The Woodlands, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Martha Pearson
self, retired
Forney, TX

I fully support this bill and urge you all to pass it. As President Obama famously said, "Elections have consequences." The people of Texas have made it very clear what we support in the last election; the purpose of this bill clearly is part of that. It is also completely constitutional. Please support this bill and rightly represent the people of Texas!

Edward Reitze
self
The Woodlands, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map

Amara Parks
Self
Leander, TX

I do not support the redrawing of the congressional map. The map should be left alone until after the 2030 census.

Christina Mathews
True Texas Project
Hurst, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting changes.

Eric Berg, Informed citizen
Self reasoned person
Amarillo, TX

These districts were just drawn in relation to the latest census. That’s the law! Quit trying to tighten the Republican/MAGA grip and get to work addressing serious Texas issues

Jon Clayton
self
Fort Worth, TX

I support HB 4 and the proposed redistricting map. We support common sense and fair voter representation.

Monty Parker, MR
self
San Marcos, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Abigail Kehr
Self, Assistant Business Agent of IATSE 51
Houston, TX

I am writing to speak unequivocally against this redistricting effort. The maps released yesterday make it plain that the goal is disenfranchisement of as many people as possible. This sinks to new lows of cracking and packing minority groups, resulting in a calculated effort to reduce their chances of electing candidates of their choice. Our constitution states clearly that this is illegal.

Did you plug your ears with wax during the hours of testimony against this effort? Your job is to care for the people of Texas, not find new ways to disenfranchise them. History has its eyes on you.

DeMetris Sampson, N/a
Self
Dallas, TX

I oppose the proposed map and I oppose the premature redistricting. I support the Voting Rights Act.

Jocelyn Matson, Mrs.
Alpha kappa Alpha Sorority
HOUSTON, TX

We need to keep our representation!

Kristal Stockton
Self
Centerville, TX

I support hb 4 redistricting

Doug Taylor
Self, Retired
Fort Worth, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistributing map as a result of clearly changed voting preferences since 2020.

Chap Torian
Self
Austin, TX

I am not in support of the way in which this being redrawn. This was simply a grab by a group of people who are mad that the individuals that represent Texans currently speak up and hold the government accountable. They are representing us the way they should be and to be redistricting thinking that areas who have been long held by a Democrat so that you can elect more Republicans is ridiculous! This is suppose to be a state for the people living in it. A small minority of people may want this but this is not what democracy means. We are all to have a voice and that is what has people upset that our current elected representatives are using their voice to stand out for the people of Texas. They continue to show up to meetings and use accountability for the people they were elected by. When hearings were held for this to start with you could not provide the maps or willing to show them. Now that they are suddenly shown you only want to give one day to make this happen. I hope that you will take the feedback and realize that the people that elected you to your seats do not want this either.

Elizabeth Pollard
Self
Austin, TX

This is the most UNdemocratic action you could possibly take. It is simply WRONG to intentionally wipe out the representation of over 5 million Democratic voters in Texas. This greedy power grab will eventually backfire on you and will not protect Republicans from losing STATEWIDE races, which they will because a majority of Texans are going to be outraged by this blatant and wrong power grab.
This is the first time I've ever sent comments regarding ANY Texas Bill during my 35+ years as a Texas Resident, but this mid-decade redistricting which is obviously for no other purpose than trying to protect Republicans razor-thin margin in the House is just over the top. Shame on all of you.

Jordyn Middlebrooks
Self
Austin, TX

I do NOT support the Congressional redistricting, that is happening far earlier than when it is due to and am asking you all to vote NO. This is completely undemocratic and a way to rig the house of cards that is Texas politics when so much power is already ceded to Trump, the GOP, and so many Texans are disillusioned about the way our political system works here (that it doesn't work for the people). Medicaid has already been cut which will hurt rural hospitals and communities, and many people in Texas are already struggling with food insecurity, having enough money to cover their cost of living. If people don't believe they have power or agency their lives and the politics that govern us they turn elsewhere (riots, property damage, violence). We can see this in the 60s, in the riots that happened in 2020, and what happened in LA just a few months ago. Why continue to turn the heat up on the already simmering anger, resentment, and disillusion in this country? I'm asking you to please care about your constituents, the democratic process, and stop using gerrymandering and this redistricting process to hoard power. You are fueling a fire of American resentment and rage.

Holly Skinner, MS
self
Denton, TX

I am a Texas voter, and I oppose any mid-decade redistricting, especially while the current maps are still being challenged in court. Furthermore, I oppose any redistricting that does not result in fair representation for all Texans. Texas has a long history of racial gerrymandering and discriminatory voting practices, so I urge you to prevent communities of color from being deliberately divided, thereby weakening their political voice.

Texans have the right to fair and equal representation that's achieved through a thoughtful, transparent process that allows meaningful public input. Lawmakers should have the necessary information to create legally compliant district maps, protect minority voting rights, and respect county lines, city boundaries, and communities of interest. A rushed 30-day special session packed with unrelated agenda items is not the way to achieve this.

Texans deserve to have a redistricting process that is fair, transparent, and results in equal representation for all, not this rushed and deeply flawed process.

Flood recovery efforts and the safety of Texans should be the top priority, not redrawing political maps.

Lisa Morris
Self
Keller, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Paul Gregory
Self
Magnolia, TX

HB 4 gives conservatives in Houston and Dallas-Fort Worth a real seat at the table by ending the extreme gerrymandering that's packed GOP voters into blue urban strongholds. This new map gives us a chance to elect representatives who actually reflect our values. I urge you to support HB 4.

Suzanne Dell
Self
North Richland Hills, TX

Dear Texas GOP-
If you want power, try winning people's hearts and minds with better ideas. Gerrymandering districts in such a blatant power grab says to Texans that you don't have enough confidence in your policies and ideas being better so you need to cheat to stay in power.

Clayton Barns
Self
Fairview, TX

I support HB4. Move the legislation forward for final vote of the House.

Christopher Bitler
Self
Aledo, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map. The proposed districts are much clearer and less snake like than before. It also reflects the right ward shift of Texas last presidential election. Additionally, all gerrymandering is politically driven as has been upheld by the Supreme Court I believe several times, with the most recent I can remember being in Alexander v. South Carolina NAACP. Election map drawing is a state issue and for better or worse there has not been a standard set by the constitution or the Supreme Court on how to do it consistently. The Reps in the TX legislature should feel no obligation to cede political power to the Dems.

Laura Gomez
Self
San Benito, TX

This proposed redistricting map breaks up communities of color and communities who have collective interests and values. It is both illegal and unethical to gerrymander these districts so that Republicans can obtain 5 more seats because this map violates the Voting Rights Act.

Aileen De La Rosa
Self
Round Rock, TX

This proposal to redistrict Texas is ridiculous. There is no basis for approach used other than an attempt to silence the minority party. The ruling party has been emboldened by the endless cowardice of their peers and grow more shameless and greedy. This extra session was supposed to benefit the Texans who lost their lives due to an event that could have been mitigated with more proactive thinking. Instead, these greedy lawmakers forget that true Texans take care of each other because we are strong and helping one another is what you do out of a place of strength.

Ashlee Breitenstein
Self - area sales manager
N RICHLND HLS, TX

Dear Members of the Texas House of Representatives,

I am writing to express my deep concern and strong opposition to the proposed redistricting plan, which blatantly undermines the principles of fair representation and democracy in our state. Redistricting should serve the people of Texas, not the political ambitions of one party. By manipulating district lines to dilute the voices of certain communities, this proposal disenfranchises voters and erodes the integrity of our electoral system.

Gerrymandering is not governance. It is an abuse of power. It silences constituents, weakens accountability, and creates a legislature unresponsive to the true will of the people. Texas deserves competitive districts that reflect our diverse population and ensure that every vote carries equal weight. When elected officials choose their voters instead of voters choosing their officials, democracy suffers.

I urge you to reject any map designed to predetermine political outcomes. Uphold your duty to the people of Texas by supporting fair, transparent, and nonpartisan redistricting that strengthens our democracy rather than undermining it.

Texans are watching, and history will remember whether this body chose to protect the rights of its citizens or the interests of entrenched power. Please do what is right for Texas.

Elizabeth Rodriguez, RT, R
Self
El Paso, TX

The spineless cowards demanding this redistricting have already caused enough damage to this state. They’ve gutted funding to our schools and healthcare, stuffed their grubby hands in our taxpayer money to further engorge the ignorant clown in office. You people dont need more room to destroy, you need to be voted out of office and put in jail. STAY YOUR GREEDY SELVES OUT OF EL PASO!!! We want el paso representation from someone who actually lives here and cares about their citizens not you jokers running around pretending what youre doing is for the people.

Susan Sheppard, Ms.
Self-
Austin, TX

There is no new census. Redistricting should occur after new census information is available. This request for redistricting, coming from out of state, does not promote Texans' interests; it simply promotes a "race to the bottom," a race to have the most highly polarized, highly partisan, highly gerrymandered districts that make a mockery of our ideals of representative government. Just because you can gerrymander for partisan reasons doesn't mean you should. As Austin residents, we have suffered the past splitting of the city into NON-representative districts, and will suffer even further if the courts allow the proposed new maps to be implemented. Texas has more immediate problems that need your attention.

Cheryl Clayton
Self/Retired
Fort Worth, TX

I support redistricting via bill HB4. Population increases make this a sensible bill.

Kathy Mattox
Self
Cypress, TX

I urge the committee to reject this mid-decade redistricting proposal because the voters of color will be diluted. Gerrymander by either party is wrong and needs to stop.

Khib Kugler
Self
Austin, TX

Please do not further gerrymander our state. 43% of Texans voted Democratic in the last election. This new district map would likely result in just 5 of the state's 38 reps being democrats. That's just 13% and clearly does not represent the voting population. The proposed map is deliberately drawn to dilute the voting power of Democratic areas. This is my voice. Thank you.

Rebecca Rehmeyer
Self. Business owner
Houston, TX

The voters will be better represented by this change.

Sherry Johson
self, retired
Irving, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map. The district I am currently in was gerrymandered so badly it makes my vote useless. I urge this new redistricting to better represent to legal voters of Texas.

Gregory James Sr
Self
LaPorte, TX

I am in favor of HB 4. Texas is a majority Conservative State and needs to be redistricted to property show it. There is nothing racial or illegal about redistricting Texas. Vote for HB 4

Lilia Herrera
Self
El Paso, TX

I find gerrymandering wrong. It feels like a tactic that prioritizes political gain over voter rights, and that just doesn’t sit right with me from an ethical standpoint.

Lucero Carmona
Self
Eagle pass, TX

I’m am against this bill in dividing the maverick county. We are already a small district no need to be separated. This will be the first time to be split since the creation of Texas congressional district 23 in 1967. And as of that I am against of this redistricting.

Pam McLemore
Self / Retired
Richardson, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map

Kelly McGuire
Self
Grapevine, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map. Districts need to align to properly represent their constituents.

David Smalling
Self
Forney, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Feyi Obamehinti, Dr.
Ravir LLC Leadership Services
Keller, TX

I support HB 4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Angel Barclay
Self, seamstress
ARGYLE, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map

Debbie Sterling
Self, Homemaker
Fort Worth, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

lisa scott
self, retired monographer
Montgomery, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

David Kimble
Self
Sherman, TX

I support HB4 redistricting bill

Penelope Flowers
Myself
groves, TX

This is wrong, very immoral use of tax payer money, all of these people you are disenfranchising, is going to have extreme economic impacts, on our great state of Texas.

My family has lived in Texas since it's creation, the old 300 we colonized this place, and made it the place it is today, and what you're doing is hurting our states future, and you should be ashamed of your antiChristian tactic youre doing.

I Penelope Faith Flowers of Texas, strongly oppose this bill, and any bills like it, it's downrighr anti American, and anti freedom.

Jane Anne Sellars
True Texas Project
Frisco, TX

Texas has been moving to the right for the past 20+ years. In addition, our country is rejecting liberal ideas in many states. The redistricting needs to be done to better reflect the attitudes and opinions of Texans.

Lisa Gollihar
Self retired
Denton, TX

I support HB 4 and the redistributing map. This bill needs to become law. Please make sure this happens. We are a red state with conservative values and should be represented as such. Thank you.

Vicki Blythe
Self- retired hospital pharmacist
Galveston, TX

Do NOT commit blatant racial discrimination by doing the absurd gerrymandering demanded by trump! That would be wrong, wrong, wrong!!! I am so sick and tired of Repugs ruining everything! They are afraid voters will wise up and vote them out, so they are CHEATING! NO, NO, NO! Don't you dare do that! Just shameful!

Angela Arroyo
Self
Austin, TX

I strongly condemn the unjust and undemocratic attempt at redistricting currently under consideration. This blatant power grab by Republican lawmakers threatens to disenfranchise millions of Black and Latino voices, including my own, by undermining the principle of fair and equal representation that is the bedrock of American democracy. The proposed congressional map is nothing more than a modern-day form of voter suppression — strategically drawn to dilute the political power of communities of color across our great state. Through the use of racial and partisan gerrymandering, Republican legislators are manipulating district lines to maintain control, silence dissenting voices, and cement minority rule. This redistricting is not governance; it is an abuse of power. I call on the Texas legislature to reconsider this bill on behalf of Texasans statewide.

DAVID EDWARDS
Self-retired
Dallas, TX

“I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.”

Hilliard Brittain
Self - Retired
Garland, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map. These changes will allow a more accurate reflection of voting preferences over the past five years. Thank you!

Anna Martinez
Self - teacher
San Juan, TX

As a Texas AFT member and proud public school educator in the Rio Grande Valley, I oppose any mid-decade redistricting that reduces minority voting influence. Our communities deserve fair maps, not political manipulation!

KJ Hannah
Self, Occupation: Retired
Willow Park, TX

May I humbly ask all representatives to support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map. Not only My House representative Mike OlCOTT but ALL representatives. Voters turned Texas Red, it is now up to our elected officials to keep it Red. The current proposed redistricting map seems a good way to achieve both goals, to represent the true conservative nature of Texas voters.

Tracey Carroll
Self
Port aransas, TX

I support HB 4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Kathleen Shaw
Self - homemaker
Lantana, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Mary Wood
Self
Weatherford, TX

Pass HB 4

Jennifer Blair
self, graphic designer and small business owner
Austin, TX

I am a constituent in Travis county and I urge the committee to reject this mid-decade redistricting proposal. This bill will dilute the vote of myself and many of my friends that live in Travis county.

This mid-decade redistricting appears to dilute the voting power of minorities, particularly Black and Latino voters by merging existing Democratic-held districts that are particularly dense with these voters. I looked at the new maps and zooming in on Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston, Austin (my hometown) and San Antonio, the shapes of the gerrymandering look like works of absurdism. These Texas urban centers are significant drivers of the state's overall GDP and economic growth, and for all we contribute, it's demoralizing and blatantly unfair to gerrymander our districts to dilute our voting power. This gerrymandering takes equity and representation away from me and my neighbors.

One of the most important tenants of a republic is that the governing power resides in the people, and they exercise that power through elected representatives. The proposed redistricting takes power from the people rather than gives them fair representation. I ask that you take my comments to heart, and remember that we are in the pursuit of an America which is ”indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”

Our communities deserve fair maps, not political manipulation, and I oppose this bill.

Lynn Sarcione
Self
Austin, TX

I cannot believe this is even being considered at this point in time. I'm ashamed of this government and it's repeated efforts to minimize the views and needs of it's constituents. Gerrymandering on both sides is wrong and this map demonstrates this to the fullest extent. I am opposed to the newly drawn districts as they clearly do not align individuals on similar experiences and services which minimizes the governments ability to serve or address anyone's concerns.

Katherine Palmira
Self
Austin, TX

This attempt the redraw congressional maps in Texas in the middle of a decade is a despicable crime! It is blatant racism. I have no doubt that the state GOP would all call themselves a Christian, but by seeking to deny minorities fair representation and stack the house you only show us all that you have the integrity of a sewer rat. You can't win unless you cheat and steal, isn't that against the Ten Commandments? What horrid twisted logic will you use to justify this ridiculous display of cowering to a president and a governor you are so clearly terrified of? Your ideology you call Christian Nationalism is the farthest thing from true Christianity. You've lost your way. You have one last chance to come back, show some integrity, decency, morals, and objective truth. Vote no on HB4! Show us that you still have some respect for the rules and our laws!!

Veronica Morrison, Dr.
self, college professor
SAN ANTONIO, TX

Gerrymandering is cheating. Robbing citizens of their voting power is fascism. Submitting to the illegal demands of a felon to "grab 5 seats" is collusion. Betraying your constituency is a defilement of your oath of office. There is no way you can spin it that will make it okay. I hope you are either religious enough to believe in Hell, or human enough to remember morality and ethics, so that maybe you will do the right thing.

Julie Sims
True Texas Project
Colleyville, TX

"I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map."

Thank you,

Julie Sims
Tarrant County

Isabel Kokko
Self
Austin, TX

These proposed district map is clearly undemocratic. It is suppressing the vote of thousands of American citizens. How can any representative support these maps and call themselves an advocate for freedom and America? Outrageous.

Judy Holmes, Ms.
Self / Retired
Buffalo, TX

As a Republican, I believe this is a good idea. The environment is changing. More black men and Hispanics are relating to the Republican Party so it's time to redraw the lines.

Bridget M
Self
Austin, TX

I am born and raised Texan, and I want fair maps that represent our residents truthfully and accurately. We need fair maps to fairly represent all Texas voices not just represent a chosen few!

STEPHEN CRYE
Self
El Paso, TX

I am not a Democrat. And congressman Escobar drives me crazy. But it is patently stupid, obvious gerrymandering, to remove Fort Bliss and the El Paso international airport from the local congressional district.

The solution to the Democrats lock on El Paso is not to gerrymander us so that we don't have a local representative. The solution is for Republicans to do a better job in El Paso.

Margie Rodriguez Le Sage, Dr
Self and extended family
El Paso, TX

I represent a sizeable extended family in El Paso, TX and we firmly oppose the redistricting that is being proposed. Redistricting violates our right to be appropriately represented by someone who resides in the community. Redistricting efforts would leave our community misrepresented and under-represented.

David Benedetto
self
Grapevine, TX

Abandon this bad idea .... there is no need to "Mess With Texas" ... NONE.

Amanda Cambre
Self
Austin, TX

This is a blatant attempt to undermine our democracy. Shame on you all. You have turned neighbor against neighbor and family member against family member, for the sake of greed. Shame on you all.

Joy Barnes
Self
Royse City, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Patti Wilson
Self retired mathematics teacher
Texas city, TX

I support this house bill on redistricting.

Jacqueline Baez-lugo
Self
Edinburg, TX

Thank you so much for giving a voice to the Hispanic republicans of the Rio Grande Valley, to the democrats in charge around here we are zero the left, they care less about what we think because the sheep always vote for them no matter what. I support the redistricting specifically for Hidalgo county. Conservatives republicans for far too long have been forgotten and ignored. We know democrats also do gerrymandering for blacks and Latinos and they put them on a box. My so called representative have no idea who I am he only knows his democrat buddies. I'm glad been able to speak up , and make Texas great again.

Susan McConnell
True Texas Project
Carrollton, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Patricia Green, Retired
Self
Bastrop, TX

Absolutely disgusting! How about focusing on flood warning systems for the hill country or school nutrition for low income students? The people are watching.

Kate Chambers
Self
Austin, TX

Redistricting is a clear and disgusting power grab and you all should be ashamed of yourselves. Do the work to protect Texans, not line your own fucking pockets.

Kaitlen Eckmann
self, archivist
Galveston, TX

This proposed redistricting can disproportionately affect communities of color and can skew the actual will of the people in these districts to better serve the ruling powers. I oppose this measure.

Arthur Harmon
Self
Garland, TX

I support the proposed redistricting map of HB4.
I believe the new district lines better reflect the true will of the Texas people.

Tricia Garcia-Frescas
Self
El Paso, TX

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed redistricting plan that would place El Paso into a congressional district represented by someone outside our community. This proposal undermines the principle of fair representation and poses a serious threat to the well-being and political voice of the people of El Paso.

El Paso is a unique and vibrant border community with distinct cultural, economic, and social challenges that require informed, responsive leadership. A representative who does not live in or meaningfully engage with our community cannot fully understand or advocate for our needs—whether those involve border policy, veterans' services, healthcare access, or public safety.

By disconnecting El Paso from a representative who is accountable to and rooted in our region, this redistricting plan dilutes our voting power and erodes our trust in the democratic process. It appears to prioritize political advantage over fair representation, which is unacceptable.

I urge the decision-makers to revise the proposed maps in a way that keeps El Paso whole and ensures that we are represented by someone who knows our community, lives among us, and is committed to serving us directly.

Respectfully,
Tricia Garcia-Frescas
10700 Fury Ln
El Paso, TX
79935
Triciafrescas78@gmail.com

Rosy Villalobos
self
El Paso, TX

El Pasoans will loose fair representation with this bill, this is a scam that will not benefit our community at all, unethical and unfair.

Claudai Glass, Mrs.
Self, retired Nurse Practitioner
San Antonio, TX

Stop this illegal move to change voting districts. It's against the law to redraw district lines during times other than after the every ten year census. And, it is wrong to do it for political and racist reasons. It is unbelievable that Texas, one of the most racist states since its inception, is still working to keep only white people in charge. Shame on those who take these step.

Robin Banfield, Mrs.
Self / Seamstress
Centerville, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed Redistricting map

Aaron Bramwell
Self
Cedar Park, TX

Hello,
I am writing as your constituent to express my strong opposition to the proposed redistricting maps currently under consideration. As a resident of Austin and a concerned voter, I believe these maps represent a fundamental threat to fair representation in our state.
The proposed redistricting maps are deeply problematic for several critical reasons:
First, these maps appear designed to disenfranchise voters rather than ensure fair representation. In Austin specifically, the proposed boundaries seem to dilute the voting power of our community in a way that undermines the principle of equal representation under law.
Second, I am deeply concerned about the irregular timing of this redistricting effort. The established norm of redistricting following the decennial census exists for good reason - it provides predictability and prevents the manipulation of electoral maps for partisan advantage. Conducting redistricting outside of this standard timeline, particularly in response to external political pressure, sets a dangerous precedent that threatens the integrity of our democratic process.
The people of Texas deserve electoral maps that reflect our communities fairly and honor the principle of one person, one vote. These proposed maps fail that fundamental test.
I urge you to vote against these redistricting proposals and instead support maps that:

- Preserve community boundaries and interests
- Ensure equal representation for all Texans
- Follow established redistricting timelines and procedures
- Prioritize voters' interests over partisan political calculations

I will be closely monitoring your position on this critical issue, and I encourage you to stand with your constituents by opposing these problematic maps.
Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to your response and to seeing you vote in favor of fair representation for all Texans.
Respectfully,
Aaron Bramwell

Perla Jurado
Self
El Paso, TX

I am opposed of the new map

Alejandra Montalvo
Self
El Paso, TX

I am thoroughly in opposition of this bill due to the negative impacts it will have in our democracy.

Jonathan Scott
Self
Missouri City, TX

I am fully against this redistricting plan. It is unfair, unconstitutional, and absolutely abhorrent that you have gotten this hastily far with this kind of legislation. You are on the wrong side of history. See you at the congressional hearing.

Will Funk
Self, designer
Austin, TX

DO NOT RE-DISTRICT!!!!!

Robert Ramirez, Mr.
Self/Boiler Operator
Horizon City, TX

I am a concerned El Pasoan and U.S. Army veteran who wholeheartedly stand with Congresswoman Veronica Escobar in opposition of the HB 4 Redistricting Proposal. This redistricting will adversely impact Fort Bliss and the U.S. veteran community as well as other programs like Medicare, Medicaid and the resources to continue improving healthcare and infrastructure for our citizens. Fort Bliss is not only one of the two largest military bases in the United States, it is a part of our identity, our community, and a major economic support for our city. We should not have our federal resources shrink due to a redistricting that will favor other counties, mostly located hundreds of miles away from our area. We need fair representation. We need Congresswoman Veronica Escobar--who understands our priorities and is familiar with the needs of our community--to continue representing El Paso and fighting for all its residents. Therefore, I absolutely and totally oppose HB 4.

Maribel Gines, Mrs
Self
El Paso, TX

I do not approve of someone based out of San Antonio, Texas to make decisions in El Paso. This is an attempt by the republicans to gerrymander. No one knows what the community of El Paso needs better than our current representative, Veronica Escobar. I am not in agreement with this bill.

Terry Todd, Ms.
N/A
Ovilla, TX

As a Conservative Republican voter in Texas for many years, I am whole heartedly supporting HB4, to redistribute Texas, and to produce as many new Republican seats as possible at this time. We have needed these changes for some time especially due to the influx of illegal aliens into Texas, and being counted in the census. This is a practice that Democrats have used for to decades to their benefit. Obama and Eric Holder went around the country, into courtrooms everywhere, to accomplish this goal too! "If it's good for the goose, it's good for the gander. " They have NO ROOM TO COMPLAIN. Texas is a majority Red state, and we are sick and tired of our so-called "Republican Speaker of the House, who gives precedent to his Democrat buddies in the House, and denies Repubs their rightful authority as Chairmen of committees. He must be voted OUT! Thank you. Terry Todd, Ovilla, TX

Brenda Nida
Self
San Antonio, TX

Redistricting should be about strengthening democracy and ensuring fair and competitive elections. I strongly oppose redistricting for the benefit of one party. Redistricting should benefit all Texans regardless of party affiliation.

Belinda Barton
Sslf
Kingsville, TX

Redistricting is open cheating and illustrates the type of leaders we have representing us. Those that could care less about Texans and care only for self preservation and self interest. What are you teaching the children?

Curt Thompson, Mr.
Self / Retired
Bedford, TX

I support HB4 to properly correct the US Congressional Districts in Texas before the 2026 election

Isaias Ramirez
Self/surface water treatment operator
Kerrville, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Lavonne Schumacher, Mrs.
Self/Retired
KELLER, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Syble Sherburne
self
Fort Worth, TX

I support Congressional Redistricting. With all the population growth in many areas, Texas needs more Representatives!

Camilla Bolch
Self
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose Congressional redistricting as I think it is creates unjust representation for Texas citizens.

Tems Johnson
Self
Abilene, TX

BREAK QUORUM

Lawrence Perry
Self
San Antonio, TX

The constitutional basis for the House of Representatives is that the house should represent the population of the state, not the party in power of the state. It is completely an American to decide to use your power to simply misrepresent the population of the state in which one lives.

Robyn Brown
Self
Dallas, TX

We the people see that this redistricting is planned at the direction of the President to influence the national legislature, and not for the goal of achieving fair representation of the people of Texas. You are elected to serve all Texans, and should be preserving our democracy by guaranteeing that the vote of every Texan counts, regardless of party.

Vannessa Wade
Self
Houston, TX

No do not redistrict.

Heather Ruggieri
Self
Valley View, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Margaret Vonder Hoya
True Texas
Dallas, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Claudia Smith
Self
Arlington, TX

I support HB4 & the redistricting map.

Brandon Veller
self
DALLAS, TX

I am against the redistricting process that is being considered. It is shameful that we are once again making new districts that at this point, let's face it, discredits all the work we've done in the world to show how great Texas is, and is just straight pandering and gerrymandering. If you can't win in a fair fight, focus on the issues at hand that people care about to win them over - is it really that difficult? Because some of y'all are acting like incompetent children who have to listen to daddy's orders. Get a grip, use that little brain to have an ounce of critical thinking, and quit mindlessly following an order. This redistricting should not be done in the slightest, and if it does pass, I will ensure that my time and focus afterward will be toward helping opponents run against those who supported this move. Have the day that you deserve.

Suzette Austin
self
Cleburne, TX

I support the redistricting and I am in favor of the newly released maps. Thank you

Judith McCullough
PAVE
Richmond, TX

I don't understand why this redistricting process is going on. Electoral districts are revised every 10 years after a comprehensive and accurate census. This mid-period redistricting is unwarranted, unjust, and unethical. And now, the proposed maps which have jut been released are a sham. What a manipulation of voters. Stop this blatantly political effort now. I am firmly opposed to this unnecessary activity!

Amanda Braziel-Holleman
Self
Austin, TX

Please. We are begging you. Stop gerrymandering our democracy! Let Texans’ voices be heard. The maps are gerrymandered enough as is, but you following authoritarian federal directives to deliver more Republican seats and representatives so that the current administration can cheat its way to more wealth and corrupt power is very ANTI-TEXAN. We are independent, strong, KIND, and innovative. And guess what?! We are MAJORITY MINORITY. Let Texans’ voices be heard.

Scott W
self
Allen, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map. Populations, opinions, and demographics have changed since the last time the district map was last drawn.

ling zhu, Mr.
Self
Austin, TX

I am totally AGAINST this bill. Shame on you wasting precious time doing political bid by your President. Donald Trump agenda is turn my beloved adopted homeland to his land with his dictator style ruling. Republican party have been changed drastically since 1970s President Ford generation. Instead of having a spine to reign in the runaway executive branch and rogue president, you guys continue to enable him, worship him like a king. This redistricting request is purely evil, he knows Republican will loose control of the house next year.

Kent Carter
Self, retired
Houston, TX

I oppose redistricting Texas. It doesn't serve me or my neighbors. It only serves an outsider.

Yvette Peters, Ms
Self
Spring, TX

I appose the theses actions to redistrict.

Christina Penrose
Self Engineer
Friendswood, TX

I do not agree or support this impromptu congressional redistricting which has no basis except to undermine democracy and deliberately undermine civil liberties of Texans in these selected areas. Please do not succumb to pressures from a President who is seeking to diminish democracy by drowning out voices that differ. Our country was founded on freedom, free speech, representation and balance in government. Redistricting in Texas to silence voices is unconstitutional and you as our representatives should not move forward with this action of redistricting. While our citizens have disagreed and have fought for our beliefs, we've found a way to find common ground and to grow. Let's not follow the path of those who have regressed or yielded to authoritarian or nationalistic rhetoric or personal ambition. Let's make America and Texas great rather than morphing into ideologies that sound good for some but have undermining and devastating impacts overall. Texas and the USA can not afford continued erosion of the tenants that have made us great! Lest we forget the horrific outcomes from these same decisions that were made in the past that lead to red lining, gerrymandering and in other countries led to the rise of authoritarian and military regimes that crumbled with horrific consequences. History will repeat itself if we do not head its lessons. Please be courageous and make the best decision for our state and country and people: do not move forward with this redistricting.

Karina Galindo
Self
Y, TX

Dear Representative,
I’m writing to express my firm opposition to HB 4, which I believe represents a blatant effort to gerrymander districts and undermine the democratic process in Texas. This bill appears to serve partisan interests rather than the people of this state, especially communities of color and underrepresented voters who deserve equitable representation.

Texans deserve fair maps that reflect our diverse population—not maps manipulated to entrench power. I urge you to reject HB 4 and stand for transparent, just redistricting that upholds the principles of our democracy.

Thank you for your service. Please do the right thing.

Brenda Latham
Self
Bartonville, TX

I am writing you because I work full time and cannot come to Austin to tell you how important HB 4 is to preserving our Texas values. This redistricting will help in ensuring candidates on the ballot align with Texas values rather than outside values. I ask you to support HB4. Thank you.

Mark Sadlek
Myself
Dallas, TX

Do not pass this bill. It is an unlawful power grab, and only goes to reflect how Republicans do not care about equal representation for all Texans. I do not support this bill, and do not want the Republican majority to push this through.

Anna Gomes Ford
Guadalupe county Democratic Club
New Braunfels, TX

Stop this redistricting and concentrate on flood disaster, healthcare for those 5 million people with no health insurance.

Timothy O'Connell
self
Buda, TX

I find this redistricting to be an obscene abuse of power. Gerrymanding needs to stop. Maybe you should actually listen to your constituents and vote accordingly instead of wasting taxpayer money redrawing maps to cling to power. I am 100 pct against this action. Please stop!

Diane Morris
TTP
Houston, TX

please support the HB4 proposed redistricting map. Our districts should be drawn according to how people vote!

K. Rokovich
Self
Auatin, TX

As a native, life long resident of Texas, I am ashamed and disheartened to see the Texas legislature and our Governor bend the knee to an authoritarian. That's not very Texan. Mid-decade redistricting is a blatant power grab. The GOP doesn't even try to hide their cheating anymore. As you can see from all the citizens testifying and submitting comments, WE DO NOT WANT THIS. We still have vacant seats in districts where large numbers of Texans live and they are being taxed without representation. Please let cooler, independent minds prevail and focus on things we really need, like protecting and saving our communities from dangerous weather ...such as the recent flooding in the Hill Country.

Tami Walker
Self
Katy, TX

Dear Redistricting Committee,
Even though Republicans typically get about 55% of the statewide vote, they currently have 2/3 of the US House Seats. This will give Republicans 80% of the House. This is not creating representative Democracy. It causes extreme policies, voter apathy, and communities that are not represented in Congress. Also, there is no new census data and no legitimate reason to redraw the districts other than a power grab. This is a move consistent with Authoritarianism. It is also racist because those Districts that you are stealing from Democrats are largely
comprised of black and brown communities. Finally, the public hearings for this have been inadequate, rushed, and overcrowded This is just wrong.
Tami Walker

Nicole Stapleton Stapleton
Self, travel industry
Houston, TX

This is criminal how republicans are trying to redraw districts to win votes. I will actively fight as hard as possible to stop voter suppression. When you can’t win, you cheat. That’s the republican way. Disgusting. The law nor God will look upon you kindly in the afterlife you say you believe in. Criminals do what they do best, break the law…. May judgement both in this life and the next come swiftly. I’m a moderate voter who goes both ways but I see now I cannot vote in good conscience for republicans any longer. They have no morals….

Julie Dickinson
Self
Houston, TX

As a woman, mother, and public school teacher in Harris County, I urge the committee to reject this mid-decade redistricting proposal. This new map is an attempt to silence voters, particularly people of color and low income families. Texas voters deserve to be heard and our elected officials have a duty to listen.

Nayeli Tamez
Self, student
El Paso, TX

While El Paso has a smaller population compared to San Antonio (681,723 thousand compared to 1.527 million), it does not give you the right to strip us of our representation.

San Antoio is well over 500 miles away from El Paso who’s representative only visits briefly When time permits and will prioritize his homeland compared to El Paso. He would not care for us, he would not represent our interests.

El Paso has conflicting interests with 27 other counties, our voices would not be heard. We deserve to be represented by someone who lives here.

Mollie Kasper
Self, teacher
Kaufman, TX

As a Texas AFT member and public school educator in Dallas County, I oppose any mid-decade redistricting that reduces minority voting influence. Our communities deserve fair maps, not political manipulation.

Angela Martinez
Self
Lucas, TX

I fully support the redistricting efforts. While the timing is not in line with the ten year mark, it is well within both legal bounds to make these needed changes. I am in complete support of the redistricting efforts and the recommended changes proposed. Please move forward and pass HB4.

Becki Wortham
Republican Women
San Antonio, TX

I am in support of the Legislation that provides a revised congressional redistricting plan. Thank you

Emily McDonald
Self
Austin, TX

Dear Representative,
I'm writing to express my firm opposition to HB 4, which I believe represents a blatant effort to gerrymander districts and undermine the democratic process in Texas. This bill appears to serve partisan interests rather than the people of this state, especially communities of color and underrepresented voters who deserve equitable representation.

Texans deserve fair maps that reflect our diverse population—not maps manipulated to entrench power. I urge you to reject HB 4 and stand for transparent, just redistricting that upholds the principles of our democracy.

Thank you for your service. Please do the right thing.

Alfredo Maldonado, Dr.
self, Pediatric ER physician
El Paso, TX

I am a Pediatric Emergency Room physician who works in El Paso. We serve a very large area, due to our proximity to Mexico and New Mexico, as well as our distance away from the rest of Texas. The proposed redistricting would put much of our city under a representative who does not live in El Paso and is not familiar with the roadblocks and obstacles that the citizens of El Paso face. The people of El Paso need to be represented by someone who lives here and can advocate for us, not one who regularly votes for cuts against medicaid and medicare, which have large impacts in our community.

Robert Roulston
Self
Amarillo, TX

I am opposed to the congressional redistricting map as proposed by this legislation. The map improperly separates existing communities with a goal of partisan enhancement of the Republican Party of Texas. Re-districting for this purpose is contrary to standing law. That it is taking priority in this session of the Texas Legislature, over scheduled discussions to improve the health and safety of Texans is a clear message by Mr. Hunter and his co-signers that they are more concerned with maintaining power over the population of Texas than they are concerned with improving the education, safety, and health of that population.

Malik Gamble
Self
Rosharon, TX

How does this help Texans? How is this helping our society grow? Why/How are we forming new congressional districts based on old census data? This is just appeasement of trump, and reaffirming my view that the texas government doesn't fight for all Texans, just the ones that share the same view as you. I am disgusted at this shameless power grab. The ramifications of this will cause a chain reaction around the united states, if all the blue states do what you are doing to democrats in texas then the GOP will never hold power, at this point I am okay with that. I have never felt more shame to be a Texan.

Jane Meadows
Self - Teacher
Fort worth, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed Redistricting map! I live in a front porch community, Mislteoe Heights. We are diverse community as is our local Urban YMCA and I am hearing great support as I speak with neighbors and very concerned citizens through out downtown Fort Worth and even the hospital district.

Ted Kincaid
Self/Artist and Professional Educator
Dallas, TX

This unprecedented and frankly immoral power grab is a nationwide embarrassment for the State of Texas. Our state government is showing itself for what it is, a kennel of lapdogs in the service of a despotic and authoritarian president. Please do the sane, right and morally responsible thing and DO NOT PASS THIS BILL.

William Vaello
Self
Georgetown, TX

I SUPPORT THE REDISTRICTING PLAN HB4

Karen Seligman
Self
Pflugerville, TX

This is what I call cheating. This is the most unfair thing I have seen Texas do. I don't support HB 4 by Hunter!

Beatriz Menendez
Self
Houston, TX

Hello, I am not able to attend the open hearing for HB4 but wanted to write to share my support for redistricting. As time passes, and people move about the state, redistricting is important to keep representation reflective of who lives in those districts. I support HB4. Thank you for your time and attention.

Gerald Finley
Myself
Colleyville, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map. Dems do this sort of thing to maintain their numbers, we too must do this to maintain and increase our numbers.

Margaret Graham
self, retired
McAllen, TX

As a retired public university professor and resident of the RGV in Hidalgo County, I strongly oppose any mid-decade redistricting that reduces minority voting influence. Our communities deserve fair maps, not political manipulation. This is a blatant power grab that does not benefit Texans in any way. It is shameful.

Ann Beattie
Helena Handbasket
SAN MARCOS, TX

I am against redistricting during this special session! Please focus on Texas and Texans and flood relief and the people who need you right now - not a selfish blatant power grab for Republicans in Washington. This is not a Census year and not even a remotely appropriate time to consider redistricting. Stop this madness now, and focus on Texans in need - not yourselves.

Keith Emberton
True Texas Project
Leander, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Kyle Chen, President
Fujian Association of South USA
Katy, TX

We firmly oppose Governor Abbott's use of this special session to advance a political agenda of redistricting, rather than addressing the real crisis facing the people of Texas. As the people of Central Texas recover from the devastating floods, he's wasting time behind closed doors redrawing district maps to cling to power. You should put the people of Texas first, stop playing political games, and focus on improving the economy and people's livelihoods. Whenever severe weather strikes, Texas is vulnerable, especially the power system. Please prioritize the lives and interests of the people, not your rights. The people are discerning. If you pursue rights over the people, no matter how much you redraw the districts, they will still vote you out.

Danny Ramirez
Self, Product Manager
Magnolia, TX

Stop the Gerrymandering. Trying to control the state political scene has to stop. Scared of change? I love Texas, but we have some laws that need to change. Marijuana could be taxed now. I believe in more gun control. I still get my permit to carry as its the right thing to do. Make us safer. Focus on the right things and not making it illegal to have a phone in school. Change needs to happen. Don't be scared.

Danielle Joyce
Self, stay at home parent
Deer park, TX

I am VEHEMENTLY against the representatives in office GERRYMANDERING and redistricting our house representatives. It is wrong and you know what you are doing is wrong. History will not be kind to those who lie, steal, and cheat their way to the top.

Deb Farber
Self
Mansfield, TX

“I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.”

Nina` Turley
SELF- Retired Registered Nurse
Cedar Park, TX

To legislators representing ALL Texans: This bill is ANTI- every law, policy and practice set out for 250 years for giving liberty and justice for ALL. That it is being proposed is a crime and evidence that political gain for personal progress is the driving force behind the GOP power grabbers. Stop this madness. Let the people have their representation as it is naturally evident by the district where they live their lives.
Nina Turley

Stacy Sanchez, Mrs.
Self educator
Killeen, TX

The people do not want redistricting and are tired of the party loyalty that we have been witnessing because working for your party to push one person's agenda does not equate working for the people. Your job, as our representatives, is to work towards what is in our best interest and not redraw lines and boundaries for numbers because a few people are rattled and scared. The MAJORITY wants change. I deeply oppose redistricting and would like to see that representatives respect and value the voices of their people. What has been going on in this state is abhorrent and is an atrocity. It's time to STOP the hypocrisy and do what's right for humanity. NO to redistricting!!

Liz Nelson
Self
Conroe, TX

I support HB 4
Please keep Texas conservative!
Thank you

Robin Rosenstock, Dr
Self, retired
Austin, TX

I oppose this bill. The population has changed since the last census and it will continue changing until the next census. You are redistricting without current information. Section 2 of the voting rights act says it is illegal, either intentionally OR unintentionally , to draw lines that discriminate. So this will end up in court for how long? Or is this what you plan? The appearance of kowtowing to Trump without actually expecting 5his map will go into effect? In the meantime elections will be thrown into chaos. I OPPOSE as an over 40 year resident of Texas, I OPPOSE THIS BILL

Rhonda Simpson
self
Arlington, TX

Redistricting in the middle of a census is illegal and wrong. Doing it blatantly to give a certain party more members is gerrymandering, illegal and wrong. Lying to the public to say that maps were not redrawn and public comment was necessary is unethical and evil. The maps presented are ugly and misrepresents this state. You should all be ashamed of what you're doing here.

I am already in a district that is misrepresented and don't want to see other voices shut down because someone FROM NEW YORK says you have to. Is YOUR power more important than the people you profess to represent? We will note and remember who votes for this bill. We will note and remember who has bowed to Washington and not stood for their constituents. You will not be on the right side of history if this map passes.

Neil Smith, Mr.
self - Software Engineering
Austin, TX

I am very concerned with the preliminary redistricting maps that have been released as part of this process. I live in Travis county and it is frustrating to see my area's voting power watered down amongst a number of gerrymandered districts that seek to spread out our city across a number of districts that are unrepresentative of our area.

Paula Singleton, Mrs
self, CPA
Onalaska, TX

Texas is a Republican state that should be represented by Republicans. Our congressional representation is vital to preserving our values. According to The Texan’s Partisan Index, Texas has moved four points to the right since 2020 and is now an R-58%.

Hope Scott
AFT
Port Arthur, TX

I am writing to request that the legislators who represent Texas does not bend to the will of the POTUS. He has no right to tell Texas how to run Texas.
I live in a district that is already so gerrymandered that it divides neighborhoods and neighbors.
Our representative, Christian Manuel, has been visible and vocal in our communities. As a retired educator, I know that he has been a staunch advocate for education, educators, and retired school personnel. I have also heard him address other needs in our district.
Again, I am writing to request that we do what is right for Texas not the whims of a power seeking POTUS.
Respectfully,
Hope Scott

Thomas Rupe
Self
Austin, TX

I am a centrist voter and resident of one of the districts affected by the proposed congressional map changes. I oppose the redistricting plan currently under consideration.

This proposal appears to be a clear attempt to shift Democratic-leaning districts into Republican control through partisan gerrymandering. While I don’t align rigidly with either party, I believe voters should choose their representatives — not the other way around.

Fair maps should reflect the actual demographics and political makeup of our communities. Instead, this plan undermines competitive elections by carving up districts to favor one party at the expense of balanced representation. It weakens the voices of millions of Texans, including independents and moderates like myself, and further entrenches political polarization.

Texas is growing and diversifying. Our representation should grow more responsive and reflective — not less. I urge the committee to reject this map and commit to a transparent, nonpartisan redistricting process that respects communities of interest and protects the principle of one person, one vote.

Furthermore, I reject extremism by either party. This redistricting plan is the definition of extreme. If Republican hope to persuade Independent voters like me that their party is worthy of my vote, this is not the way to do it. You stand to lose moderate voters - and perhaps that’s your intention. But if it’s not, you should strongly reconsider this obscene abuse of power.

Andy Hackett
Self, Program Coordinator
Gilmer, TX

I am writing in opposition of HB 4. Redistricting creates a gerrymanderd map and minimizes the voices of Texans. It is our God given right, as Texans, to have a voice in who leads and guides this state. This bill would largely favor the conservative minded citizens and dismiss the opinions of everyone else. If this is the only way to keep republicans in power, than maybe this is the sign that it is time for a change.

Leslie Pruski
self
Houston, TX

Redistricting, particularly when driven by partisan interests, wastes taxpayer money. It diverts essential funds from community services and infrastructure towards convoluted and often unnecessary political maneuvering. This process prioritizes manipulating electoral maps for political gain rather than serving the public good, ultimately undermining fair representation and democratic principles.

Lorena Schmidt
self
Carrollton, TX

Gerrymandering is a deliberate threat to the integrity of our democratic system. Combating it is not a partisan issue—it is a civic imperative. We must act decisively to adopt nonpartisan redistricting reforms that protect the rights of all voters and uphold the legitimacy of our elections. Democrates, break quorum if necessary!

Fannie SMITH
Zeta Phi Beta Sorority
Garland, TX

Against redistricting

Lisa Aldrich
Self
Rockwall, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map to better represent the people’s true beliefs.

Aaron Dembe, Dr.
Self - mental health therapist
Austin, TX

This hb 4 is gerrymandering, it's anti democratic, it's racist, it's un-American. Please don't pass this. It will not take the state in a good direction.

Misty Pritchett
Myself
Murchison, TX

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the current redistricting proposals under consideration. As a concerned Texas resident and voter, I believe that the proposed maps do not reflect fair representation and instead appear to prioritize political gain over the rights and voices of everyday Texans.

Redistricting should be a transparent, inclusive process that ensures every community has equitable representation. Unfortunately, the current maps dilute the voting power of communities of color, divide cohesive neighborhoods, and undermine public trust in our democratic system. These outcomes are unacceptable and contrary to the principles of fair representation guaranteed under the Voting Rights Act.

Texas is a diverse and rapidly growing state, and our electoral maps must reflect that reality—not manipulate it for partisan advantage. I urge the committee to reject any plan that perpetuates gerrymandering.

Candice Edwards
Self - chief of staff
Austin, TX

This is unconstitutional and disgusting.

Keith Downey, President
Kashmere Gardens Super Neighborhood Council #52
Houston, TX

I am writing to you to ask that the redistricting maps be rejected. This will disenfranchise the voters and it's just plain gerrymandering. We should encourage more people to vote and get involved in the process instead of discouraging them and taking away their voice. We are all Americans, and we all have a God given right to be heard. Our voices are no stronger, than at the ballot box. We cannot consider ourselves on the side of right. Discouraging minority voters from having the same god given rights that we all must have. This will truly discourage many black and brown voters and as we know doing this time, people are questioning the validity, of politics already. Many feeling they're already counted out. Reject this bill.
This is not an art of the deal. It's punching at voters with both of their hands tied behind their backs and that's wrong.

Amy Shilliday
Self
Cedar Park, TX

Before passing this illogical map, TX lawmakers should walk the perimeter of these proposed districts. There is no way true constituent representation can happen with these insane plans and they know it.

Rochelle Ran, Ms.
Self/educator
Garland, TX

I am vehemently against this blatant grab for seats. What happened to the “come and take it” state? Texas republicans sure let Donald Trump push them around and attempt to cheat the system. There is no reason for our districts to be so gerrymandered. Parts of El Paso and San Antonio share the same rep! That is ridiculous. You can’t say that all of those areas will be represented fairly by a representative that will visit all areas equally. Texas is a 60% majority minority state. Let the maps represent this reality. No to the proposed redistricting maps.

Vicki Coffman
self
Richmond, TX

These are the remarks I wanted to deliver at Houston, but their time ran out before I had the opportunity.

I am even more infuriated now than I was then, since it is obvious that those hearings were a sham and these maps were already prepared the whole time of the previous hearings.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak.

I'm nobody in particular except a person with an opinion, which I am expressing as my small contribution to keeping Republicans from being able to say nobody cares about this. I'm sure you're noticed not one single person has been in favor.

It was was sort of explained why I was forced to declare myself as neutral when I signed up, which I am emphatically not. I would like to be directed to the rule that you cite. Call me paranoid, but I smell a rat. OK, so it is because there is not an actual bill. Well, that's a rule that needs to be changed. Bill or no bill, put me on record as being opposed to the very idea.

Earlier in this hearing, someone asked a question about how they can be sure this would be done in compliance with the Voting Rights Act. I understand the sentiment, but that is the wrong question when the fact is that the thing should not be done at all. This doesn't mean I'm in favor of the current maps. This means that I'm 99% sure that anything this legislature does would make things worse.

Also someone earlier said that any map drawn would be based on the 2020 census. Guess what? Maps have already been drawn based on the 2020 census, by Republicans. Makes it even more obvious that this is just an attempted tweak to the gerrymandering that already exists.

It is obscene that this is being done before timely and sufficient attention is paid to the Hill Country.

This is being done at the behest of Trump, or rather his handlers, and we all know it.

This country is well down the road to full-on fascism, so you can guess what I think of hurrying it along.

Redistricting is done after the census. There is no reason except a nakedly partisan one for doing it at this time. Therefore, in a rational world, it should not be done.

Thank you for listening.

Donna Wallace
Resident
Pasadena, TX

It’s about time

Denisse Meza
Self
Austin, TX

The extraordinary re-districting of Texas is unconstitutional. The proposed map gives no chance to constituents to be properly represented and everyone loses something.

Joao Filho
Self
Austin, TX

I’m against redistricting outside of the typical 10 year/census schedule. This screams corruption, and I expect the Texas representatives to act with integrity.

Mindy Benson
Self
Dripping Springs, TX

I oppose the new congressional map. It is clearly gerrymandered, and racist and trying to silence our communities. Texas should do better and not be bowing to President Trump.

Mande Kalbfleisch
self
Denison, TX

I am all for this redistricting to happen. Texas has grown and with growth comes changes in demographics. Changes in demographics means changes in voters. We need this redistricting to allow for these new voters to have their voices heard.

Alannah Rivers
Self (college professor)
Denton, TX

I oppose any mid-decade redistricting that reduces minority voting influence. As a scientist, I care about data - and data is why we redistrict after the census. This move is motivated not by data or voters but by political machinations in Washington. I have personally experienced the frustrations of living in a district where my representative is hundreds of miles away and distant from any local concerns. I do not wish this on others in Texas, especially those in major population centers.

Vicki Magruder, Mrs
Oakwood
Oakwood, TX

Vote yes on HB4

Nina Brodsky
self
Austin, TX

This is an outrage and you know it. You are destroying our democracy for the sake of a pedophile, a traitor and a politician whose only concern is his own personal wealth. If you think he has your interests or the interests of Texas or the United States in his heart you are wrong. He will turn on us as soon as it is to his advantage. You are either being duped, bribed or blackmailed. Don't submit.

michael pratt, Mr.
self
keller, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting.

Raissa Evans
Self, director, professional services
Houston, TX

This is such blatant partisanism and a land grab attempt by Republicans to shore up a future election when they know they've been so abusive on the people of that United States that the only way to win future elections is to cheat. And Governor Abbott capitulates to Trump because he's a coward like the rest of them. I don't know what he has on all of you, but continuing to take away the right to vote, making it harder to vote, and calling a special session in order to redistrict is immoral, dirty, and fascist. And the fact you are taking away time to talk about and decide recovery efforts for our recent Texas tragedies is disgusting.

My area of Houston with millions of people has been left without a House representative for MONTHS after the death of Sylvester Turner because of your disgusting behavior. Abbott wont call a special session so the people have a representative but he'll sure call one to take your representation away.

Derick Deleo
Texas Resident
Van Alstyne, TX

This is such a blatant attempt to nullify as many votes against any Republican as I have ever seen. This does NOT represent a government "of the people, by the people, for the people"! Redraw lines by adjoining counties with relatively equal populations for each district without obvious attempts to make as many districts contain mostly one partiy's base. Then campaign on policies and positions and let the people decide who they trust to govern FOR them.

Jihan Makram
Self
Southlake, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Patricia Moore
HCRP/ precinct 483
Houston, TX

Harris County Republican Party Precinct Chair 483 supports HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Lynn Quincey
Self
Bedford, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Ana Lopez
Self, higher education
Houston, TX

The redistricting is an illegal attempt to silence black and brown voters. It does not provide equal representation. It should NOT be allowed to happen.

aileen boone, mrs
na
san antonio, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map

Timothy Wood
Self
Pearland, TX

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the State of Texas engaging in off-cycle redistricting efforts that clearly lack any legal basis and violate the principles of fair representation.

Redistricting is a constitutionally mandated process intended to reflect population changes based on the decennial census. Any attempt to redraw legislative maps outside of this established schedule, without a court order or legitimate census-related justification, is a blatant abuse of power and undermines public trust in the democratic process.

It is deeply troubling that the current effort appears to be motivated by partisan interests, targeting and dismantling districts where elected officials do not align with the political majority in the legislature. This is not democracy—it is strategic disenfranchisement. By selectively redrawing boundaries, the State is silencing voters, particularly in communities of color and urban areas, and undermining the very foundations of representative government.

Texans deserve fair maps. We deserve transparency. We deserve a government that serves all its people—not just those in power. I urge you to stop this process immediately and respect the legal and constitutional norms that protect the voice of every voter.

This makes you look weak and will be judged the god you say you believe in...

Joanna Fried, Ms.
Self
Austin, TX

As a Texan for far too long we have been misrepresented by gerrymandering. I grew up in the Panhandle and came out a Democrat. I am a part of a wonderful group of Democrats from small towns across Texas. My mother is a Republican. During our discourse about politics that have become increasingly more volatile over the last 10 years, her response to my complaints has always been “vote if you don’t like it”. Voting is a misrepresentation of how we can change things in Texas when our state is chopped up to best represent the current party in control of our state. Why do we need gerrymandering? What happened to properly representing your constituency. Why not just listen to the people. Why are all decisions being made by an elected few and those elected are there because of gerrymandering. We need proper representation.

Please remember that the decisions you make will come back to impact you in one form or another. Your current political leader will not always be in office and Texans will never forget the misrepresentation that you have brought about in our great state. Texas belongs to me and the many people who showed up to speak and to send letters. We are Texas. The leaders here represent us. The votes come from
Us. The taxes we pay come from our labor. Represent us or one way or another we will vote you out. The times are changing. No longer will a small group of individuals continue to control who we are as a population.

Please consider Texans and Truth. From a native Texas who has continued to come back to this state over and over because this is MY STATE. I am not alone. There are many of us who want to be represented by people who have the same beliefs in us. I appreciate your time. Do the right thing. Do not misrepresent us with gerrymandering.

Anne Eland
Self
Hurst, TX

I support HB 4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Glen Moorman
self - assistant director
Austin, TX

Honorable Representatives of the great state of Texas,

As a proud Texan, I'm deeply offended by the suggestion that anyone representing me would bow down to pressure from Washington DC to decide anything in our state. We bow down to no one. We are Texas!

Texas was once it's own country and is an independent state in the USA. If we give up our states rights to federal interference where does it end? What happens when a democrat is elected president or controls Congress and unless you're completely blind to political cycles and history, it will happen again. Do we as Texans acquiesce to whoever happens to be in power in Washington like cowering sycophants?

Texas is also the 8th largest GDP in the world. We should start acting like it and not like a little child looking for handouts from daddy. If Washington wants to cut funding to our state then we cut funding to them. They need us more than we need them and what do they do for us. Nothing. I don't pay a state income tax - why do I pay a Federal one?

Do not vote for this Congressional Redistricting bill for the simple fact that once you start down the road of toadying up to bullies, it will never end. Even when there are new bullies in power in four years. Keep Texas free to make its own decisions.

Sincerely,
Glen Moorman
registered Independant

Kathleen Davies, Rev
A Community of the Servant-Savior Presbyterian
Houston, TX

I stand firmly against districting at the moment, do not take any more power away from the people of Texas.

Lynn Trenta, Mrs.
Self/retired
Fulshear, TX

The proposed redistricting of US representatives is specifically aimed at giving an advantage to the republican party at the request of the president, not to fairly reflect and represent the voters of Texas. The districts need to be drawn to fairly represent the population and not give a political party an unfair advantage. This goes against democracy and supports political manipulation. I urge the Texas legislature to vote against this bill. We need to support "one person, one vote" not political gerrymandering.

Patricia Parker
Self/retired
Lovelady, TX

Do not redraw congressional district map!!! This just proves to me that Republicans are scared! And everything they do is to benefit themselves!!! They don’t care about their constituents.

Evangeline Braden
Self
Arlington, TX

There is no reason for redistricting to be happening right now. I am against this. Do not move forward with redistricting.

Tonya Gee
Self
Grand Prairie, TX

As a proud and concerned Texan, I am writing to let you know that I am strongly opposed to the proposed efforts to draw new lines and create unconstitutional new districts. Moving forward with this process will silence, crack, and stack predominantly Black and Brown communities, effectively creating taxation without representation. We are calling on the committee members to reject the directive by Governor Greg Abbott in coordination with national leadership. This plan, which seeks to create five additional Republican districts through blatant gerrymandering, is both unconstitutional and deeply harmful to the principles of fair representation and democracy.

This calculated effort to manipulate district boundaries for political gain undermines the integrity of our electoral process and erodes public trust in our democratic institutions. Redistricting must be rooted in accurate population data, conducted transparently, and shaped by public input, not crafted behind closed doors to entrench political power and marginalize communities like the one I live in, where I nurture family.

If implemented, this plan will:

• Dilute the voting strength of Black, Brown, and communities of color.

• Disenfranchise diverse constituencies.

• Undermine the credibility of our democratic process, and

• Invite costly legal challenges and potential federal intervention.

As an elected official and committee member entrusted with representing the people of Texas, I urge you to reject this proposal and any proposed maps. Stand for fair maps, uphold voter integrity and equity, and support a transparent redistricting process that respects the Voting Rights Act and reflects the true diversity of our state. In addition, facilitating a mid-decade redistricting process is unprecedented.

?Texas belongs to all of us, not just those in power and convenient political Texans. I would appreciate it if you publicly state your position on this matter. I, along with many others, am paying close attention! Thank you for your time and your service to the people of Texas.

Pamela Ruiz
Self, Engineer
Austin, TX

I believe that this rushed redistricting session is a clear power grab by state Republicans and I think it's shameful that this is what is being prioritized, rather than flood relief and assistance to the residents and victims of a disaster that is still ongoing. Texans need lawmakers to be fully accountable and transparent and we deserve congressional maps that represent the true diversity of this state.

Michael Meinersmann
Self - Retired
Bryan, TX

I strongly support HB 4 and the redistricting map.

Norma Kemp Heslep
self
Axtell, TX

I support HB4, just as it is proposed

Bettie Taylor
Self. Retired.
Fort Worth, TX

I support HB4 and the redistricting map that is proposed due to the clear changes to voting preferences since 2020.

Cheri Wilkerson
Self
Blanco, TX

I support HB4!!

Cheryl Moore
self-retired
League City, TX

Gerrymandering in Texas is a blatant attack on the democratic process, undermining the principle of fair representation. By manipulating district boundaries to favor one political party, the state's legislature has distorted the will of voters, effectively silencing entire communities. These district lines are drawn in ways that pack opposition voters into a few areas or spread them thin across multiple districts to dilute their influence, ensuring that certain voices remain unheard. The impact is especially harmful for minority populations, whose voting power is often diminished in favor of preserving the political status quo. This deliberate redistricting strategy not only erodes public trust in the system but also skews electoral outcomes, perpetuating a cycle of inequality and disenfranchisement. Gerrymandering in Texas must be confronted and rectified to ensure that every vote counts equally, restoring integrity to the democratic process. Thank you.

Philip and Nancy Goodwin
Selves, Retired
Fort Worth, TX

We strongly support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Rachel Freedline
Self, LMSW
Buda, TX

As a social worker serving individuals and families from both Hays and Travis County, I oppose any redistricting that reduces minority voting influence. Our communities deserve fair maps and representation that reflects the true needs of our communities with all voices equally valued.

Margaret Canavan
self retired
Galveston, TX

I oppose the plan to redistrict Texas to ensure one party's dominance. This is uncalled for as Texas is already under the tight control of one party and is against all principles of democracy. Fair players do not change the rules mid-game. If this bill becomes law, it will ultimately hurt the party in control because of the voter backlash it causes. You must look beyond immediate possible political gains and look at the big picture, and history of this great State and Nation. Along with all thinking Texans, I urge to take the honorable road and abandon this campaign. Thank you.

Lynda Meeks
Self, instructor
Irving, TX

Redrawing lines to cheat the citizens of Texas from getting a fair result from their wishes is the wrong way to govern a state. Listen to your constituents and compromise on legislation to satisfy more people!

Danny Jones
Self - Retired
Weatherford, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Cathy Latham, Mrs
Self
West, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map. We need the map to represent the real Texas voter.

Amber Sanders
Self - REALTOR
Lubbock, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Christine Ratcliff
Self/retired
New Braunfels, TX

I oppose this attempt to engineer the outcome of elections to the US House of Representatives in favor of a single party. This is a blatant attempt to usurp the will of the voters of the state of Texas and is undemocratic to the core.

Marie West
Self/Retired
Cleburne, TX

I object to a re districting bill that is meant to unbalance voting results in favor of one party. I especially oppose these efforts that are in favor of perpetuating the unAmerican goals of Project 25. I will vote against any politician who supports actions that enable Constitutional rights to be infringed or eliminated.

Lisa Ziehe, Ms.
Self/Budget and Grants Specialist
Benbrook, TX

Redistricting mid-census is despicable. It should be done only after the census. Doing this will start an arms race of states trying to outdo each other, and that's a bad precedent to set. It furthers the authoritarian stance of the current U.S. government. We are on a scary path towards a loss of freedom, and this action only takes us further down that path. I strongly urge you not to take this action. Wait until the next census.

Kathleen Brown
Self, Board Certified Music Therapist
Temple, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map. We need true representation.

Mandy Maguire
Self
Dallas, TX

This is a wildly unfair way to redraw maps that republican leaders within the last few years testified were fair. The sole purpose is to silence and drown out the voices of Texas voters.

Jerry Carpenter
Self
Tyler, TX

I am opposed to this redistricting effort because it will discriminate against minorities and others who will not have a voice because of its effects. Please vote no on this bill.

Emily Moses
Self, Senior Software Engineer
San Angelo, TX

I’m writing to urge you to REJECT this corrupt redistricting process and all gerrymandered maps.

Gov. Abbott is letting Trump control him while ignoring the real problems in our lives. Please do everything in your power to fight back and put Texans first!

I strongly urge you: REJECT this process!

Thank you.

Ruma Singh
SAAVETX
Round Rock, TX

RE: Opposition to Mid-Decade Congressional Redistricting – A Statement from South Asian Texans
Dear Governor Abbott, Lt. Governor Patrick, and Speaker Burrows,
As members of the South Asian American community across Texas, we write to express our unequivocal opposition to the mid-decade congressional redistricting plan currently before the Legislature.
South Asian Texans are one of the fastest-growing populations in this state. We run businesses, drive innovation, advance medicine, and enrich the cultural and civic life of Texas. We also vote, organize, and contribute to the democratic process.
But this redistricting proposal is not about improving representation — it is about manipulating it. These maps are being redrawn to break up strong, diverse voting blocs and weaken the collective voice of communities of color, including South Asians, who are becoming an undeniable force in Texas politics.
In major metropolitan counties where South Asians live and work — Harris, Fort Bend, Dallas, Collin, Tarrant, Travis, and Bexar — cohesive neighborhoods are being fractured and stitched together with distant rural counties. These artificial districts have nothing to do with shared interests and everything to do with diluting the political power of growing populations.
This is not representation. This is an intentional strategy to silence voters and undermine democracy.
What does a tech executive in Plano have in common with a farmer hundreds of miles away? What shared vision for Texas can come from districts designed to split communities apart rather than bring them together?
Texas should stand as a model of democratic integrity, where representation reflects the people who call this state home. Instead, this process dismantles the very pillars of democracy — fairness, accountability, and trust.
When maps are drawn for partisan gain, they don't just distort election outcomes — they tell entire communities their voices don't matter.
We stand with Texans in Fort Bend, Collin, Dallas, Harris, Travis, Williamson, Bexar, El Paso, Denton, and Tarrant Counties who are seeing their voting power diluted and their representation sacrificed for political advantage.
We urge you to withdraw this plan and commit instead to drawing fair maps that keep communities whole, reflect where people actually live and work, and protect every Texan's right to representation.
Democracy only works when every vote counts and every voice is heard. These maps break that promise. Texans — all Texans — deserve better.
Sincerely,
Ruma Singh (SAAVETX)
Round Rock, TX

Rowan Hamilton, Mr.
Self
Denton, TX

If the democrats of this state truly believe in protecting Texans, they will break quorum and prevent this redistricting from occurring. It is a hard choice, but you must do it.

Deborah Dewey, Mrs
Self
Austin, TX

This redistricting is deplorable. This action undermines the principle of fair representation where communities have elected candidates of OUR choice, based upon that community's needs.

DeeDee Karabetsos
Self - Retired Teacher
Denton, TX

District lines must not be established with political party make-up in mind. An independent committee, made up of equal numbers of Republican, Democratic and Independent party members, should be tasked with the redistricting process ONCE every ten years. All Texan citizens deserve to have a redistricting process that is fair, transparent, and results in equal representation for all, not this rushed and deeply flawed process. All Texan citizens have the right to fair and equal representation that is achieved through a thoughtful, transparent process that allows meaningful public input. Lawmakers should have the necessary information to create legally compliant district maps, protect minority voting rights, and respect county lines, city boundaries, and communities of interest. A rushed 30-day special session packed with unrelated agenda items is not the way to achieve this.

Tara Walker-Leon
Austin ISD
Austin, TX

This is unconstitutional and clearly a power grab. Please stop wasting tax payer dollars on these illegal shenanigans. Texas has real issues that need addressing: highest percentage of uninsured children, low quality public education, high bankruptcies, finishing women's rights. The list goes on and on. Help people of Texas without cheating on congressional voting lines.

Karen Stott
Leon County
Centerville, TX

I fully support the redistricting bill

Amanda Pierson
Self- Attorney
Houston, TX

This is garbage. Please do not redistrict based on a desperate attempt to pick up seats. Earn votes by passing legislation that serves everyone- not this. Absolutely shameful.

Joyce Galiette, Mrs
Self
Missouri City, TX

There is no justification for this congressional redistricting. It is unnecessary, confusing to voters and will cause the state to waste time and money during the special session – only to later waste more time and money in litigation over whatever maps are proposed. Please stop this pointless work and these unjust maps.

Terry Diethrich
Self
Denton, TX

As a Texas voter, I am strongly opposed to redistricting.

Jerry Milam, Mr.
Rains County / Republican
Emory, TX

I believe that the HB4 is in the best interest of ALL Texans. Therefore, I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Brianna Smith
Self
North Richland Hills, TX

I am writing, once again, to oppose HB4: gerrymandering the Texas congressional districts. There have been many facts provided as to why this shouldn't be done: there isn't accurate census data; the current maps are still being contested in court; it's the middle of the decade. The list goes on. But none of that seems to matter to the Governor and the Republican majority in the state. This is greed. This is capitulation. This is party over patriotism. It is an affront to our civil liberties and the foundation of our democracy. Those that vote in favor of this measure, of this map, will put themselves at risk of being voted out of office. Texans across party lines stand opposed to the idea that our elected officials would have the audacity to secure power in this way.

Lindsey Fischer
Self
Round Rock, TX

I am AGAINST this bill. I was under the impression that you represent Texans and not big government. Big government is asking you to do this - not Texans. Focus on the real issues we are facing - this should not be an issue until the next census.

Suzanne White
Self - Retired Educator
Wimberley, TX

Texans want reasonable, fair districts, NOT MAGAmandered ones!
I expect our representatives to do everything possible to stop this attack on our voting rights!

Karen Trost, MRS
self - editor
Keller, TX

I strongly oppose mid-decade congressional redistricting, as it is a blatant attempt to retain power in the midterm elections by a party that knows there is no other way they can win because of their poor representation of their constituents under the Trump administration. I thought Texas was better than this.

Stephanie Bailey
Self/consultant
Montgomery, TX

This is obvious voter disenfranchisement. There is no logical reason to redistrict mid decade except what Trump has been open about, creating 5 new seats. This is not democracy. You can’t pretend that this is anything other than a power grab in a state that already votes solidify red and the federal and state level.

Sonia Samples
Self/TSEU
San Antonio, TX

Hello, my name is Sonia Samples and I'm a Texas voter living in San Antonio, Bexar County, US District 35. I urge the members of the House Redistricting Committee to reject the proposed map.

This map appears to be drawn with the clear intention of creating a partisan advantage, rather than ensuring fair and equitable representation for all Texans. This kind of gerrymandering erodes public trust in our elections and prioritizes political power over democratic principles. The proposed map changes the shape of District 35, which in San Antonio is 55% Hispanic and 11.9% Black, with the intention of diluting the voting strength of Texans of color. Targeting districts that were won by Democrats, especially those with majority minority presence, is a clear sign of unfair and potentially illegal gerrymandering.
The only other time Texas voluntarily redrew maps outside a census was in 2003 after Republicans gained control of the state legislature and governorship, and replaced court-drawn maps with Republican advantage ones. The current redistricting process has been rushed, secretive and not transparent. Fair maps can only be created through a transparent and inclusive process with meaningful public input.
The committee should reject the current proposed map and prioritize the creation of a redistricting map that is fair representation for all Texans, avoids splitting communities with shared interests across multiple districts, and promotes competitive elections where candidates must earn the support of voters, rather than choosing their voters.

Thank you for your time and consideration of these comments. Please assure that the voices of all Texans be heard and represented through a fair and equitable redistricting process.

Sincerely,

Sonia Samples

Alexis Gross
Self, teacher
Fort Worth, TX

I am against the mid-decade redistricting proposed by this bill. It is a makes power grab by an unpopular persistent to cement power and thwart the will of the voters. Vote no on redistricting.

STEFANIE TAYLOR
Self
AUSTIN, TX

This bill is proposing Gerrymandering, and would be a detriment of all Texas citizens, and how their votes will be counted in elections.

James Bunch
Sef
Austin, TX

I would like to thank the Chairman and the Committee Members for providing an opportunity for voters to provide input to the newly released maps drawn by the House Redistricting Committee. I am representing myself and my name is James Bunch. I have lived in Texas for 25+ years and am retired. In the 2021 redistricting I was moved from District 10 to District 37. I was thrilled, as this put me in a District comprised of individuals in Austin who share my community of interest.
Unfortunately, it is deeply troubling that that I have been moved back to District 10 in the 2025 maps. This district includes many rural communities that extend 211 miles to the east of my home. In Travis County the population is 1.3M and the average population in the other counties in my district is 49K and the median size is 29K. Consequently, the issues I experience are very different from the other counties in my District and my interests are ignored. Just to attend a town hall hosted by my representative on average I would need to drive over 100 miles where today I can drive 15 miles.
Texans usually look out for one another—except, it seems, when politicians draw district lines. It's disheartening to see maps designed to silence voters instead of empowering them. Freedom means ensuring every Texan has a voice, regardless of political affiliation.
My key concerns include:
1. My North Austin neighborhood is again grouped with rural counties that do not share my community interests. When I was previously in District 10, my representative did not respond to my concerns. I felt unrepresented.
2. The purpose of HB 4 redistricting is solely political to get more Republicans elected to Congress. This has been reiterated by the Governor and the President. Priority is given to what Washington wants over Texas citizens.
3. At the same time this proposal is trying to disguise illegal racial gerrymandering as political gerrymandering since the proposal would increase Republican representation by 5 seats by taking away representation from communities of color.
4. Extreme packing and cracking further dilute fair representation and ignore the reality of where and how Texans live today.
5. Despite 95% of Texas's recent population growth being in communities of color, the map increases majority-white districts.

Texas must still abide by Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act and the Fourteenth Amendment. This proposed map ignores public input and takes away representation from Texans of color and urban and suburban communities. Freedom should mean the freedom for every Texan to be heard not just those of a certain political leaning.

I urge you to redraw the maps.

Thank-you!

Jennifer Zappa
Self
Mansfield, TX

This redistricting map is very obviously a racist attempt to dilute the minority vote. This should be illegal!

Kristy Mordhorst
None
Keller, TX

I strongly oppose this redistricting plan. The plan undermines democracy and electoral integrity. It is not a fair or representative map but a blatant power grab designed to entrench political power than reflect the will of the voters.

The deliberate manipulation to dilute typically democratic leaning districts is deeply troubling. This plan sends a clear message that those behind it do not believe their policies or platforms can win in a fair election. Rather than appeal to voters, you are attempting to rig the system.

Voters should determine their representatives through fair and democratic means not have the districts gerrymandered to ensure party dominance.
I urge you to reject this plan. Our state and democracy deserve better.

Lauren Garza
Self
San Antonio, TX

The Texas redistricting initiative is a blatant and outward manipulation by the Texas Republican party members to rig our elections. We Texans deserve the right to have representation that we choose and vote for. If Texas Republican officials are this scared of losing the upcoming elections they feel the need to resort to these dirty tactics, then perhaps they should instead look inward and think about what changes they can make in their policies and stances to better represent the people they serve.

Do not pass this bill.

Adrian Metzger
Self
LULING, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map. Don't be deterred by the racism! accusations. It's racism! that is being used to stop fair districting. Voting maps should not be the shape of Idaho...

Stacey Jones
Self
Dallas, TX

I want my voice to be heard & I want to let it be known my STRONG OBJECTION to the redistricting that Abbott & Republicans are trying to do in this state. I live in Julie Johnson’s district in North Dallas & have been very happy with her & do not want to lose her. She represents my values more than any republican from East Texas will! Please please PLEASE don’t do this!

Holly Creeach
Brewster County
Alpine, TX

This is an obvious power grab by the Republicans to once again cheat the system. Stop the steal by voting against gerrymandering. Show Texans that our votes and our voices do count.

Kathryn Oney
Self
Mckinney, TX

Mid decade redistricting is a calculated, anti-democratic attempt to take power away from our neighbors by diluting their voice and vote in our state, and thus weakening their representation in our government. Texans deserve a fair and transparent process with district maps that reflect all Texans.

Elenora Larkin
Myself
Allen, TX

I fully support redistricting.

Jenn Fallon
self/retired
Houston, TX

The revised congressional district map just released which is the subject of the hearing shows exactly what Texas Republican leaders have become-cowards, cheaters, abusers of both power and the public trust. Rigging up a map like this one to retain power that would otherwise be lost in our democratic voting process should be illegal, but it is not due to our sadly corrupt Supreme Court. It is immoral and anti-American regardless of the Court's flawed ruling.
For Texas House Representatives and Senators who claim allegiance to the Republican Party- you have abandoned any claim to decency or fairness, respectability, integrity, bipartisanship, and devotion to public duty. What legitimacy remains for you now that you have adopted the mantle of greed and unchecked power in defiance of our democratic norms? Instead of the false promise of small government you are further and further limiting the ever-dwindling freedoms of Texans, stifling viewpoints that contrast with your own, and micro managing our daily lives. You have adopted the Taliban playbook after dumping the Texas constitution. You are stealing elections in advance. You are revolting, disgusting, unspeakable, illegitimate.
We wanted no redistricting and we told you that by an overwhelming majority in the recent hearings. You ignored us. You have ignored the Texans that you claim to represent, again. I stand with the overwhelming majority of Texans who have spoken out about this matter-I strongly object to this redistricting and this revised map.

Vanessa McNamara
self
Austin, TX

Please do not allow this very dangerous redistricting to pass. It will begin an even more destructive climate in Texas and national politics. It is immoral.

Don Leighton-Burwell, Mr.
Self; Architect Emeritus
El Paso, TX

This redistricting attempt is solely political and unprecedented due to its timing (mid-decade without census update). The number of Republican representatives seeking to be added would further increase the current disparity between overall Texas' populations political leanings and the current (and planned) skewed partisan representation. As a representative democracy it is imperative that political districts fairly represent the local populations. Anytime that districts begin to take on odd and indefensible shapes, it should be a sign that cheating is underway and these efforts should be soundly rejected in the name of ethical fairness. It's been said that Republicans cannot win without cheating -- please don't reinforce this sad accusation. No redistricting should be done mid-decade. Texas Legislature had an opportunity to get this right in the early 2020s; if corrections need to be made, do it in 2030. Quit displaying this creepy fealty to our Grifter-in-Chief.

Beth Strickland
Self, occupation: development manager/geologist
Houston, TX

This redisticting is unnecessary. This bill needs killed and representatives need to publicly condemn the radical redistricting process happening in Texas. All state leaders must speak out against the dangerous precedent established by this blatantly partisan gerrymandering.

Kim Longacre
Self
Austin, TX

Austin deserves representation not vivisection. Stop carving our districts up.

Bethzaida Hough, Mrs.
Self
Gatesville, TX

I am in favor of redistricting

Nina Vizcarrondo
self
Austin, TX

To those in favor of this egregious "redistricting" (gerry-mandering) plan: Don't you love America and think it's the greatest country on earth? Don't you believe our representative democracy is what has set us apart from the rest of the world? Gerrymandering is a tragic corruption of the democratic process and your attempt at it here is a particularly blatant power grab. How do you justify this systemic e0nshrining of inequality? Does the lord justify it? “The Lord of heavenly forces proclaims: Make just and faithful decisions; show kindness and compassion to each other!” (Zechariah 7:9) “He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?” (Micah 6:8) I pray that your conscience may overcome your hunger for power and fear of retribution.

Hana Fayed
High School Democrats of America
Allen, TX

My name is Hana Fayed. I want to
start by sharing a story about my family — but this is not just my story. It may have different names, colors, or cultures, but it is the story of many immigrant families across this country.
I’m a first-generation American, a young woman of color, and I stand here representing not only myself but marginalized communities who are often excluded from the political process — not by accident, but by design.
My parents had stable lives and good careers back in Egypt, but they made the difficult choice to leave it all behind — not for wealth, but for freedom. They believed in America’s promise of democracy, fairness, and a future where their children’s voices would be heard.
They rebuilt their lives here. My mother is now a pharmacist serving our community. My father is a senior executive helping an American company expand internationally — literally growing this country’s economy across borders.
They believed in hard work and fairness, and they taught me that oppression — whether overt or disguised — always leads to injustice.
That’s why I’m speaking out against this mid-decade redistricting process. The U.S. Constitution is clear: redistricting happens once every ten years after the census. The last census was in 2020, and maps were adopted in 2021. There has been no new census or court order to justify this.
Instead, we see a rushed power grab, with no transparency and no public input. No maps have even been released yet. Governor Abbott initially opposed this but changed course after pressure from former President Trump, making it clear this is about flipping the U.S. House, not fair representation.
This is disguised oppression — a way to silence communities like mine by diluting our votes through gerrymandering.
I’m 15 years old and cannot vote yet, but I’m watching. My generation demands respect, fairness, and transparency. We refuse to be erased.
I urge you: stop this redistricting process. Give Texans the maps, time, and transparency they deserve. Follow the law and honor our democracy.
Fair representation isn’t a favor — it’s a right.

Avni Bhalakia
Self
Houston, TX

RE: Opposition to Mid-Decade Congressional Redistricting – A Statement from South Asian Texans
Dear Governor Abbott, Lt. Governor Patrick, and Speaker Burrows,
As members of the South Asian American community across Texas, we write to express our unequivocal opposition to the mid-decade congressional redistricting plan currently before the Legislature.
South Asian Texans are one of the fastest-growing populations in this state. We run businesses, drive innovation, advance medicine, and enrich the cultural and civic life of Texas. We also vote, organize, and contribute to the democratic process.
But this redistricting proposal is not about improving representation — it is about manipulating it. These maps are being redrawn to break up strong, diverse voting blocs and weaken the collective voice of communities of color, including South Asians, who are becoming an undeniable force in Texas politics.
In major metropolitan counties where South Asians live and work — Harris, Fort Bend, Dallas, Collin, Tarrant, Travis, and Bexar — cohesive neighborhoods are being fractured and stitched together with distant rural counties. These artificial districts have nothing to do with shared interests and everything to do with diluting the political power of growing populations.
This is not representation. This is an intentional strategy to silence voters and undermine democracy.
What does a tech executive in Plano have in common with a farmer hundreds of miles away? What shared vision for Texas can come from districts designed to split communities apart rather than bring them together?
Texas should stand as a model of democratic integrity, where representation reflects the people who call this state home. Instead, this process dismantles the very pillars of democracy — fairness, accountability, and trust.
When maps are drawn for partisan gain, they don't just distort election outcomes — they tell entire communities their voices don't matter.
We stand with Texans in Fort Bend, Collin, Dallas, Harris, Travis, Williamson, Bexar, El Paso, Denton, and Tarrant Counties who are seeing their voting power diluted and their representation sacrificed for political advantage.
We urge you to withdraw this plan and commit instead to drawing fair maps that keep communities whole, reflect where people actually live and work, and protect every Texan's right to representation.
Democracy only works when every vote counts and every voice is heard. These maps break that promise. Texans — all Texans — deserve better.
Sincerely,
Avni Bhalakia
Houston TX

Jessica Donahue
Self
Houston, TX

As a Houston resident and a committed supporter of democratic principles, I am opposed and reject the redistricting efforts in Texas. This process is a transparent attempt to manipulate electoral boundaries for partisan gain ahead of the 2026 midterms and beyond—an undemocratic maneuver that undermines the will of the people and threatens the integrity of our elections.

Texas already has some of the most restrictive voting laws in the country, making it disproportionately difficult for many citizens—particularly in communities of color—to participate fully in the electoral process. Rather than addressing these barriers, the proposed redistricting would further dilute the political power of a growing and diverse population.

Governor Abbott's decision to call a special session under the pretense of addressing the July 4th flood disaster is deeply troubling. The government should focus on investigating the causes of the flood's devastating impact and ensuring such tragedies are prevented in the future. Instead, critical time and resources are being diverted to pursue a partisan agenda that erodes voter trust and democratic accountability.

This redistricting plan is not about fair representation or better governance; it is about entrenching power at the expense of the people. I urge lawmakers and officials to reject this approach and prioritize a redistricting process that is transparent, impartial, and truly reflective of all Texans like myself.

Donald Sparks
Self
HOUSTON, TX

We live in an age in which silence is not only criminal but suicidal, I have been making as much noise as I can on the illegal, immoral and unethical redistricting effort by the Texas Republican Party. The late great writer and social activist James Baldwin was prophetic when he said, "There will not be anymore Nixon's. There will not be anymore Agnew's in this country. There will be worse people, perhaps, but that's the bottom of the barrel. And if it gets worse, then on another level it gets better because you are forced to deal with what there is. It's an enormous country and terribly divided. It is not possible to put everyone in jail." What we're witnessing in this state and nation is a despicable effort to dilute and diminish the voice and rights of many Americans, especially those of us with darker pigmented skin. You choose to mute us, but we'll get louder. You choose to extinguish the ideals of freedom, justice and democracy from the very people, like me who fought for this nation in uniform, and disrespect the sacrifices I made as if my service didn't matter. The consistent effort of Black voter disenfranchisement has been rampant during my entire lifetime. Both the State of Texas and National GOP has actively participated in Black voter suppression using tactics such as limitations on absentee and early voting, restrictions on voter registration, closures of polling locations, and in this bill, gerrymandering districts to strip away representation. This is by design and on purpose. There's historical precedent on why this nation has practiced discriminatory voting practices. This is nothing new what's happening in 2025, because we know what Jim Crow looks like. We may no longer be denied the right to vote, but we're continue to be under attack by forces who uses targeted authoritarian policy actions to abolish those gains we made in this country. The backlash by Texas GOP is rooted to dismantle our self determination and political representation. This again, is by design and on purpose. Redistricting is supposed to happen every decade following the release of the U.S. Census, but the Texas GOP is caving in to the authoritarian sitting in the White House. The citizens of our state did not ask for this. We are not going to be silent, because we refuse to die at our own hands. We will resist not allow our political power to be diminished by the Texas GOP. We will amass and flex our strength to combat this illegal political grab. I refuse to be in solitary state of anguish, grief, and apathy. I am committed to speak boldly on the democratic tension between inclusion and exclusion. You have chosen through this redistricting effort to oppress Black voters, to quote James Baldwin once more, "with a dangerous and reverberating silence." I cannot, will not, and shall not be silent. I refuse to commit suicide on this day or in the days ahead.

Cecilia Gutierrez
Self
Dallas, TX

This is a flagrant violation of thr voting rights act. It is clearly unfair representation. I urge you to vote against this bill.

Stephanie Nelson
Self, therapist
Keller, TX

Redistricting in the way that has been proposed is not only unethical, but dangerous. Moving the goal posts for political gain is not democracy, and serves politicians, not the people. Please do what’s right by Texans and keep districts as they are.

Gretchen E. Raatz
Myself - attorney
Lakeway, TX

Gerrymandering is the ultimate in voter suppression !

Kevin Owens
self, unemployed
San Antonio, TX

I am against redistricting

Karen Alexander
None
AUSTIN, TX

These proposed maps disempower the voices of communities of color. I want fair maps that represent all Texans drawn by an independent redistricting commission not mandated by a felon.

Lisa Glenn, Dr.
Self/family physician
Austin, TX

I am against redistricting Texas in mid-decade fashion without re-assessment of the population. Targeting Democratic seats in order to solidify a Republican majority is fraudulent. Politicians should not pick their voters. I am against this bill.

Tonya Hendley
self
San Antonio, TX

I am Tonya Hendley, a resident of District 20. I am alarmed at the very unusual call for redistricting so soon after the 2021 redistricting. This is a blatant attempt to change the result of future elections, as the state is turning its back on harmful Republican policies that have been hurting Texans and, as a result, have become wildly unpopular among the majority of Texans. The only way for sitting Republicans to maintain their seats is to illegally gerrymander so severely that they dilute the majority opinions of Texans. This is my home. I am proud to be a Texan. But I am not proud of the mockery that these Republican lawmakers are making of my state. In fact, I am horribly ashamed and scared about the future of my state. I am a US Army Veteran and a healthcare worker. I have seen first-hand and second-hand the horrible and harmful impacts of recent legislation. The things I love about Texas are being taken from us week by week - no freedom to make our own choices, no upward mobility to make our own lives, government getting very involved in our personal dealings. How un-Texan can you get? And such horrific gerrymandering as is proposed will only help make Texas this strange, un-Texan land of iron rule and strict adherence to a single ideal. I welcome any questions about my comment and thank you for your time.

Karen Sharp
Self
Houston, TX

These districts are already cheating. Be the type of party someone wants to vote for. Then you don’t have to cheat

Cristal Benitez-Lopez
Self - legal organizer
Irving, TX

I am against the redistricting.

Anastasia Walrod
Self
Austin, TX

Myself and many Texans oppose this bill. This weakens the voices of Texas constituents.

Sharon Billings
Self
Lewisville, TX

I’m a Texas resident and don’t want to see this happen

Michael DeStefano
self
Manor, TX

I am strongly opposed to mid decade redistricting. The special session should be focused on relief efforts, not appeasing the President by rigging the mid term elections.

Scout Woodward
Self, educator
Garland, TX

This is such a blatant power grab by Republicans trying to break up Democratic seats, and is a terrible distraction from getting work done that actually benefits the lives of every day Texas citizens.

Janie Rowland
Self / Attorney
Austin, TX

HB 4

As a United States citizen and Texas resident, I strongly oppose HB 4. The proposals in this bill are a blatant attempt to continue Texas's shameful history of voter suppression and disenfranchising Texans who belong to minority groups or simply hold minority views. The Texas Constitution provides that our legislature has a duty to uphold the rights of Texans, not to bend to the will of national political movements. "Texas is a free and independent State, subject only to the Constitution of the United States, and the maintenance of our free institutions and the perpetuity of the Union depend upon the preservation of the right of local self-government, unimpaired to all States." Tex. Const. Art. 1, Sec. 1. Furthermore, in Texas, "[all] political power is inherent in the people, and all free governments are founded on their authority, and instituted for their benefit." Tex. Const. Art. 1, Sec. 2. HB 4 is not for the benefit of the people. HB 4 is for the benefit of one Donald Trump and his broader agenda. In the last presidential election, 43.8% of Texan voters voted against Donald Trump and now HB 4 seeks to remove the representation of many of these Texans in the United States House of Representatives. These maps must reflect all Texans, as the Texas government is founded on all of our authority. This attempt to have maps that fail to reflect the broad political diversity of the people in this state is an utter embarrassment and demonstrates with remarkable clarity that the some 55 sponsors of HB 4 are unfit to govern us as they either misunderstand or choose to ignore their duties under the Texas Constitution and as representatives of—and empowered by—the people.

Mary M Perez, Ms
Self/retired
San Antonio, TX

This redistricting is gerrymandering and it needs to stop. As a 65 year old Texan I resent and feel it's cheating by the republicans. Cheating is the only way the Pedo President gets his votes and it stops now. I cannot support this behavior of our government, it's time to listen to the constituents.

Owen Miller-Thomas, Mr.
Self
Houston, TX

This is an undemocratic power grab, and works to limit the voice of people. It is gerrymandering and wrong

Christine Glover
self; author/editor
LEANDER, TX

Your job is to protect the citizens of Texas, particularly from disasters such as the horrific flooding that occurred over the July 4th weekend. A special session was called to address the real needs of Texans during times where disasters can occur. However, after Trump called, you decided to set that issue aside in order to redraw our electoral map at his request. Please do your job: focus on the needs of your fellow Texans, approve flood siren warning signals, and protect our citizens from harm.

Margaret Lockett
self
San Marcos, TX

Dismembering Hays County voters in current CD 35 and CD27 through redistricting also cancels minority opportunity districts in Hays County. A plan which results in such losses for black and minority voters does not promote efficiency but rather unchecked partisanship.

Diana Spain
self
Austin, TX

I am opposed to this Washington DC interference in what the Texas Legislature needs to focus on in this special session. It is a waste of time and money and dishonors the memory of the 120+ victims of the tragic July 4th flooding, including 27 8-year-old little girls, to let out-of-staters dictate what we think is important to Texans, our communities, and our priorities. Please don't let this power grab and unnecessary mid-decade redistricting effort interfere with our fair representation and distract our elected representatives and senators from working on what Texans actually need.

Stephanie Vanicek
self, Software Engineer
Austin, TX

I am a native Texan and have lived in Texas, in multiple different cities, my entire life. I have never been so disappointed in and angered by the leadership of this state. Mid-decade redistricting, without regard to census data or anything other than political maneuvering, is a horrible waste of time and money. HB 4 would accomplish nothing more than to send a signal that Democracy is aggressively being corrupted by the Governor and Republican Legislators of Texas. The only purpose of HB 4 is to steal my right as a United States Citizen to vote and be represented by the Legislator of my choice. Taking this action will lead other states to use the same tactic to countermand Abbott's response to Trump's bidding. HB-4 is bad for Texas and for the entire United States. Our State leadership should focus this special session on addressing the many issues that need attention in our state rather than undertaking a possibly illegal and certainly immoral redistricting effort designed to cheat voters out of fair representation. You were elected by the people of Texas to represent the people of Texas, not to do political favors for a failing president who is afraid he won't have enough support to survive the mid-term elections. As a Legislator sworn to support Democracy, to support our state, and to support our country, do not vote for HB 4 or any mid-decade redistricting measure. Thank You.

Lisa Sparkman
Self, retired educator
Pflugerville, TX

Heavens above, this is not the time to gerrymander our voting districts in Texas. Simply because Republicans have very unpopular policies and can’t win except by cheating and ignoring the people they are tasked with representing, gerrymandering TX is not warranted. Republicans are in- American, un- Constitutional, and inhuman. Stop this gerrymandering power grab.

Erin Murrah-Mandril
Self
Arlington, TX

REJECT this corrupt redistricting process and all gerrymandered maps.

Please do everything in your power to fight back and put Texans first! Earn votes through your actions and your record, not by cheating the system.

REJECT this process!

Leesa Tilotta
self, retired
Round Rock, TX

The plan for redistricting is a blatant power grab which denies voters their right to choose their representatives. This plan will backfire on Republicans in this state and throughout the country.

Mary Grace Ketner, Ms.
self, retired
San Antonio, TX

Our voting precinct are already slanted by whichever party designed them, presently republican, so that elected officials choose their voters rather than the other way around. Our map should be based on population numbers, not population ethnicity. Please do not allow this further distortion of our voting system!

Kathleen Turner
Self
Fort Worth, TX

Let’s not forget—Texas is nearly 60% people of color. Yet, only a third of the congressional delegation reflects that reality. This is not representative government—it’s manipulation.
I urge you: don’t draw new maps in the dark. Wait for the 2030 Census. And if any changes are made, the people must have a voice in the process before anything becomes final.
Don’t silence DFW’s diverse communities. We matter. We are watching. And we will not stop speaking out.
Thank you.

Joni McGhee
Self RN
Canyon Lake, TX

Please, I am pleading to your fair and decent side. For the sake of your children and your grandchildren, please keep the districts fair. We are all Americans not just the minority MAGA’s, please allow for a fair fight(vote).

Terry Lopez
Myself
Meadows Place, TX

This is a direct attack on our voting rights say no to redrawing the maps this is jerrymandering

Beth Francell
Jeff Davis County Democratic Party
Fort Davis, TX

Republican re-districting will be unfair and deny voting rights to a large number of Democrats. Do not do this evil thing.

Laura Carbonneau
self, marketing manager
Austin, TX

Dear Republicans, did you know that at both Trump and Cruz got about 56% of the vote in 2024? And yet, you have already gerrymandered enough to ensure that Democrats only have about 1/3 of the number of Representatives in Congress. And you want to make it worse, especially for the people of color who live in places like Houston and Austin and DFW and San Antonio.

I care about representation - because that is what our country stands for, it is a representative democracy. Not only does it mean my voice can be heard on important legislative issues at the national level in Congress, but that representative is able to know the community they represent. And they are able to help their constituents. These new maps will make so many districts even more stretched out and diluted than now.

How will you feel if other states do the same redistricting but in favor of Democrats? I'm sure you will protest and demonize them. But you have the power to end this madness. Please vote NO.

Mary Trotty
Self
Houston, TX

Mary Trotty, and I am a 97-year-old lifelong Houstonian living in the historic Sunnyside community of Harris County, now in Congressional District 9.
I have lived through Jim Crow and the Civil Rights Movement, holding onto the belief that Texas could one day live up to its promise. But today, I fear that the dreams my husband and I held for future generations are once again under attack.
I remember when Texas had only one Black congressional member—my own congresswoman, the Honorable Barbara Jordan—and later Mickey Leland. Over time, we gained four Black members, a hard-fought progress that gave Black Texans a stronger voice. Now, to see that representation threatened by this mid-decade redistricting plan breaks my heart and stirs my resolve to stand before you today in strong opposition.
For over 50 years, CD 18 has been a protected minority seat, empowering Black, Latino, and Asian American voters in Houston to elect candidates who truly reflect our communities. Leaders like Barbara Jordan, Mickey Leland, Craig Washington, Sheila Jackson Lee, and now my representative Al Green of CD 9 carried that torch—ensuring voices like ours in Sunnyside were heard in Washington.
But today, CD 18 stands vacant—leaving us without representation for nearly eight months—and now you threaten to dismantle CD 9, CD 29, and CD 33 as well. By “packing and cracking” us apart, you are stripping away our political power and betraying everything Barbara Jordan stood for.
I urge this committee to reject mid-decade redistricting and wait until the 2030 Census to redraw maps. Honor the legacy of Barbara Jordan and protect the fair representation that generations of Texans fought for.
I may be 97, but I will not stop raising my voice—and neither will my neighbors—because we refuse to be silenced.
Thank you.

Jordan Fronk
Self
Austin, TX

Against!!!!!!

francisco gonzales
REGISTERED VOTER
Kyle, TX

I'm against redistricting, taxation without true representation in my view. Francisco Gonzales

Quinton Polak
Self
Pearland, TX

This is classic gerrymandering! I do not support this mid-decade redistricting just to please Trump! It’s not how Texans do things!! Corruption!!

Carolyn Chipman Evans
home
Boerne, TX

I OPPOSE this attempt to redraw district lines to favor Republicans in the mid-terms and for the next five years.

Ali Bagheri
self - Portfolio Manager
Austin, TX

As a proud native Texan whose family roots here go back to the 1800s, I am proud of my state. But I am not proud of my state legislature today. This gerrymandering bill must not move forward, for the good of a whole and intact democracy here in the great state of Texas.

Ashley Anne Sipe, Rev.
Vista Ridge United Methodist Church
Roanoke, TX

This bill is not good for anyone in Texas except those GOP candidates that cannot win their seats fairly. This does not represent the best of who we are as Texans. We are a state that takes pride in the freedom and goodwill we embody towards all people and the Redistricting in this manner silences voices that matter. We are BETTER when we listen to one another and debate our thoughts in public discourse. We are not better when we only empower people who all think the same. Our ideas begin to lack refining by challenges and healthy debate. This is not who we are. Texans are not scared to tackle tough problems. We do not run and hide behind from diversity and good campaigns. This bill wreaks of scared politicians buying off and guaranteeing election outcomes. This is NOT the best of Texas. This does not represent my church and the kind of future we desire for our communities. Please vote against HB4 and the redistricting of Texas! - Rev. AA Sipe, Senior Pastor, Vista Ridge UMC, Lewisville TX

Nirav Mandhani
Texas High School Democrats
Houston, TX

Have you no shame? This bill is nothing but a brazen political attempt at gaining political seats in the middle of the election season. Attempting to pass this bill is AGAINST THE NORM of what any other state in the union is doing or has ever done in the past. Playing partisan and political games to favor your party and putting it OVER your allegiance to your country signals a drastic problem in the way this legislature does its business. The way these lines are drawn in particular seek to intentionally harm communities of color who have already been particularly disenfranchised through the introduction of voter ID laws and bans on drive-through voting in my district located within Harris County.

I urge the Texas legislature to reconsider its actions in lieu of backlash from voters in upcoming elections. Taking action in this manner that harms the groups you do not support is a form of authoritarianism that uses your power to punish those who do not support your values and ideals.

In the present moment, there has been no explanation or reasoning provided by the legislature in regards to why this redistricting process is being done not in line with the usual processes of the 10-year timeline established in coordination with the U.S. Census. Until further justification and/or reasoning is established behind this action, it can be clearly assumed that this is a partisan ploy meant to disenfranchise communities that these bill drafters and supporters do not want represented in our upcoming elections.

Stop playing political games with the voters of the state of Texas, GROW UP, and start passing legislation that ACTUALLY BENEFITS YOUR CONSTITUENTS rather than spending time doing abnormal, insensitive work that only harms voter groups you don’t support. DO BETTER!

Eric Pruett
Self, Engineer
DENTON, TX

This map is atrocious, and will be stuck in litigation for years. Anyone supporting this proves they value tribal wins over rational governance. I am NOT a liberal. I am a conservative who believes rational representation mechanisms in government are vital to preserving trust and functionality in our government.

Please abandon this politicized effort and help restore people’s trust in our system of governance.

Toni Clark
Self
Grand Prairie, TX

My name is Toni Clark from the 30th congressional district.

And I am disgusted that I would ever have to write about racially motivated redistricting being considered in District 30.

I am extremely frustrated and disappointed that these hearings have been called to hear residents comments about redistricting that targets the black communities such as mine.

This is a farce because you already have been told what to do . And you are just going through the motions. This redistricting could eliminate my voice and others from having our concerns and issues represented especially on the federal level

My congresswoman Jasmine Crockett has done a fantastic job successfully representing my voice on many issues and I am grateful to have her in office .

I think these hearings are racially motivated and shameful . And it is obvious, your intent is to deliberately attack our communities, our families, our children. Your goal to remove voting representation from the black residents is wrong to those of us who live in my community and want representatives who also reflects our values.

If this was reverse , I would like to know how would you feel to possibly have your or your children's voting representation taken away. This is wrong ! Our state is in the national spotlight because of the horrible actions that you want to take to my community.

I hope and pray what I have communicated is a call to action against the wrong what you are trying to do. Praying that God help you to remove the hatred from your heart and mind towards me and my community.

gwen withrow, Ms
SREC SD 4 myself a citizen
Montgomery, TX

I totally support the redistricting list in HB4. I believe it will more fairly represent the citizens of Texas. It will represent all of us regardless of race. We all need to be equally represented as long as we are a citizen of Texas. Thank you for your consideration

Candace Craig-Hardie
Self
Farmers Branch, TX

It is wrong to silence voices. We all deserve representation that reflects the population. Vote No on redistricting.

Brenda Cantley
Self retired
Spring, TX

"I strongly support HB 4 and the proposed redistricting map. Thank you."

MAGA,
Brenda

Julie Sears
Self
Richardson, TX

Do not vote for this bill because it will rob me and other Texans of our right to representation.

Christella Cain
Self
Austin, TX

I strongly disapprove of this bill. It systematically leaves Black and Brown people out! It seems like the Republicans are choosing their own districts which is against the constitution!

Lesley Fields
Self, Consultant
Austin, TX

This bill is a waste of taxpayer funds at this time. I am incensed that our legislators are wasting my taxes on redistricting when we just spent time and money creating the current districts.

Claudia Hollern
Self
Lockhart, TX

Using our community's tragedy to schedule a special session to push an agenda and suppress voters is horrific.
Stop this right now. Give us the time to grieve and rebuild. Our energy should be focused on our community not our government suppressing our rights.

Haley Stearns
Self
Austin, TX

I'm a white woman and a proud Texan who has generally felt well-represented by my elected officials — and that feeling matters. It makes me feel like I belong, like my voice counts. Every Texan deserves that same sense of representation, no matter their race, background, or zip code. But this redistricting plan threatens to take that away from so many of our neighbors.
The truth is, this process feels like a deliberate move to strip political power away from communities of color who have driven our state's growth. These are people who deserve not just to live in Texas, but to shape it — to have real influence over their schools, their roads, their environment, and their future.
This redistricting plan doesn't reflect who we are. It reflects fear — fear of changing demographics, fear of honest competition, and fear of a truly representative democracy.
I also want to say plainly that I am disturbed by the timing of this push. While Texans are still reeling from devastating floods, while homes are underwater and families are struggling to rebuild, our lawmakers are prioritizing maps over recovery. That is unconscionable.
I want a Texas that serves all its people — not just the white and the powerful, not just those who vote a certain way, but everyone.
I ask this committee to reject any redistricting plan that reduces representation for minority voters, and instead put your energy where Texans truly need it right now: flood relief, education, and building a state government that listens to the people — all the people.

David Troiano, Mr.
Self-retired
Highland Village, TX

I oppose any mid-decade redistricting, especially while the current maps are still being challenged in court, and any redistricting that does not result in fair representation for all Texans.

Texans deserve to have a redistricting process that is fair, transparent, and results in equal representation for all, not this rushed and deeply flawed process. Flood recovery efforts and the safety of Texans should be the top priority, not redrawing political maps.

Sheryl Tiseth
Democracy
San Antonio, TX

Stop gerrymandering our districts! San Antonio isn't having it and neither is Laredo and any other potentially affected areas in Texas. How do you MAGA sleep at night. One day you'll have to pay for your sins against humanity. May you get the after life you deserve.

Cecilia Green
Self; consultant
Austin, TX

I am a native Texan and have lived in Texas my entire life. I have never been so disappointed in the leadership of this state. Mid-decade redistricting, without regard to census data or anything other than political maneuvering, is a horrible waste of time and money. HB 4 would accomplish nothing more than to send a signal that Democracy is aggressively being corrupted by the Governor and Republican Legislators of Texas. The only purpose of HB 4 is to steal my right as a United States Citizen to vote and be represented by the Legislator of my choice. Taking this action will lead other states to use the same tactic to countermand Abbott's response to Trump's bidding. HB-4 is bad for Texas and for the entire United States. Our State leadership should focus this special session on addressing the many issues that need attention in our state rather than undertaking a possibly illegal and certainly immoral redistricting effort designed to cheat voters out of fair representation. You were elected by the people of Texas to represent the people of Texas, not to do political favors for a failing president who is afraid he won't have enough support to survive the mid-term elections. As a Legislator sworn to support Democracy, to support our state, and to support our country, do not vote for HB 4 or any mid-decade redistricting measure. Thank You.

Mike Menjares
Self
San Antonio, TX

Republicans are attempting a brazen power grab, drawing a new redistricting map that is nothing more than a blatant gerrymander. It's a direct assault on the democratic process, designed to rig elections and silence the voices of Black and Latino communities, whose populations are growing and deserve fair representation.
This is not about what's best for Texans; it's about what's best for the Republican Party. This map is a desperate attempt to cling to power as the state becomes more diverse and urban. They know they can't win on the merits, so they're changing the rules to ensure they can't lose. They're literally having politicians pick their voters instead of the other way around.

Charles Church, Rev
Self
Allen, TX

As a lifelong Republican and proud Texan, I feel compelled to voice my deep concerns about the redistricting provisions proposed in Texas HB 4. While I believe in the principles of limited government, individual liberty, and strong representation, I cannot support any legislation—regardless of party benefit—that distorts the democratic process through unfair gerrymandering. Redistricting is meant to ensure that our representative democracy functions properly, that each vote carries equal weight, and that the people choose their leaders—not the other way around. When district lines are drawn with the primary aim of securing political power, rather than fairly representing the will of the people, we weaken the very foundation of our republic. Gerrymandering, whether done by Republicans or Democrats, undermines the trust citizens place in their elected officials and fuels division, apathy, and cynicism toward government.

I understand that redistricting is inherently political, and I don't expect a completely neutral process. But there is a clear difference between political consideration and deliberate manipulation. If HB 4 creates districts that dilute the voices of certain communities—especially minority populations or urban voters—we send a message that electoral advantage is more important than equal representation. That's not conservative. That's not Texan. And that's not right.

Republicans should lead by example when it comes to integrity and accountability. We don't need to rig the system to win elections; we can win on the strength of our ideas, our values, and our record. We can—and should—compete for every vote in every district, not avoid competition by drawing lines that predetermine outcomes. A truly representative government is one that reflects the diversity and complexity of its people, not one that locks power into place with a map.

In the long term, partisan gerrymandering hurts everyone. It creates hyper-partisan districts that reward extremism and punish compromise. It discourages voter turnout and weakens public confidence in elections. It also makes it harder to govern effectively, because politicians no longer feel accountable to a broad constituency. This is not a recipe for a healthy democracy—it's a recipe for division, dysfunction, and disillusionment.

Moreover, as a Republican, I believe in the rule of law and equal protection under the law. When redistricting maps appear to violate the Voting Rights Act by diluting minority voting strength, they open the door to costly lawsuits, federal intervention, and a loss of moral authority. Why would we put our state in that position, when we could pursue a path of fairness, transparency, and respect for all Texans?

I urge lawmakers to consider independent redistricting commissions, public transparency in the map-drawing process, and adherence to principles that ensure compactness, contiguity, and community cohesion. Let's prioritize good governance over political gamesmanship.

Brenda Gottsabend
Self
Austin, TX

President Trump and the Republicans know that they cannot win without cheating. The public testimony is overwhelmingly AGAINST this clear violation of our rights as citizens. It is your job to represent the will of the people, not the corrupt Trump administration. You proceed through these sham hearings, where you hear the outrage of all Texans against this plan, and then proceed to defy us. There was no call for redistricting, except from the national Republicans and Donald Trump, who fear that our voices will be heard. And you have responded by ignoring our desires. I am strongly against this plan. Shame on each of you.

Yvonne Sandoval
Self
San Antonio, TX

Stop being Trumps lap dog! Do what is right for your people! Do not redistrict! That's a racist political move! Those of you supporting this should be ashamed of yourselves!

Leslie Vestal, Mrs.

self

Mckinney, TX

I urge you to oppose mid-decade redistricting. There's no new census data. The last set of maps is still in litigation. This is politicians playing dirty with Texans' lives.
Texas just redrew our maps in 2021. It's not due for YEARS. So, what's the rush? You can look to the history of our state for answers. Redistricting intentionally breaks up communities of color, weakening their voting power which weakens representation in the state and therefore the needs of our communities.
I am not only a native Texan. I am a Christian-- like so many leaders claim to be. Over a lifetime of regularly attending church, I have learned a thing or two about Christ and what he preached. It's love of God and love of neighbor. All neighbors. Not just the ones who look like you and think like you and are in the same socio-economic bracket that you are and vote the way you do. We are called by God to care for, protect, and stick up for ALL people. Value all voices and votes equally. Now I ask you, is that what redistricting accomplishes? The obvious answer is no.
We demand fair maps that reflect ALL Texans, a transparent process with community input and an independent redistricting commission.
OPPOSE THIS MEASURE!

Cathy Kazyaka

Self

N Richlnd Hls, TX

I absolutely oppose the new proposed redistricting map! It is a clear attempt to silence Democratic voters. Please consider the needs of everyone in your state and listen to your constituents!

Mauricio Castillo
Lulac rise above council
San Antonio, TX

LULAC Rise Above Council #22548 and Man Up Bexar County Stand United Against Partisan Redistricting Power Grab
San Antonio, TX — My name is Mauricio Castillo, President of LULAC Rise Above Council #22548 and Founder of Man Up Bexar County, a nonprofit serving and empowering single fathers across Texas.

Today, I speak not just on behalf of our organizations but for every Texan who believes in fair democracy and equal representation. We will not stay silent in the face of the dangerous and undemocratic redistricting efforts currently underway — efforts designed to manipulate our congressional maps for the benefit of President Donald Trump and his political allies.

This redistricting process is a direct attack on our communities, our voices, and our future. It is a betrayal of the democratic principles that our state and our nation were built on. We demand better.

We are calling on all Democratic state legislators in Texas to take immediate and courageous action:
Break quorum. Walk out. Refuse to legitimize a rigged process that is meant to suppress and silence. History will remember whether you stood up — or stood by.

To our Texas state representatives, we remind you: you swore an oath to uphold the Constitution — not to Trump, not to any party, but to the people.

And to those trying to hijack our democracy, we say this clearly:

Don’t mess with Texas. Come and take it.

We are watching. We are organizing. We are rising.

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S.Scot Litke
self
Flower Mound, TX

As a 45 yearlong resident of the state of Texas I am strongly opposed to the Texas legislature enacting aa new wide-ranging redistricting map. This effort has nothing to do with making our state more reflective of our population, but quite the opposite. It is an obvious power grab by one political party to seize power and has nothing to do with helping our citizens but will serve only to disenfranchise thousands and thousands of people deserving to be fairly represented.
As difficult as it may be in this time of political polarization, I urge you to put politics aside for one moment and do what is right for the people you were elected to represent.
Thank you in advance for doing the right thing.

Katherine Nelson
Self/Financial Analyst
Pearland, TX

As an American and Texas citizen, I am due my rightful representation in Congress. Redrawing the lines to dilute my voice because it doesn’t match yours is not what this country stands for. Stop giving in to the wannabe fascists in DC and give us the right to have fair representation.

Mary Watts
self
Grapevine, TX

I support HB 4. I think it is about time the redistricting map was updated.

Kathleen Lam
Self / Project Coordinator
Houston, TX

I do not agree with the redistributing proposed. It does not reflect the state of Texas at all.

Loribeth Van Buskirk
Self, speech language pathologist and mom
Katy, TX

I do not support the redistricting at this time and urge you to reject it.

Jalika Morgan
Self
Channelview, TX

As a concerned resident of Texas, I strongly oppose the current congressional redistricting efforts underway in our state. These actions do not reflect the values of fairness, representation, and democracy upon which this country was founded. Rather than protecting the rights of citizens, this redistricting plan appears to be a strategic maneuver to dilute the voices of underrepresented and minority communities. This is not just politically unethical, it is morally and constitutionally wrong.

Redistricting should serve the people, not partisan agendas. Gerrymandering weakens the power of community voices, undermines trust in government, and strips voters of meaningful representation. This is especially harmful in a state as diverse as Texas, where communities of color have contributed significantly to our state’s growth and deserve fair representation that accurately reflects our demographics.

There is no justice in carving out districts that favor a few while silencing many. It is a disservice to the very fabric of democracy. The purpose of redistricting is to ensure equal and just representation, not to secure political strongholds or to punish opposition.

This country was built on the principles of liberty, justice, and equal representation. If we allow partisan manipulation to override these principles, we are complicit in the erosion of democracy.

I demand that the Texas Legislature halt this redistricting process and reevaluate it with transparency, public input, and ethical accountability. Maps must be redrawn in a way that respects natural geographic boundaries, honors the integrity of communities, and promotes the democratic ideal of “one person, one vote.”

We, the people, are watching, and we will not remain silent.

Jeannine Lee
self
Garland, TX

As a native Texan, I am appalled at the Republicans agreement to redistrict an already tightly controlled state. It's is dishonorable and is meant to silence the voice of millions of Texans who deserve a voice in Washington. It's clear that the President and the current Republicans know how unpopular they are after the passing of that horrible 2026 budget bill, yet instead of owning up to what YOU voted for, you're cheating to win. Shame on every single one of you if you don't stand up for ethics and integrity on behalf of our State.

Jennifer Martinez
Citizen
Houston, TX

Please, be fair and search your good heart and moral character. This redistricting is not a Fair way to win.Please do not support redistricting in houston texas

Becca Fletcher
Self, Teacher
Lancaster, TX

This bill is not only unconstitutional, but a disgrace for the special session. This emergency session was for flood relief. To use it to gerrymander districts is wrong. The new map is a blatant attempt to silence large groups of Texans who disagree with current lawmakers. It is selfish, entitled, and unjust. To vote yes on this bill is to vote against democracy. I hope you are prepared to explain to our children in ten years why you decided to let fascism win.

George John
self retired
Houston, TX

I most strongly oppose this proposed legislation which is an outrageous and grossly unfair attempt at gerrymandering and diminishing minority representation in government -- making an already bad situation far worse. I hope it will be defeated in the courts. And, I hope anyone who supports or votes in favor of this will be defeated in the next election.

Cynthia Morgan
Self
El Paso, TX

It is undemocratic to draw new districts without putting it on the ballot and letting Texans vote on it. We have a right and obligation to choose whether to redistrict, and if so, how. What you are attempting demonstrates dishonor and cowardice. Do the right thing. Gerrymandering is a sign of desperation and a fear that you can't win without cheating. Shame on you!

Pamela Roper
Self, market research
Houston, TX

You should be representing your constituents, not Trump/the GOP. And our votes should be proportionate to the population, not to what works best for Trump/the GOP. Minority community voices are just as important as those with more money. Do your job and represent the people - you work for us via our tax dollars!

Guna Raj, Dr.
Self. Physician
Irving, TX

RE: Opposition to Mid-Decade Congressional Redistricting – A Statement from South Asian Texans
Dear Governor Abbott, Lt. Governor Patrick, and Speaker Burrows,
As a member of the South Asian American community across Texas, I am writing to express my unequivocal opposition to the mid-decade congressional redistricting plan currently before the Legislature.
South Asian Texans are one of the fastest-growing populations in this state. We run businesses, drive innovation, advance medicine, and enrich the cultural and civic life of Texas. We also vote, organize, and contribute to the democratic process.
But this redistricting proposal is not about improving representation — it is about manipulating it. These maps are being redrawn to break up strong, diverse voting blocs and weaken the collective voice of communities of color, including South Asians, who are becoming an undeniable force in Texas politics.
In major metropolitan counties where South Asians live and work — Harris, Fort Bend, Dallas, Collin, Tarrant, Travis, and Bexar — cohesive neighborhoods are being fractured and stitched together with distant rural counties. These artificial districts have nothing to do with shared interests and everything to do with diluting the political power of growing populations.
This is not representation. This is an intentional strategy to silence voters and undermine democracy.
What does a tech executive in Plano have in common with a farmer hundreds of miles away? What shared vision for Texas can come from districts designed to split communities apart rather than bring them together?
Texas should stand as a model of democratic integrity, where representation reflects the people who call this state home. Instead, this process dismantles the very pillars of democracy — fairness, accountability, and trust.
When maps are drawn for partisan gain, they don't just distort election outcomes — they tell entire communities their voices don't matter.
We stand with Texans in Fort Bend, Collin, Dallas, Harris, Travis, Williamson, Bexar, El Paso, Denton, and Tarrant Counties who are seeing their voting power diluted and their representation sacrificed for political advantage.
I urge you to withdraw this plan and commit instead to drawing fair maps that keep communities whole, reflect where people actually live and work, and protect every Texan's right to representation.
Democracy only works when every vote counts and every voice is heard. These maps break that promise. Texans — all Texans — deserve better.
Sincerely,
Guna Raj, M.D.
Irving, Texas

Sheila Patel
Self/Teacher
Spring, TX

Dear madam and Sirs, Thank you for your time listening and reading all these comments. You are addressing a topic that should not be on the table, a table that is already full with urgent issues in need of addressing. Previous redistricting maps are still in litigation; we don't need to discuss these maps for years. Bringing it up now is a great way to disrupt the state and sow more dissatisfaction in all of our communities. Perhaps attention could be spent on dire concerns like disaster relief and strengthen infrastructure for potential future weather emergencies? Even worse, the maps currently under litigation do not represent the people; replacing them with less representative barriers is only logical as a political move in an unconstitutional action moving farther from representing the people. Knowing that Sylvester Turner could have halted the "BBB" and Abbott refuses to call a special session the replace him —when a true representative of the people from the district would be added—is despicable. It is a purposeful political manipulation—we all see it. While I am not directly impacted by the lines drawn, I am directly impacted by this continuing erosion of civil liberties and blatant disregard of the people. You represent the people. Your actions need to show that you REPRESENT THE PEOPLE—not your own interests or President Trump's interests.

Be better. Do the right thing.

Elaine Valagura
self/office manager
Sugar Land, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Dynisha Randle
Self
Houston, TX

I am in vehement opposition to this redistricting proposal — an illegal, immoral, and shameful power grab being pushed by Texas Republicans.

Let’s be clear: this is not about fairness, not about representation, and definitely not about governing. It’s about control — about bending maps and breaking rules to serve one man’s ego and one party’s fear of becoming irrelevant in a changing Texas and a changing America.

You are defying the very values Texas claims to stand for: independence, fairness, neighborliness. Instead, you’re capitulating to Donald Trump’s desperate effort to overturn the will of the people — not just in this state, but across the country.

You are enabling gerrymandering so extreme it would be laughable if it weren’t so dangerous.

Elections have consequences. And every single person who supports, votes for, or uses their power to uphold Trump’s agenda bears responsibility for the slow death of our democracy.

I’m not surprised — but I am disgusted. You were elected to serve people — real people — not party bosses, not political consultants, and definitely not Donald Trump.

You still have a choice. And history is watching.

Rissa Stevens
Self
Pflugerville, TX

I am in strong opposition to redistricting the state of Texas and the overtly illegal tactic of of doing so outside of census cycle for express purpose to rob me and many other fellow Texans of their voices.

The Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment is in place for a reason, and you simply cannot draw electoral districts in a way that discriminates against racial or political groups because you or the President doesn't like them.

The proposed map places my home in Pflugerville, Texas in its THIRD Congressional district in the last 18 years, and each district has been vastly different.
? In 2008, I was in CD 10, which covered in the northeastern portion of Travis County and went all the way down to outside of Houston.
? In 2011, I was moved to CD 17, which covers a tiny sliver of north Travis County goes up through Waco and then over to Lufkin and Nacogdoches.
? The proposed 2025 map moves me back to CD 10. But this is not the same CD 10 - this one takes a tiny, fingerling sliver of Travis County and attaches it to a huge rural district that spans all the way past Midland/Odessa.

With this new map, you are intentionally trying to silence my voice as a Texas citizen. My growing urban community’s concerns could not be more different than the ones of the oil, gas, and cattle ranchers of the new CD 10, and there is no doubt that this is a gerrymandered district for the benefit of one political party.

Outside of my own sphere, the maps of Harris, Tarrant, and Dallas counties are very likely illegally drawn according to Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act.
Drawing lines that discriminate are illegal. Period. This standard has been tested and reaffirmed by this US Supreme Court in 2023 in Allen v. Milligan. Allowing these districts to move forward is in violation of the law.

I urge you to stop this redistricting farce and focus on the issues that are actually of utmost importance to Texans instead of wasting our tax dollars on these politically motivated stunts.

No taxation without representation.
Perhaps you also learned that in elementary school?

Karen Andruskiewicz, Mrs.
self
Lake Dallas, TX

I ask that you support this bill in order to keep Texas a conservative state. Texas has been invaded by illegals and liberals, so you need to make sure that we stay true to Texas. Liberals have many places they can move to, there is only one Texas. Please keep Texas the way it was meant to be for our children and grandchildren. May God continue to bless Texas.

Caitlyn Macaluso
self, marketing professional
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose the proposed redistricting maps for Austin and the broader Central Texas region. These maps do not reflect the will or interests of the people who live here—they are blatant examples of partisan gerrymandering that dilute the political power of Austin residents and communities of color across the region.

Austin is a unique and vibrant community with shared economic, cultural, and social interests. It deserves fair representation. Instead, the proposed maps intentionally slice Austin into multiple districts that stretch into rural or suburban areas with vastly different needs and priorities. This practice fractures our voice and makes it harder for our elected officials to truly represent us.

By dividing Austin across multiple congressional and legislative districts, the proposed maps minimize the voting strength of one of the most diverse and dynamic communities in Texas. Rather than creating compact, community-based districts that keep neighborhoods and regions intact, the maps carve up Austin in a way that benefits political incumbents at the expense of meaningful representation.

Redistricting should be about ensuring fair and equal representation—not about manipulating district lines for partisan gain. This proposed plan undermines the democratic process and weakens public trust in our electoral system. It fails to respect the Voting Rights Act, community boundaries, and basic principles of representative government.

I urge the legislature and any oversight bodies to reject these gerrymandered maps and instead draw districts that keep Austin communities together and reflect the shared values and demographics of our region. Every Texan deserves a fair and equal voice in our democracy—regardless of their political affiliation, race, or zip code.

Protect our vote. Respect our communities. Reject partisan gerrymandering.

Donna Doyle
Myself
San Antonio, TX

Stop this redistricting! Texas is already been cut up into pieces beyond what is acceptable. NO MORE GERRYMANDERING

Susan Sommer?
Self/retired
Canyon Lake, TX

I am opposed to this horrible attempt at manipulating the citizens of Texas by gerrymandering the coting districts. Our state is quickly becoming a laughingstock of democracy. Is there a Republican within the sound of my voice with a spine?

Jan Cloward
Self
San Antoino, TX

I am a constituent of San Antonio TX. And I believe that this redistricting map shows blatant bias. It makes it much more easier for a republican candidate to win than and democrat and I am against it 100 %

Bart Nowak
Self retired
Roanoke, TX

I support congressional redistricting for representatives due to the substantial increase to the state's population.

Katherine Langford
Self, retired TX. Teacher
Hurst, TX

The redistricting of Texas in order to satisfy President Trump's request to find more seats for him in the House in opposition to all democratic principles. Voters should choose their representatives, not the other way around. Gerrymandering for partisan purposes should be illegal. Racial gerrymandering IS illegal. Texas voters overwhelmingly oppose this, and Texas voters will remember who did it.

Pamela Hutchings
SELF
SAN ANTONIO, TX

Electronic Comment: Opposition to Gerrymandering in Texas

I am strongly opposed to the continued gerrymandering of districts in Texas. Our democracy should be built on fair representation, not political manipulation. The current redistricting process prioritizes partisan advantage over the rights of voters, especially communities of color whose voices are being diluted.

Gerrymandered maps undermine public trust and silence Texans who deserve equal representation. We need transparent, nonpartisan redistricting that reflects the real demographics and communities of interest across our state.

I urge this committee to reject any district maps that have been drawn with partisan or racial bias, and instead support fair maps that protect the integrity of our democratic process.

Thank you for your time and for allowing public input on this critical issue.

DORTHEA BRIDGEST, Retired
Self & husband
San Antonio, TX

This bill is an insult to all that hold voting as a way for We The People to be heard to "Our Elected Officials" not the ones who would steal are votes instead of earning them. This is nothing more than the Republicans in Texas stealing elections for a lost MAGA cause. We are not going back into that horrible era of the 30-50's no matter how much you pander. My husband & me have earned our retirement in peace. This bill will is an abomination to all who have died to earn the right to vote for people who will represent them instead of people who bow to authoritarian rule by a few. We denounce this bill!! We hope you will too for the people who ELECTED you! ????

rachael hull
Self
Liberty hill, TX

This mid-district redistricting, driven by political pressure rather than population shifts, is deeply concerning and unprecedented. It appears designed to entrench partisan power at the expense of voter's rights, potentially violating the Voting Rights Act and eroding public trust in our electoral system. I urge lawmakers to reject congressional redistricting mid-decade.

Margaret Terrell
self
Kyle, TX

We must preserve democracy. I need a voice. I want representation in Congress. To redistrict to more narrowly trim district to get more like-mind politicians in office should be against the law. It does a disservice to our voice. A democracy should want to protect the rights of the minority. We must be heard. Districts should just be geographic...like counties. It should be regardless of who votes there. Only then can we truly be a democracy.

Lisa Nungesser, Dr.
Self, retired
San Antonio, TX

As a long-time voting resident of either San Antonio or Austin, Texas, I am appalled at the blatant attempt at gerrymandering to favor Republicans and dilute the voting power of ethnic and racially diverse neighborhoods and districts. The proposed voting map redistricting is undemocratic and violates fair voting practices. It is nothing but a bare attempt to appease the current president who has unmistaken desires to undermine democracy and set himself up with king-like powers. I strongly object to this new map and urge you not to accept it. Keep our current map in place and do the right thing. Thank you

Elizabeth White
Self and Spouse, Retired Teacher and Oilman
San Antonio, TX

You Republicans: Don't call yourselves true patriots and defenders of democracy. You are AGAINST the people. You are unethical. And the people will continue to stand up and fight against your corrupt antics.

Donna FerrierJohnson, Voter
Texas District 32
Garland, TX

Our state has already been deeply identified as a MAGA state. The maga party is not Republican! MAGA is insurrection! MAGA ignores The U.S. Constitution and undermines the rule of law! Trump/Abbott/Angie Chin are ridiculous magas associated now with Epstein and Maxwell, child traffickers! Shame! Stop aligning the great state of Texas with auschwitz-like camps for innocents seeking citizenship!

Helen Merryman
Cypress Cola
Tomball, TX

I am in support President Trump's legislative agenda. This includes adding 5 Texas-held Republican US House seats and there have been lawful previous mid-decade revisions.

William King, Mr.
Self - Consultant
El Paso, TX

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a public comment on HB 4, the proposed redistricting of Texas electoral maps. I am a citizen of Texas, and I am writing to express my strong opposition to this bill.
Redistricting is a critical process that determines the fairness and integrity of our elections. It should be a transparent process that creates districts that fairly represent the diverse population of Texas. However, HB 4, as proposed, appears to be designed to dilute the voting power of communities of color and ensure a partisan majority, rather than to serve the best interests of all Texans.
According to the ACLU of Texas, this bill has been drafted at a time when many Texans are struggling to recover from natural disasters, and it will only serve to undermine the democratic process. Lawsuits against the 2021 maps, which were also passed by a Republican-controlled legislature, argued that the maps were racially gerrymandered. HB 4 seems to follow a similar pattern, with critics, including political scientist Cal Jillson, stating that the new map is "strategic, intentional, and violates voting rights." The bill targets several Democrat-held seats, particularly in the Dallas-Fort Worth and Houston areas, and is seen by some as a "desperate power grab" that is not for Texans, but for partisan gain.
The U.S. Department of Justice has previously accused Texas of illegally gerrymandering districts along racial lines, and critics of HB 4 argue that this new bill is a continuation of that unconstitutional practice. The argument against HB 4 is that it violates the Voting Rights Act and the U.S. Constitution by intentionally suppressing the votes of Black and Latino Texans. A public hearing in Arlington saw strong opposition to the bill, with one speaker arguing that the redistricting "is not for fairness...but to serve the raw hungry power of one man."
I urge the committee to reject HB 4. The citizens of Texas deserve a fair and equitable redistricting process that respects our votes and our communities, not one that is manipulated for political advantage. Thank you for your time and consideration.

David Treat
Myself
San Antonio, TX

This MAGA gerrymandering foments Trump's desire to stay in power forever. None of you want that on your legacy. As much as Republicans like to stay in power, its good to have a healthy, vibrant opponent. Otherwise we devolve into an autocracy. Don't be stupid. Don't buy Trump's BS.

Mary Wachsmann
self, editor
Georgetown, TX

This redistricting is wrong on many levels. Our communities are being silenced and erased so politicians can cling to power instead of answering to the people.

Beth Fox
Self
Austin, TX

I was born, raised and have lived most of my life in Texas. HB 4 is a sign that Democracy is aggressively being corrupted by the Governor and Republican Legislators of Texas. HB-4's only purpose is to steal my right as a United States Citizen to vote and be represented by the Legislator of my choice. This will also become a poison pill since it will lead other states to use the same tactic to countermand Abbott's response to Trump's bidding. HB-4 is bad for Texas and awful for the United States. Please as a Legislator sworn to support Democracy, to support our state and to support our country, do not vote for this bill. Thank You

Hannah Jala
self
Austin, TX

I am strongly opposed to the efforts to redistrict Texas' congressional districts mid-census. This attempt by the Governor and the DOJ to increase
Republican representation in the U.S. House by taking it away from communities of color is very clearly an act of voter suppression and discrimination.

How districts are drawn affects every political issue, from the economy to healthcare to public education. If politicians are elected from districts that don't reflect the population, you end up with situations where politicians support policies that the vast majority of people oppose, or they won't support policies that the vast majority of people support. When politicians manipulate maps for personal or political gain, it prevents citizens like me from having our voices heard on all of these policies that affect us. Government works best to solve the real problems of ordinary people: affordable housing, a living wage, good public schools and accessible quality health care. Our elections should ensure that the voices of all citizens are heard, not just special interests, wealthy donors, and racially polarized extreme partisans.

Richard Murphy
Self
McKinney, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Jasmine Castellanos
self; Graduate Student/Nanny
Austin, TX

HB 4 is an assault on democracy, manipulating the redistricting process to entrench political power instead of reflecting the true will of Texans. It weaponizes redistricting so that politicians can choose their voters rather than the reverse. That is gerrymandering, and that is un-American. HB 4 disenfranchises voters, especially communities of color whose power it would intentionally dilute even further than is already unfortunately the case. This bill blatantly ignores public demand for fair and independent redistricting. It will invite legal challenges that could very likely result in costly lawsuits that Texas taxpayers like myself would have to pay for. HB 4 does not serve the public. It is unethical and should be killed. I urge Texas lawmakers to reject HB 4, pursue nonpartisan redistricting reform, and commit to fairly representing every Texan, regardless of race, party affiliation, or zip code. As a Texas native, a voter, and a taxpayer, I wish to be fairly represented and for my community to be as well. I used AI to assist with the composition of my comments in order to make writing them feel less daunting and more accessible. I vehemently oppose HB 4.

Steven Bedard
Self, Software engineer
Manor, TX

Gerrymandering is one of the most serious threats to our democracy. It undermines the core principle that every citizen's vote should carry equal weight. When politicians manipulate district boundaries to their favor, it completely strips the rights of everyone living there. Instead of voters choosing their representatives, representatives are choosing their voters. This is a fundamental perversion of democracy.

The federal government has openly stated that the goal here is to increase political leverage, not to better represent Texans.

I urge you to do everything possible to prevent this bill from passing. I'm prepared to put resources into opposing it, both financially and through direct political engagement. This issue matters too deeply, and the cost of inaction is too great.

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Seld
North Richland Hilla, TX

I support redistricting n Texaa

Todd Macaulay, Mr.
Self, IT
Dallas, TX

This is voter suppression, plain and simple. The partisan gymnastics required to create a map so unbelievably gerrymandered is astounding, and from it’s very structure, Texas Republicans prove that they are willing to do anything to remain in power at any cost. SCOTUS and the Texas legislature should be ashamed for again attempting to erode the foundations of democracy. This will not accurately represent us, and it is plain to all.

Janet Adams
Self, retired RN
Austin, TX

Voters should select their leaders, not the other way around. The redistricting proposed will dilute the possibility of representation that our country is based on. As I heard another citizen of Texas say, you all know, in your hearts, that this is the wrong way to govern. Texas had a reputation for independence. Let's all try to get back to that. We want to be proud to be a Texan. Thank you for considering my comment and please remember your fellow Texans when you make your decision. Do not dilute the vote of minorities. It's wrong.

Paulette Armstrong
self
Plano, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Edna Arriaga
Self
Seguin, TX

I strongly support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

William Bauer
self
AUSTIN, TX

This is an attempt too silence the voice of Americans who aren't in line with Trump's radical agenda. Gerrymandering is an extremely unethical practice, and we can do better in Texas.

Nguyen Griggs
self
Houston, TX

What happened to government for the people. The republican leadership does not exist, that is we have no leadership. only butt kissing, boot lickers that serve this degenerate in chief. Your redistricting plan is utter garbage and will hurt so many people. Since you are unwilling to actual serve all the people of the state, then leave these people alone. Abbott has screwed the good people of district 18 for what, 18 months now? you have the opportunity to do right by the people even if they are not in your district, they are still your constituents. DO NOT continue the work of the orange menace... for once, do what's right and show up in the true spirit of Texas!

Lyssette Galvan
Self
Austin, TX

Dear Chair Vasut and Members,

My name is Lyssette Galvan, and I am a resident of Williamson County within the city of Austin, currently living in Congressional District 37, represented by Congressman Lloyd Doggett. I am writing to respectfully express concern about the proposed mid-decade redistricting plan in House Bill 4, which would move my neighborhood, a small sliver of Williamson County, into a congressional district that stretches across rural West Texas.

This proposed change does not reflect the identity or needs of our community. While it may appear minor on the map, our area is deeply connected to the Austin metro region. Our daily lives, work, transportation, and access to services are shaped by the realities of living in an urban area. We face specific challenges related to population growth, housing affordability, access to physical and mental health care, and the need for reliable infrastructure and public transit.

The proposed map would group our small, urban part of Williamson County with rural communities that have very different priorities and lived experiences. This creates a real disconnect. It would be difficult for any one representative to effectively understand or respond to such a wide and diverse range of needs, especially when smaller urban pockets risk being overlooked within a much larger rural district.

Redistricting should keep communities with shared concerns and experiences together. This is how representation remains responsive and meaningful. When areas like ours are carved out and assigned to districts that do not reflect our community's character, it weakens our voice and our ability to advocate for policies that directly affect our lives.

I urge you to vote no on this proposed redistricting plan and ensure that our area remains connected to communities with similar needs and priorities. Our current district boundaries reflect the reality of who we are, and they support fair and effective representation for our region.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration.

Respectfully,
Lyssette Galvan

Richard Gilmore
Self
Houston, TX

I want to record my opposition the map proposed in this redistricting bill, I move from CD29 to now be captured in CD9. This results supports my previous written comment, public testimony in Houston, that my representation would be damaged. I did not vote for the representative. Additionally as the "community of interest" was defined in this new map I now fall a block over from the border of CD18. My neighborhood Super neighborhood 63 is fractured but my representative is stretched far into rural areas such as Crosby. The needs of my community are different than that of those communities.

Paul Homeyer
488108477063
Houston, TX

To pick up five more Republican seats in Congress by redistricting before the mid-term elections would disenfranchise millions of Texans who live in the five districts in question and is obviously based on Trump's fear of another "blue wave" next November. It is bad enough that the governor has already thwarted democracy by refusing to schedule a special election any earlier than this November to replace the late Sylvester Turner. This will have left the Texans in Houston's CD 18 without representation for almost a year. This is rotten, undemocratic partisan politics pure and simple. Republicans know it and should be ashamed!

Elva Rodriguez
Self
Richardson, TX

I disagree with the Republican plan for early redistricting. This is cheating and un-Texan. If you have to change the rules of the game, it’s because you know that your ideologies and values are unpopular and will lead to electoral losses. Change your extremist ways and win votes the old-fashioned way: by giving people what they want. Good schools, low taxes, safe streets, improved infrastructure, and common sense government. Would that be too hard for the Texas GOP to accomplish?

Emily Walker
Myself and family
Princeton, TX

Stop gerrymandering our districts! This is not democracy! This is unamerican, racist, and biased. STOP THIS BILL!

David Sloan
self, engineer
Georgetown, TX

I am against this bill and the unwarranted process it represents. We have already had one attempt to skew our representation after the 2020 census, and now an attempt is underway to make our Congressional delegation even less representative of the Texas electorate. This is a sorry business to undertake at taxpayer expense in special session. This is taking precious time and attention away from urgent business related to flood response.

KAREN STANZO
Self
Celina, TX

Please vote no to this unnecessary middecade gerrymandering and instead focus only on flood relief for those in the Hill Country. Or fix the power grid. Or lower maternal mortality. Or literally anything that will help ordinary Texans live and prosper in our state.

Christine Eubank
self - retired
Austin, TX

Texas redistricting in August 2025, as mandated by Trump, is, in my opinion, unfair voter manipulation.

Rob Lowe
Self
Austin, TX

I stand strongly against this unfair abuse of power. Disgusted. We will not stand for this.

Brooks Hagman
Self
Fort Worth, TX

This is a disgusting, illegal attempt to subvert the will of Texas voters. The GOP knows the 2026 midterms look bleak for them and thus are clearly gaming the system. Sad to see integrity means so little our “representatives”

LEOTIS HIGHTOWER, SFC
PURE JUSTICE
FRESNO, TX

As a United States Army Veteran and a committed member of Pure Justice, I stand firmly against the proposed redistricting plan under consideration.

This redistricting effort not only undermines the democratic principle of fair representation—it borders on unconstitutional. As someone who has served and sacrificed for this nation, I cannot sit silently while communities—particularly those historically marginalized—are strategically silenced through political gerrymandering.

Redistricting should not be a tool for power retention; it should be a process rooted in equity, transparency, and justice. The current proposal threatens to dilute the voices of veterans, working-class families, and Black and Brown communities whose input and needs deserve to be represented, not redrawn out of existence.

Pure Justice and other grassroots organizations will continue to stand watch. I urge you—our elected leaders—to rise above partisan politics and uphold the Constitution. Reject any redistricting plan that prioritizes control over fairness. The people are watching. And as a veteran, I remind you: our democracy is worth protecting—not manipulating.

Larena Goodman, Mrs
Self
Dallas, TX

I am for redistricting in Texas.

Amparo Bueno
Self - Small Business Owner
Austin, TX

I am writing to express my frustration and disappointment in the redistricting of Texas when a new census has not been done and our current map is help up in court. Texas does not have a white majority and the maps need to reflect that. There is NO REASON to redraw theses maps right now except to further cheat the people of Texas out of proper representation and bow down to someone who cares not for the constitution but rather their own power. We the people are speaking and do not want this to be done, you hear us loud and clear. I am tired of being discriminated against on the land that my people have inhabited for years before Texas was even it's own independent country. You should be focusing on the flood that's happened, not further screwing the people you pretend to care about.

James Simmons
Self / Retired 44 years with Shell Oil Company Deer Park Texas
Houston, TX

Thank you, Rep. Cody Vasut, for leading the Congressional Redistricting Committee. Now it is time for members of the Texas House to do the work necessary and redistrict the remaining coalition districts out of Texas. We must protect Texas and Vote for HB 4. Vote for the One Big Beautiful Map.

Susan Hurta, Mrs
Self
Houston, TX

This is a morally bankrupt move and will cause a national cascade of copycat moves. It is almost like the onset of a civil war. There is absolutely no need to gerrymander our state any more than it is already gerrymandered. I know that those of you making these decisions know it is wrong and quite anti-democratic. Please look into your souls and push this aside. Do the right thing. In history, heroes are remembered as those that took a stand against tyranny. But for those who allowed tyranny to rule? They are lost in history. Do the right thing!

Andrea Barreiro
self
DALLAS, TX

I OPPOSE this bill.
Part of my professional work concerns the application of ensemble sampling techniques, and particularly their application in the state of Texas. I do this as a member of Math For Unbiased Maps TX (MUM_TX), an interdisciplinary, nonpartisan coalition of Texas scholars working to ensure fair and transparent redistricting processes. Our primary technique is to generate large ensembles of random, unbiased maps we can use as a statistical baseline.
I have now analyzed HB4, which was released just two days ago, focusing my attention on the DFW area (districts 5, 6, 12, 24, 25, 26, 30, 32, and 33)
This map short-changes non-white voters, Democratic voters, and voters who live in major cities, even more than the current one does. My analysis shows that an unbiased map should have 3 or 4 districts where non-Anglo voters make up a majority of voting age citizens (i.e. “CVAP”); the proposed map has only 2. Dallas and Tarrant County together had 4.7 million people in 2020, enough to populate 6 districts; instead, only 3 districts are (mostly) contained inside these counties; the rest of the population is attached, via sneaky octopus tentacles, to large, rural districts that span many counties. These tentacles preferentially enclose minority areas of the county.
The treatment of Tarrant County deserves special consideration here. One in 15 Texans lives in Tarrant County, yet not a single congressional district is entirely contained within it. The political preferences of this county are fairly evenly split, electing mostly Republicans to countywide office but close to 50/50 for top statewide offices; in particular, Tarrant Co. voters narrowly chose Democrat Joe Biden in 2020 and Democrat Colin Allred for Senate in 2024. Moreover, Democrats are the overwhelming choice of Black and Hispanic/Latino voters here: an analysis by UCLA data scientists estimated that 92% of Black voters and 80% of Latino voters chose Allred over Cruz; 92% of Black voters and 74% of Latino voters chose Kamala Harris in 2024.
Yet in this map, almost all these voters have been attached to majority Anglo, safely Republican districts: Black voters have been attached to CD 25, and Latino voters to CD 12. If this map becomes law, then except for the sliver which was moved into CD 30, every single Black and Latino voter in Tarrant County will be represented in Congress by a Republican. You could hardly find a better example of minority vote dilution in a textbook.
I focused on DFW because it is where I live, and because this analysis takes a lot of time. I strongly suspect that when I review the rest of the map I will come to similar conclusions about other major metropolitan areas.
Finally, the fact that you are rushing this process, using old Census data and with no meaningful public input, because you got orders from Washington DC, is disgraceful. I urge you to reject this cynical attempt to manipulate our Congressional map to undemocratic ends.

David Center
Self
Houston, TX

I am a registered voter here in Houston, and I have voted in local, state, and federal election since 1992. I am a voter who supports both Republican and Democratic officials given the best fit for the job. The idea of redrawing districts to please President Trump is a sad state of affairs, and anathema to the values that made me want to live and work in this state. I can only ask that you not redraw the districts until after the 2030 Census, but ultimately that will be up to each of you on how to vote. I've watched the Texas Legislature and Executive Branch become dominated by individuals without honor. We have an attorney general who cheated on his wife with a whore and used state money to cover it up and then pay off the whistleblowers. There is a current member of the legislature who cheated on his wife for well over a decade with a whore and covered it up, but feels he has the right to invoke G-d's guiding hand when speaking about his role in the Texas House. I am not sure why the Texas legislature protects those members, and why it believes that a President who consorts with whores, and protected a pedophile is worthy of telling the people of Texas what to do. Leave our districts the way they are supposed to be until after the 2030 Census.

Alan Moore, Dr.
Self
Austin, TX

This redistricting effort is entirely out of order as it should be performed after the US census is taken. The balance of power need not be shifted further and the last post census redistricting should be respected. Please be statesmen and not pawns!

Sarah Crain
Self
El Paso, TX

I do not believe that redistribution of congressional district representation is in the best interest of the public at this time. I believe redistricting is a deliberate political manipulation strategy that undermines public in trust in representatives from either political party. I have not been informed of any logical or reasonable reason why redistricting is advantageous or indicated so urgently at this point in time that would justify its passing.

J.R. Zambrano
Self
Austin, TX

Come on, this is blatantly unfair. How can you slice up these districts so thin and expect anyone to believe this is to represent any constituency? What policies could possibly benefit these spaghetti-strand districts? I would like to know!

This is more about boosting seat numbers than actually benefitting citizens. And I wish our legislature would spend even a FRACTION of the energy they spend on seizing power unfairly on rebuilding and shoring up our infrastructure so that our power grid doesn't succumb to higher demand from new data centers, our flood warning systems actually work, and we can face the future with eyes open instead of hoping that nothing fails again and again, because that has routinely been the case. You should be ashamed of yourselves.

Leslie McLain
Self
Austin, TX

I oppose this redistricting. As an individual living in a democratic society, it is my right to choose my elected officials - not to have them choose for me.

Larena Goodman, Mrs
Self
Dallas, TX

Please vote yes on HB 4. I am for redistricting in Texas.

Brydan Summers
AFSCME Local 1624
Austin, TX

Hello, my name is Brydan Summers and I am the President of American Federation of State County and Municipal Employees Local 1624. We represent nearly 5,000 employees of the City of Austin and Travis County. I am opposed to HB4 and the efforts to redistrict the state of Texas.
I am a resident of Congressional district 35, about five blocks away from the boundary of district 37, and thousands of my members live in these two districts. Currently, Austin and Travis County has representation that is local, available, and responsive to the needs of our community. During holidays or large community events, you will see our representatives among their constituents. Both Congressmen Doggett and Casar regularly meet with community leaders to understand what is important to them and how they can help the people living here. This includes sitting down with me and other central Texas labor leaders and talking about ways to support working Texans so they can provide for their families.
Having representatives that actually live in our area means they are advocating for issues that matter to us. We've seen our congressmen do that on transportation issues and protecting children from abuse and neglect. Representatives Casar and Doggett both brought OSHA to town to discuss issues important to workers within the labor community in my city. This was a response to address what are often dangerously hot conditions that have resulted in tragedies for many families. This advocacy is critical to the people building our state and most importantly saves lives.
What will our representation look like if we're redistricted? There is no likelihood I would actually see, let alone speak, to our member of congress. Before the last redistricting, my representative lived in Weatherford Texas, 209 miles away. I never saw him, he wasn't interested in what's affecting Central Texas, let alone Austin. Representatives in these redistricted seats will similarly feel no obligation to perform the duties of their office, and this is the future that is being proposed for millions of Texans. Texans in redistricted areas can expect less access, less advocacy, less representation, and most importantly will lose their ability to meaningfully engage in democracy.
None of my members are asking for you to work on this. No one in our community is asking for this. There are very pressing issues concerning working families in the capitol city and all across Texas, but this is not one of them. Furthermore, other affected areas are very similar to Austin. They are in urban environments, they are diverse, they have shared values. It must be pointed out that these types of communities are the targets and will be disenfranchised. This proposal is clearly in violation of the Voting Rights Act and it is an obvious affront to democracy.
I'm proud to be a Texan, we lead the way on so much in this country. But this is not a trail we should be blazing and it's not one that others should follow.

Greg Reim
selt
Garland, TX

I am 100% AGAINST the proposed redistricting. Stand up for what is right instead of allowing yourselves to be bullied into letting this happen.

Christina Chea
Self
Pearland, TX

I oppose this bill vehemently as it disenfranchises the people of the state of Texas and dilutes their vote in their respective communities.

Rachel Fortuna
Self, HR Manager
Austin, TX

I vehemently oppose the redistricting plans outlined in this bill. They do not represent the people of this state and our wishes for our votes to be counted in a fair manner. This GERRYMANDERING is ILLEGAL and UNCONSTITUTIONAL (see: Rucho v. Common Cause).

Sue Berkel, Ma
Self
Cedar park, TX

Do NOT redistrict it is undemocratic

Christy Morris
Self
Lufkin, TX

I strongly opposed this legislation! Every voice & vote should be counted & represented. We choose our elected officials not the other way around. You know this is wrong & our founding fathers would strongly disagree with this action.

Carolyn Merriman
Self
Austin, TX

My name is Carolyn Merriman and I'm a constituent from Austin, 78757.

I'm writing to urge the committee to oppose HB 4 and the mid-decade redistricting called by the Governor. It makes no sense to spend any time on further partisan gerrymandering when we should be 100% focused on disaster prevention and relief.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Julia Austin, Ms.
Self - Medical Marketing
Austin, TX

As a Texas resident for fair elections, I am against redistricting Texas and against House Bill 4. I demand fair elections for Texas.

Greg Harp
self
Allen, TX

It's obvious that redistricting Congressional districts to give one party an 80% majority when it received only 56% of votes in the last election is a purely political move intended to disenfranchise voters. Further, it's clear that this map involves racial gerrymandering, not merely political. Racial gerrymandering is illegal. Political gerrymandering should be as well (and likely will be again, once the Supreme Court returns to normal). It's an incredibly dangerous game for one party to attempt this. Tables always turn. District maps should be drawn based upon purely population without reference to demographics or voting patterns. That's the only correct way to run a representative democracy. Remember that you work for us, not the other way around.

Virginia Jarosek
Self/ Retired Teacher
Austin, TX

As a Texas AFT member and retired public school educator from Travis County, I oppose any mid-decade redistricting that reduces minority voting influence. Our communities deserve fair maps, not political manipulation. This is a blatant power grab that should be illegal. Gerrymandering is NOT appropriate representation of the people of our state and it is beyond me how our elected officials can stand by and watch this happen to our state. I refuse to be silent about what our lawmakers are NOT doing for the people of Texas and what "pet" projects they are doing instead. It is truly disgusting.

Abby Kaplan
Self
Austin, TX

I’m against redistricting Texas and am a constituent from Austin Texas. This is a racist gerrymandering move and it is not a fair representation of Texas voters

Kimberly Westbrook
self retired
ALVIN, TX

AGAINST NEW DISTRICT MAPS. My home is located in the 22nd Congressional district of Texas. I DO NOT approve or agree with redrawing the district boundaries at this time. I request that it be postponed until 2031 after the next census. I consider this gerrymandering, and it should be illegal as well as unethical. I feel it harmful to voters because it lowers our trust in our lawmakers. Please reject and vote against changing any district lines at this time. Thank you.

Jacqueline Ray
Self - teacher
San Antonio, TX

There is no actual need to redistrict voting lines besides taking away 5 democratic seats to insure they go to republican seats. By doing this you it is ensuring that this is not a true representation of the people of Texas. This does not serve the people of Texas but it serves to steal from the people. Listen to the people, we do not want this.

Chelsea Shaw
Self / software engineer
San marcos, TX

I was appalled to learn that some Democratic Texas Senators are unwilling to do everything in their power to stop this corrupt gerrymandering scheme. While I am hopeful that you are not one of those, I am sending this message to every Democratic Senator:

This is a fight with massive implications for our nation as well as for the millions of Texans whose votes will be silenced. Anyone who feels they’re safer just standing by is not only morally and ethically wrong, they’re wrong in every way. One thing has become clear: MAGA Republicans want it all, and sooner or later they will come for everyone.

As a lifelong Texan and Texas voter, I will do everything in *my* power to support Texas Democrats who have the courage and moral vision to stand up and fight for what’s right — right for our state, for our country and for the health of our democracy.

Please do all you can to stop this steal.

Stephanie Munoz
Self
Colleyville, TX

Redistricting is taking away democracy for all. If trump is afraid of losing republican seats he needs to start representing the people not himself and the 1% billionaires who are not in need of the tax cuts. Abbott sees the tide’s changing in Texas and as a result is agreeable to gerrymander further the state. Exactly why he did not have a special election for the seat that needs to be filled. He is at the beck and call of trump and his wealthy heritage foundation donors in Texas.

Ling Ge, Dr
Self
Plano, TX

Here's a draft you can use for your protest message:
I strongly oppose the blatant gerrymandering in Texas, especially under Trump's order, because it undermines the very foundation of our democracy and threatens the political voice of minority communities Gerrymandering is not just an abstract political game- it's a calculated effort to strip us of our ability to choose representatives who truly reflect our needs and concerns. By manipulating district lines, those in power are silencing entire communities, making it harder for people of color, working families, and underrepresented groups to have a meaningful say in shaping the policies that govern our lives.
This is not simply about partisan advantage; it is about the erosion of our basic civil rights. When districts are drawn to dilute minority voting strength, it sends a chilling message that our perspectives, struggles, and aspirations do not matter. If this injustice continues unchecked, our voices will be drowned out for generations. The promise of a representative democracy becomes a hollow illusion when the system is rigged to favor those already in power. I refuse to accept a future where my community is permanently sidelined from the democratic process. We must resist, speak out, and demand fair maps that ensure every vote counts equally, regardless of race, background, or political belief.

Jay Corzine
self and accountant
Fort Worth, TX

My name is Jay Corzine. I am a constituent of Texas Senate District 9, Texas House District 93, and U.S. Congressional District 24. Just a few months ago, several minority voters in Tarrant County were targeted by a blatant, racially motivated redistricting plan. Black, Hispanic and Asian voters were cracked from Tarrant County Commissioners Precinct 2 and packed into Precinct 1. As a result, their political power, acquired over time through population growth and coalition building in the Southern sector, was diminished by elected officials that chose to silence them instead of engaging them politically. That was a textbook example of racial gerrymandering which is illegal. Now at the request of President Trump, Governor Abbott and the Texas State Legislature are seeking to employ the same racially motivated redistricting plan to silence minority voters at the federal level to maintain power of the U. S. House of Representatives.

First, I call on members of the Texas House and Texas Senate to vote NO regarding this mid-decade redistricting plan that is nothing more than a racist power grab intended to dilute the political power of Black, Hispanic and Asian voters in large urban centers throughout the state of Texas.

After attending the public hearing held in Tarrant County, it is abundantly clear that I am not alone, and the majority of North Texans have no interest in seeing new maps being drawn. As a fellow Texan, I encourage you to tap into your independent, lone star spirit in this moment. This is not the time for our elected officials to abdicate our state’s priorities to carry out the desires of those in Washington, D.C.

Nataly Sorenson, Rev
Gastón Christian Center
Anna, TX

I oppose this bill. Stop Gerrymandering. Stand up against authoritarianism aka Trump and save our democracy and do your job which is to represent your Texan constituents and not serving trump!

Darla Robinson, Mrs.
Self
Fort Worth, TX

This is a complete sham and disgraceful. Redistricting will alienate and demean so many people of color, you ought to be ashamed. And since when did Texas do what a President ask us to do. I have always been proud of Texas for standing strong. Shame on you, Texas. Shame on you if you do this. Stand strong. Win on your own merits. Don't pander to Trump. Please.

Stuart Whitlow, Mr.
Self
Austin, TX

I am totally opposed to this effort to garner 5 more Texas Congressional seats for Republicans. I have never seen so many Texas citizens so angry about a Texas bill. That is because they know that this is very dirty politics. The passage of this legislation will have very serious consequences at the polls in 2026. Please think very carefully before you pass this legislation. Trump is one thing, but the anger of the citizens of Texans causing them to vote in massive numbers in 2026 is another thing altogether.

Mark Rosholt
Self
Austin, TX

I oppose the recomposiiton of districts for the election of members of the United States House of Representatives. The action of redistricting at this time, not in conjunction with a new census, seems simply to be an attempt to mute the influence of certain populations within the state. The proposed new map seems blatantly partisan, in that the likely division of representatives will not reflect the actual division of votes in the whole state of Texas. Choose to use your math to give all Texans representation that reflects their beliefs and needs. That is fight on which we claim this country is founded.

Beth Allen
Self (Editor)
Houston, TX

Redistricting is destructive, diverting, and dangerous in 2025, when the 10-year census remains 5 years away and the loss from flooding is almost too much to bear for families, the affected communities, and Texas as a whole. It is destructive, because—like the politically motivated manipulation of the judicial appointments of Supreme Court justices—it perverts the order of things and runs over safeguards. It is diverting from the original reason the session was called and further diminishes the purpose of examining why Texas failed small girls attending summer camp and the communities and visitors on the Guadalupe River. It is dangerous because it erodes what trust Texans have left in their state government to do the right thing and makes clear the subservience of the governing party, not to the campers, free elections, or the people of Texas but to the current federal administration's political goals.

Michelle Palmer, Ms
Precinct 313
Houston, TX

It is extremely unethical for House Repunpicans to plainly a month ago in court that race was not used to draw lines in court and now claim that the lines were illegally drawn using race.

Julieta Scalo
Self
Austin, TX

Please stop this unethical power grab that will pervert future elections and fraudulently benefit one party while disadvantaging another. Please preserve the democratic principle that every vote counts.

Clayton Maxwell
SELF, WRITER
Austin, TX

STOP REDISTRICTING. You have got to stop this redistricting. It's foul play and immoral. You are redrawing lines to diminish the voting power of people of color.

Ellen Hunt
Self
Arlington, TX

This power grab attempt that silences is the voices of Black and Brown Texans is unlawful and pathetic. You know that you cannot gain the five seats that Trump has demanded of you without gerrymandering and cheating. Texans see through you. You need to abandon this endeavor or you will definitely see the fruits of this heinous labor in 2026.

Marsha Cohen
Self
Houston, TX

Leave things alone! Trump wants to cheat. Don't be a puppet or a party to his greed.

Sarah Cotton
Self
Round Rock, TX

NO to this bill

Luther Elmore
AFSCME Texas State Retirees
Austin, TX

Please do not follow through with this deeply partisan redistricting plan. As you well know, it will set off a series of responses from Democratically controlled states to do the same. It will only further the divide between Americans. This will only be another area that will create mid-census battles. Please do not proceed with this redistricting.

Christopher Krager
702414652
Austin, TX

To the Texas Legislator,

It is the sacred duty of every free citizen to guard against the subversion of representative government. Among the gravest of offenses against our Republic is the manipulation of electoral boundaries to entrench power not by the will of the people, but by the cunning of party interest. Such artifices betray the very foundation upon which this Union rests—the principle that government derives its just powers from the consent of the governed.

To contort the map of Texas for partisan gain is not merely a political maneuver—it is an affront to republican virtue and an insult to the dignity of every voter whose voice is thereby diminished. Let it be remembered that true liberty is not secured by force or fiat, but by fair representation and equal justice under the law.

I submit this objection in the hope that reason may prevail, and that Texas may remain not a fief of faction, but a beacon of democratic self-rule.

With utmost respect for the rule of law and fidelity to the public trust,
Chris Krager
Citizen of the Republic

Catherine Carr
Self
San Antonio, TX

Please consider voting against this attempt to silence voters. The State of Texas began with Texans fighting for democracy. To consider redistricting to reduce voters into districts only profiting one party only seeks to silence this democracy.

bennie diaz jr
myself
el paso, TX

Please DO NOT continue further on this proposal. It does NOTHING to help us and how dare you to think that a congressman from San Antonio has ANY idea what is needed here in El Paso. Congresswoman Escobar has our/my FULL SUPPORT on her representation of THIS great city. In this very difficult time in our nation and for this government (Trump) to start messing with MY lively hood. DO NOT DO THIS!!!!!!!!!! Like we say in Texas "DON'T MESS WITH TEXAS.....AND DON'T YOU DARE MESS WITH EL PASO!!!!!!!!

Norma Lostracco
Self
Danbury, TX

This is completely wrong thing to do! I have asked MULTIPLE republicans to explain the justification of doing a mid-decade redistricting and NOT ONE will respond, including my own representative, Cody Vasut! He knows and every single legislator knows that this is one of the most dishonest and underhanded thing that they have ever done, and that’s saying a lot! I understand that politics get dirty but this is next level. LET THE PEOPLE CHOSE THEIR LEGISLATORS, not the other way around. DO THE ROGHT THING AND DROP THIS CHARADE!!

Christie Lawson, Dr.
Self, Corporate Trainer
New Braunfels, TX

Esteemed Members of the Committee,

This mid-decade redistricting is a blatant disregard for the fair part of "free and fair elections." If the Republican Party believes it is acceptable to redraw voting lines simply to secure future victories, it is yet another sign of its deeply corrupt political machine. Any such victory would not arise from a coalition of common beliefs, but from force, oppression, and manipulation.

Is the Republican Party so afraid of losing that it must resort to this kind of overt power grab, gerrymandering scheme, political engineering, and subversion of democracy? This is not merely hardball politics—it is electoral sabotage, plain and simple.

This is shameful. This is not government of the people, by the people, or for the people. It is a malicious abuse of power. In a functioning democracy, people should choose their officials—not the other way around.

This bill should never have been brought forth, and it must not pass.

Xenia Zuniga
Self
Houston, TX

As a community member and public school educator in Harris County, I oppose any mid-decade redistricting that reduces minority voting influence. Our communities deserve fair maps, not political manipulation.

Mardie Cunningham
Self
Groesbeck, TX

Do not redistricting Texas to make Trump happy. Leave it as it.

Gail Raney
self - retired educator
San Antonio, TX

Having been a native Texas for 76 years, I am horrifiedby the direction we are being taken by our current representatives. Our government no longer represents the voters who have sent member to the Legislature, but is now run by those with enormous wealth and the oligarch in the White House. We are in great danger of completely loosing our democracy. This bill is one more step in that direction. The Legislature is following the demands of the current President, rather than following the precendent of the procedure of redistricting every 10 years based on new census data. Every citizen in the state know that this is not to correct "racial" issues with our current district. This new plan is a blatant attempt to put more Republicans in Congress. What a front to our democratic procedures! I, and frankly everyone I know, am appalled by this totally undemocratic strategy that the Republican party is trying to pass. Please represent the voters of our great state of Texas!

Chris Cervantez
self / Realtor
San Antonio, TX

Gerrymandering is manipulative and it undermines what are supposed to be fair and representative elections. Gerrymandering is cheating. Cheating is wrong. Please stop.

Patricia Adams
Self
Austin, TX

This bill is specifically designed to stop the democratic election process and pave the way for a single party. This disenfranchisement of the people will have many negative effects. We should move forward with encouraging participation in our community but this shuts the door for many people. This is elitist, classist and racist. This is going backwards to a dark place in our history and is unconstitutional and evil.

Vivian Maldonado
Myself
El Paso, TX

This redistricting attempt is political manipulation at its core this map is a going to gut the way most of the democratic districts votes are counted leaving it's constituents, underrepresented falsely would allow Republicans to take the majority of districts its shameful that we can not just stop with gerrymandering for true election transparency. This practice goes against democracy and representing the popular vote of the people. This has always been severely scrutinized for questionable practices when it comes to elections and this will further prove that the voice of the constituents in the state will be silenced yet again for the profit of those who wish to sell us out to millionaires. As a Texan we should be listening and working for fellow Texans we should be looking to properly represent the districts and counties of our state accurately and maps should be drawn accordingly. Personally I'd say go back to the popular and let the best man win, as that is the true meaning of democracy.

Ann Tornyos, Mrs.
Self
Bellaire, TX

I am in support of the Republican bill for redistricting Texas.

Alison Reis, Ms.
Self
Georgetown, TX

I am adamantly against this proposal for redistricting. In addition to abandoning the data driven approach of looking at population demographics based on census data, it is a power grab by one party at the behest of a president consistently looking to expand his power and work against the American people. I urge all elected officials in Texas to do their jobs and listen to the people!

Rita Carroll
Self, retired
Highland Park, TX

RE: Opposition to Mid-Decade Congressional Redistricting

Dear Governor Abbott, Lt. Governor Patrick, and Speaker Burrows,

As a distraught Texan, I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed mid-decade congressional redistricting plan currently being considered during the special legislative session.

Redistricting is meant to follow the decennial census—not to be used mid-cycle for political advantage, as the most recent redistricting as applied to me is clearly evident by its boundaries. Attempting to redraw congressional boundaries just a few years after the last map was approved, and while legal challenges to those maps are still pending, undermines both public trust and the basic principles of representative democracy.

This proposed action is more than a political maneuver—it strips me of my freedom as a voter by attempting to silence and scatter the power of my voice and my community. It's a blatant act of cheating, breaking the clear rules that are meant to ensure a level playing field in our elections. Texans expect our leaders to play fair, not bend the system in their favor.

I believe every Texan deserves fair and equal representation. Proposing a redistricting plan now, without clear and compelling justification, feels like an attempt to manipulate electoral outcomes rather than a move to strengthen our democratic institutions. It risks splitting communities, diminishing the political influence of fast-growing areas, and eroding confidence in the integrity of the process.

Like so many others, I contribute to this state through my work, my vote, and my civic engagement. I expect my leaders to focus on the real needs facing Texans—like improving public education and weather preparedness, fixing our power grid, addressing health care, mental health care, and housing needs—not on political tactics that divide and disenfranchise.

I am especially concerned about the impact this could have on counties such as Fort Bend, Collin, Dallas, Harris, Travis, Williamson, Bexar, El Paso, Denton, and Tarrant, where communities are growing, thriving, and deserve fair representation.

Texas deserves better than this. I urge you to reject the mid-decade redistricting plan and focus instead on serving the people of this great state with fairness, transparency, and respect for the Constitution. Please remember your oath of office to do just that.

Sincerely,
Rita Carroll
Dallas County

Darlyne Crum
self/retired
Canyon Lake, TX

Please vote against this horrible gerrymandering attempt. It is dirty pool and everyone knows it. Have some respect.

Aracelia Perez
self
Plainview, TX

I urge the committee to reject this mid-decade redistricting proposal, it is nothing but a blatant power grab and does not represent the will of the people nor the Great State of Texas.

DONNA DONALDSON
self, retired
San Marcos, TX

Time for Republicans to stop rigging elections by gerrymandering, as well as throwing legitimate voters off the voting rolls and closing polling stations. If you can't win by legitimate means, you are unfit for office.

Marilyn Fowler
Self
Austin, TX

I first registered to vote at age 18 and have not missed an election in sixty years. I have not voted for any candidate who womanized, worshipped rich people, put his family's needs ahead of the needs of poor families, or who did not cherish public education and extend the same civil rights to all people, regardless of race, income, or gender. Now you think by forcing my neighbors and I to use ballots as tools to advance the evil and godless Republicans and vote for someone like Trump they will suddenly change their hearts, as if they cannot read or think? This absurd redistricting will cost a fortune but will NOT work to change the allotment of common sense. For once, Texas, take a conservative FINANCIAL stand, show your concern for RIGHTEOUS action, and stay the course.

Mary Gilroy
self- retired scientist
Driftwood, TX

I have lived at my current residence in Driftwood Texas for over 45 years, and am now in Congressional District # 21. Due to recent extreme gerrymandering, I feel I no longer have a voice in Texas policies or government. I am strongly opposed to the current effort to redistrict our state in mid-census for this and several other reasons.

After the devastating floods over July 4th, this special session should be dedicated ENTIRELY to assisting with flood relief and planning for future flood protection. The Driftwood/Wimberley area was severely impacted by the 2015 Blanco River flood, and it is clear then that the legislature had a responsibility to facilitate better warning for these recurring events. Why is the session starting with re-districting???

Second, districts were just redrawn FOUR YEARS ago, and officials have provided no credible reason for this new mid-census effort. And those 2021 maps are still being challenged in court!

Third, the process itself is an embarrassment to our state- the rushed process, lack of notification and very limited opportunity for public input all indicates Republican lawmakers' complete disregard for their constituents. Is this really what you want to be remembered for?

But most importantly, the districts targeted are clearly those of majority-minority populations, in other words, people of color. This shows that communities of color are being split up in order to weaken their power and voice, much like in the Jim Crow era. Minority rule is already a fact in Texas, where whites are only 45% of the population but control 70% of congressional districts. That begs the question- what are you afraid of? Why not get re-elected by offering REAL solutions to the problems Texans face- instead of re-drawing maps to concentrate power in one group and exclude the voices of entire communities!!

Please slow down and provide Texans with the deliberative process we deserve- allow time for the court case to conclude, then draw districts that reflect our population to include more communities of color, instead of turning more districts into "safe, red" ones.

All of America is watching Texas. Make us proud to live here by showing your respect for our voices. Prove that you actually work for ALL of us, not just a select few. Protect Texas democracy and give ALL your constituents the voting power they deserve.

Thank you for your careful consideration of this matter.

Michelle Barbee
self, teacher
Honey Grove, TX

I do not approve of these maps. We deserve fair maps that represent all Texans drawn by an independent redistricting commission.

Janet Jackson
Self
Houston, TX

I oppose the ploy by the Trump Administration and Gov. Abbott to disenfranchise me out of House District 18. It’s bad enough that Hov. Abbott has denied us of representation since the death of Rep. Sylvester Turner earlier this year. I have called the Governor’s office as well as Cody Vasut to voice my opposition. I’ve tried calling some of the others but some calls aren’t going through. Let’s stop the steal folks!

Nancy Bain, Ms.
Self
Austin, TX

Dear House members, Thank you for your consideration. I am extremely concerned about the new redistricting maps that have just been submitted by the Texas GOP House members as per President Trump's letter of request. This is not only a blatant power grab by the President to load the numbers in the House, but it blows states rights out of the water. Additionally, it would negatively impact thousands of voters who already feel that their votes do not matter. This also blatantly goes against the Voting Rights Act. It disenfranchises people of color and Democrat precincts and districts. At a time when the Legislature should be working on emergency preparedness, climate readiness and insurance issues, and helping our fellow Texans who were so hurt by the recent floods, this redistricting cudgel leaves us feeling like "only politics matter". As a native Texan, I am ashamed and disgusted. DO NOT accept these new, absurd redistricting maps!

Margaret Buehler
Houston
Houston, TX

Please don't do this. Show concerns for Texas, not the National GOP. 43% of Texans voted Democrat. Your redistricting map caps their representation at 13%. Cheating isn't winning. Please don't do this thing.

William Breese
Self
Austin, TX

The current redistricting effort appears to be a totally partisan event, with the single minded goal of achieving additional representatives for the Republican party. Any redistricting which attempts to achieve a quota for one particular political party is inherently unfair and is against the intentions of the constitution.

Any redistricting in Texas should be done in a totally non-partisan manner, with the goal of achieving fair and balanced representation for all Texans.

Dale Peppers
SAAVETX/Self, RN
Austin, TX

RE: Opposition to Mid-Decade Congressional Redistricting – A Statement from South Asian Texans
Dear Governor Abbott, Lt. Governor Patrick, and Speaker Burrows,
As members of the South Asian American community across Texas, we write to express our unequivocal opposition to the mid-decade congressional redistricting plan currently before the Legislature.
South Asian Texans are one of the fastest-growing populations in this state. We run businesses, drive innovation, advance medicine, and enrich the cultural and civic life of Texas. We also vote, organize, and contribute to the democratic process.
But this redistricting proposal is not about improving representation — it is about manipulating it. These maps are being redrawn to break up strong, diverse voting blocs and weaken the collective voice of communities of color, including South Asians, who are becoming an undeniable force in Texas politics.
In major metropolitan counties where South Asians live and work — Harris, Fort Bend, Dallas, Collin, Tarrant, Travis, and Bexar — cohesive neighborhoods are being fractured and stitched together with distant rural counties. These artificial districts have nothing to do with shared interests and everything to do with diluting the political power of growing populations.
This is not representation. This is an intentional strategy to silence voters and undermine democracy.
What does a tech executive in Plano have in common with a farmer hundreds of miles away? What shared vision for Texas can come from districts designed to split communities apart rather than bring them together?
Texas should stand as a model of democratic integrity, where representation reflects the people who call this state home. Instead, this process dismantles the very pillars of democracy — fairness, accountability, and trust.
When maps are drawn for partisan gain, they don’t just distort election outcomes — they tell entire communities their voices don’t matter.
We stand with Texans in Fort Bend, Collin, Dallas, Harris, Travis, Williamson, Bexar, El Paso, Denton, and Tarrant Counties who are seeing their voting power diluted and their representation sacrificed for political advantage.
We urge you to withdraw this plan and commit instead to drawing fair maps that keep communities whole, reflect where people actually live and work, and protect every Texan’s right to representation.
Democracy only works when every vote counts and every voice is heard. These maps break that promise. Texans — all Texans — deserve better.
Sincerely,
Dale Peppers
Austin, TX

Kathleen Huston
Self
Lago Vista, TX

Do not change the districts. Stop this power play.This stop citizens from having a equal voice in democracy

Martha Cother-Hoag
self
NRH, TX

The GOP proposed redistricting maps are unfair, racist and anti-democratic. Why even bother having voting it is not in free and fair elections where everyone's vote counts? Stop this nonsense and draw only fair reasonable voting districts considering this type of information:
1) Partisan Fairness: Avoid disproportionate advantage to any political party, as measured by accepted metrics like the "efficiency gap" and "mean-median difference."
2) Prohibition on favoring incumbents or parties: Prevent drawing lines to benefit specific candidates or parties.
3) No use of partisan data: Restrict the use of information such as election results and party registration during the process.
4) Competitiveness: Aim for districts with a balanced partisan lean to foster electoral competition.

Neither the GOP or Democrats should be "engineering" gerrymandered voting districts. It is shameful and does not represent the best interests of the voting public.

Jami Clouse
Self
Dallas, TX

I strongly condemn the redistricting proposals & see them for what they are… a power play by Republicans. Find a spine and stand up against Abbott and Trump.

Takoradi Harris
Self
Forney, TX

REJECT THIS BILL NOW

Adele Papoosha
Self, Grant Writer
Austin, TX

AGAINST

Mary Favret
self
Spring, TX

I believe this bill is a bit of a rush on the part of the Texas majority party. If the plan is to just rig the 2026 Election and think you can win back the Republican voters of Texas, I think you are miscalculating the delivery of your message. The typical Texan voter does not want their representatives to just bow to the President, they want them to work for their voice. The typical Texan will be confused and bewildered.

Paula Paredes
Self
Euless, TX

"As a Texas AFT member and public school educator in the DFW area, I oppose any mid-decade redistricting that reduces minority voting influence. Our communities deserve fair maps, not political manipulation.

David Farries
Self
The Woodlands, TX

I fully support the redistricting proposed for five new districts.

Haley Campise
Self
Austin, TX

I am opposed to this nonsense and believe this is a way to cheat and give republicans more seats. We all know what’s happening here and if it goes through , this shows a blatant lack of democracy. Please don’t allow it.

Hermelinda Zamarripa
League of United Latin American Citizens
Austin, TX

The increase in population growth, particularly Latinos, handed Texas 5 congressional seats. However, the proposed maps are purposely gerrymandered to favor Republicans. This is an absolute dishonest, despicable disgrace. I am currently represented by a rich, white man whom I only see on TV. He holds no town halls, does not return phone calls, has no office close by, no nothing. Yet because the district is gerrymandered, he is reelected year after year. I fear if these maps stay, many more will encounter the same fate. By gerrymandering, this committing is not providing the people of Texas with fair and just representation.

Elizabeth Long
SELF Travis County Voter
Austin, TX

As a long-time Democratic voter in Travis County I am 100% opposed to redrawing the map to eliminate fair representation. Gerrymandering even more than has already been done to favor Republican candidates (and voters) is WRONG and UNDEMOCRATIC. Thank you, Representatives Crockett and Doggett, for supporting democratic elections and representation.

Ashley Unbehagen
Self-physician
Austin, TX

This blatant manipulation of Texas voting put forth by President Trump is unacceptable, unconscionable and un-American. Let Texans speak with their vote not by shifting the districts around to favor Republicans. It's just wrong and you know it. Why, oh why does a Republican in the great state of Texas not have the courage, the fortitude and the spine to stand up to Trump and his puppet Abbott. Do the right thing, what you were elected to do instead of conceding to cheating and self preservation. It's beneath you. If you support this you should be embarrassed to call yourself a Texan.

corrine Arnold
self retired
cleburne, TX

I support HB4 proposed redistricting map. We elected Trump - give him what he wants.

Jennifer Scott Williams
Self - engineer
Pearland, TX

I vehemently oppose redistricting as set forth in the proposed legislation. This action is detrimental to the livelihood and interests of the constituency and dilutes the voices of Black and Brown communities. It is an intentional and very dangerous form of social injustice.

Kathleen Manna
Self Retired
San Antonio, TX

I strongly oppose the redistricting map. It is clearly not an appropriate map to accurately represent the interests of all Texans. Do better.

Kristen Bryant
Self
New Braunfels, TX

We deserve fair representation in Texas. I don't like cheaters. This feels like cheating. If you can't win fairly, maybe you didn't deserve to win?

Susan Thomson
self, retired social worker
Pflugerville, TX

I am strongly opposed to the proposed redistricting map and see absolutely no justification for redistricting at all in the mid-term unless Texas moves away from public officials choosing their voters. I live in Pflugerville which is almost totally in Travis County. Pflugerville underwent severe “cracking” in the 2021 redistricting after the 2020 census, resulting in the city being divided up into 4 Congressional districts. One can literally stand in the parking lot of the HEB at FM 685 and Pecan Street in District 10 and look across the street immediately to the south to see District 35 and across the street immediately to the west to see District 17. District 37 is a mile and a half south. The only logic for moving part of Pflugerville into District 17 was to take some Democratic voters out of District 10 because Rep. McCaul had two very close elections in a row. I live in District 17 and have no common interests with voters in a district headquartered in Waco.
The proposed map would move Pflugerville to District 11, a district that stretches from Odessa and Midland in the west, makes its way through counties with more cows than people and finally snakes its way to Pflugerville on its east side. The proposed map clearly violates the US Constitution 14th Amendment, the Voting Rights Act and the Texas Constitution. Pflugerville is a majority minority community. The proposed map totally disregards the concept of communities of interest. What are the shared interests of Pflugerville voters with voters in Odessa, Midland or Mertzon in Irion County compared with our shared interests with the other voters in Travis County? Where is the geographic cohesion? The goal should be to ensure that a community’s voters can effectively voice their concerns and elect representatives who will advocate for their specific needs.
Based on Rep. August Pfluger’s voting record, it is clear he will have no interest in effectively representing our specific needs in Pflugerville. To approve the proposed and totally uncalled for map is cynical and shameful.

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Katelyn Patterson
self
Austin, TX

You held hearings with no maps so all testimony was labeled as neutral. And then all of a sudden, there are maps. Giving Trump exactly what he asked for. You had to be called to this work for a reason but you got lost along the way. I am not sure how you sleep at night knowing that you are cramming this vastly unpopular map through for purely political purposes. Real Texans need your help. Real Texans lost their lives in the floods. What is taking place is cowardly and disgraceful. But real Texans will remember and come out and vote. I urge you to vote AGAINST this scam of a political power grab.

Varun Prasad
Self (Writer)
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose the mid-decade redistricting that would redraw my district, the 35th. Instead of gamesmanship and political chicanery, the Great State of Texas should abandon gerrymandering and instead appoint an independent, apolitical commission to decide the fairest way for Texans' voices to be heard at the polls. Democracy isn't a game, but it sure seems like our state leaders are playing at one with their gerrymandering antics. Please stop - we need this state to work better *together* and not be divided for partisan gain. That way peril lies. Please consider the principles of democracy that are the bedrock of our nation and stop this bill from passing.

Brittani Powers

Self circuit breaker designer

Allen, TX

Do not redistrict. This is blatant bowing to a tyrant and rigging the election. The exact thing you were so afraid of and worked to inhibit. This is wrong and you know it. The undermining of democracy by those who are suppose to support it, will end our country.

Samantha Glover

Self / Marketing Manager

Austin, TX

I profoundly against this legislation. It is a deeply undemocratic move that is not being made in the best interest of the people of Texas. This type of political maneuvering is a threat to the democracy we hold dear and an affront to the values this country and the state of Texas were founded on. I urge our representatives to think not of Washington democrats but instead of Texas citizens and their voting rights and interests as they are obligated by law to uphold.

Jack Rinderknecht

“Self” teacher

Houston, TX

My voting rights are being suppressed by this bill.

Barrett Johnston
Self, Education Technology
Dallas, TX

To the Members of the Texas House Redistricting Committee,

My name is [Your Name], and I am a proud resident of [Your City], Texas. I'm submitting this comment today to express my strong opposition to the newly proposed redistricting maps drawn by the Republican majority. As a constituent and citizen who believes in the fundamental principles of representative democracy, I find this map to be a deeply undemocratic distortion of the electoral process.

According to the 2020 U.S. Census, over 95% of Texas's population growth in the last decade came from communities of color—particularly Latino, Black, and Asian residents. Yet the new maps do not reflect this demographic shift. Instead, they dilute the political power of these communities, while reinforcing the status quo of political control. For example, although Latino Texans now make up nearly 40% of the state's population, the number of Latino-majority congressional districts remains effectively unchanged or has even decreased in influence under the proposed maps. This is not just unfair—it's a blatant violation of the Voting Rights Act.

The redistricting proposal continues a trend of partisan gerrymandering that has plagued our state for too long. Analyses from voting rights experts and organizations like the Brennan Center and the Texas Civil Rights Project reveal that the new maps are designed with surgical precision to entrench Republican power, even when they do not win a majority of the popular vote. In 2022, for instance, Republicans won 64% of Texas's congressional seats with only 54.8% of the statewide vote. These new maps would lock in similar or even more skewed outcomes—at the direct expense of fair representation.

Further, communities across Texas—including in Fort Worth, Houston, and Austin—are being split and packed in ways that dismantle cohesive, historically underrepresented neighborhoods. The new maps fracture communities with shared economic, cultural, and political interests, undermining their ability to elect candidates who reflect their values and needs. This violates basic redistricting principles of compactness and community integrity.

Let me be clear: This is not about partisan allegiance. This is about democracy. Every Texan, regardless of party, race, or zip code, deserves an equal voice in our government. The proposed maps deny that equality and send the message that political power is more important than the people who put you in office.

I urge you to reject this redistricting proposal and go back to the drawing board. The people of Texas deserve maps that reflect the reality of who we are—not ones drawn to protect the interests of a few at the expense of the many.

Claudia Ullrich
Self, Texas Mom
Austin, TX

I am a constituent of the 37th Congressional District of Texas, and I oppose redistricting efforts. This brazen initiative by the Governor and the Department of Justice to increase Republican representation in the U.S. House by disenfranchising communities of color is disgraceful. Such actions constitute blatant racial discrimination.

The Governor convened this special session under the pretense of other issues; however, the true motive is clear. This matter must be halted promptly to allow the legislature to concentrate on other pressing issues affecting Texans, such as flood relief and warning systems, regulation of THC products (as unclear messaging led to my hospitalization after I ingested a legally sold product without understanding its contents), and the elimination of the STAAR test. Additionally, critical funding for public schools must be reconsidered. Furthermore, what will be the consequence when millions of Texans lose Medicaid coverage due to budget cuts? These pressing issues deserve the attention of lawmakers and are of paramount importance to the state of Texas.

Mary Ann Gonzales, Dr.
self
Austin, TX

our voices matter.
gerrymandering undermines the principles of fair representation, competitive elections, and responsive governance that are crucial for a healthy democracy.

Sandra Gavrilla
self
Coppell, TX

As a Texas voter, I am deeply opposed to mid-decade redistricting, especially while the current maps are still being challenged in court! This whole process is being rushed through - and these new maps make no sense. We deserve to have a redistricting process that is fair, transparent and results in equal representation for all -- not this rushed and deeply flawed process. We should instead be focused on one of the worst flood disasters in Texas history - and how to prevent it from happening in the future. This is just rude and unjust political manuevering.

Jill Curtis
Self - Attorney
Austin, TX

I write to speak out against the unconstitutional and racially prejudiced effort to gerrymander Texas in an effort to give Republicans more seats in Congress by reducing the voting power of minorities. Do NOT vote in favor of this measure. And if you do, be prepared for the backlash that is sure to come and get anyone who did vote for this measure voted out of office themselves.

Rachel Tepper
self
AUSTIN, TX

My name is Rachel Tepper, and I am submitting this comment to express my deep concern and strong opposition to the Texas House of Representatives' proposed redistricting plan, which appears to intentionally reduce representation for urban areas and communities of color.

This plan is not just an administrative reshuffling—it is a direct threat to fair and democratic representation. Cities are home to a growing majority of Texans, and communities of color have fueled the population growth that entitles Texas to additional representation. Yet instead of honoring that reality, this map dilutes their voice. That is not only unjust—it is anti-democratic.

If enacted, this plan would sideline the very communities that contribute most to Texas's economic, cultural, and demographic vitality. It sends a chilling message that the voices of people of color and urban residents are less valuable—less worthy of representation—than those in whiter, rural areas. That is morally indefensible and legally questionable.

Redistricting should reflect population growth, community cohesion, and the constitutional principle of "one person, one vote"—not partisan entrenchment or racial gerrymandering. The current plan appears to do the opposite.

I urge this body to reject any map that does not fairly represent the people of Texas—all of us—and to commit to a transparent process that reflects the will of a diverse, dynamic, and rapidly changing state.

Texans deserve better.

Thank you.

Karen Harris
Self
Richardson, TX

I am in full support HB4. The composition of voters in Texas has significantly changed as seen in the last Presidential race.

Donna Mitchell
Self
Fort Davis, TX

I strongly oppose any redistricting changes until after the 2030 census.

Richard Hofer
self - retired
Denton, TX

your only reason to redistrict is to tip the voting scales in your favor. QUIT IT! be ethical enough to accept voting results as they are.

Lisa Anderson
Self
McKinney, TX

I do not agree with mid-decade redistricting and certainly not with the express intent of silencing voters and unconstitutionally generating partisan gains.

Olga Phillips
Tru Texas Project
Fort Worth, TX

I SUPPORT HB4 AND THE PROPOSED REDISTRICTING MAP.

Sanna Coffin
Self Education Consultant
Austin, TX

I fervently urge Texas policymakers to reject Trump's attempt to sway the Texas vote by redistricting in such an obviously corrupt and unfair way. Texas is not for sale. This is terrifying and wrong. Do your jobs and support your constituents who want Trump out of our business.

Daniel Dawer
Self
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose this anti democratic attempt to disenfranchise my vote and my community. This politically motivated redistricting effort disproportionately takes power away from voters of color and skews the balance of voices that represents Texans statewide. Any attempt to redistrict our state should be supported by accurate population data and follow transparent procedures for public comment. This is a naked power grab that violates basic principles of democracy.

Margaret Stenz
self, work for local municipality
Austin, TX

OPPOSE--I strongly oppose this redistricting bill.

Ken Phillips
Tru Texas Project
Fort Worth, TX

I SUPPORT HB4 AND THE PROPOSED REDISTRICTING MAP

Anna Smith, Ms.
Self
Richardson, TX

I write to express my unequivocal opposition to House Bill 4 (HB 4), the latest redistricting proposal under consideration by the Texas Legislature. This bill is a blatant assault on democratic principles, voting rights, and the constitutional guarantee of equal representation for all Texans. HB 4 is not merely an administrative reshuffling of political lines—it is a strategic act of disenfranchisement targeting communities of color and undermining the very foundations of our republic.

Therese Progar
self, retired
Richardson, TX

I live in HD32, represented by Julie Johnson. No finer, more professional, more qualified person could be in this position. I don't know where the Republican Party will finally lead this country in its inexplicable fealty to Donald Trump, but I deeply and truly believe that it is being complicit in the undoing of our Democracy. I am a former Independent voter (for 44 years). I no longer have any respect for the Republican Party. I largely blame the Citizens United Ruling for drawing us in to a situation where there is no middle without fear of retaliation, but from my perspective it is the Republican Party at this time that is giving one man far too much power, one he does not respect nor understand beyond his own personal interests.

Robert Grinsfelder
The people of Texas
Richardson, TX

Redistricting should only be done every 10 years and respond to census population shifts. The current congressional districts favor the Republicans far more than the popular vote of 55% to 45% which is the latest available. We are only doing this because our state leaders want to please Donald Trump. There are 10 states with non-partisan groups and non-politicians evaluating and proposing the fairest possible districts. It is also important that districts be competitive so that we have the highest possible turnout of voters. This is the definition of rigging the system and why people are losing faith in government. There are far more important issues to be considered in this special session such as better safety measures during floods and less restrictions for women needing life saving abortions.

Lori Schechter
self, retired
Dallas, TX

I strongly opposed redistricting unrelated to the census, for political purposes, and in violation of the process and redistricting rules. The elected officials pressing for this at the behest of the President neither deserve to serve as public officials nor deserve my vote.

Karen Marsales
Self Hunqn Trdources
Austin, TX

All Texans should have a voice quit letting politicians pick voters. Districts should be represented geographically and population size

Marion Smith
Self
Houston, TX

I support this bill.

Hannah Sauve
MOVE Texas
San antonio, TX

This is definitionally gerrymandering. There is no reason to redistct texas besides giving republicans an upper hand in elections.

Michael Huebner
Self, clinical researcher
Austin, TX

Gerrymandering is wrong on both sides of the aisle. The district map already looks crazy. This new proposed map is an even greater misrepresentation of the people. Support for this bill is a vote against democracy itself.

Milena Thompson
Self
Round Rock, TX

Redistricting an already unfair gerrymandered map for the sole purpose of silencing an even larger population of voters is undemocratic and does not allow fair representation. Do not bow to the pressure. Stand for the people you serve.

joi Holcomb
Self retired
Austin, TX

This is a waste of time and taxpayer money. Flood victim relief and future flood prevention funding needs to be a priority. This redistricting attempt is a blatant political move that will only further harm the voters in central Texas. Just say no to Trump and take care of your constituents!

Kay Andrews
Self
Austin, TX

The proposed redistricting is a power grab and an insult to Texans - especially those of color. In 2021, maps were drawn to disenfranchise Democrats and those issues are still in the court. Why do this mid-decade gerrymandering to further discriminate, and also confuse voters and cause chaos among legislators who districts would change? It is unnecessary and it discriminatory and it is wrong. It serves one purpose - to help Donald Trump get 5 more districts. Remember the “perfect call” to Georgia? Tell Trump no.
And have you forgotten that this expensive special session was justified on the basis that it was needed to help flood victims and fund disaster preparedness?! Shut down this nonsense on redistricting and focus on disaster relief and preparedness. Protect Texas and Texans. Quit the chaos and reject Trump/Abbott efforts at gerrymandering and the maps drawn by an out-of-state activist.

Arletha King
Self
Dallas, TX

The redistricting is political and doe not to benefit the citizens of Texas. There is no reason for this change except it was asked by the Governor to appease the current administration.

LINDA LEE
self
AUSTIN, TX

Subject: Strong Opposition to the Proposed Texas Redistricting Plan and Inclusion of North Austin in District 10

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed congressional redistricting plan that places our home in North Austin (Travis County) into Congressional District 10, represented by Congressman Michael McCaul. Under the proposed map, District 10 would stretch from suburban Houston (including areas like Katy and Cypress) through rural counties such as Washington, Austin, and Waller, all the way into the urban core of Austin. This is textbook gerrymandering.

Politics aside, how is a member of Congress supposed to meaningfully represent such a fragmented and incoherent district? What do residents of North Austin have in common with exurban or rural communities more than 100 miles away in southeast Texas? Our priorities—urban infrastructure, public transit, affordable housing, and equitable education—are drastically different from those in sprawling rural and suburban counties outside of Houston. The interests of Austin residents will be diluted and drowned out in a district designed not for representation, but for political gain.

Let's be honest about the motivation: this is a desperate attempt to protect Republican power ahead of what they know will be a difficult election cycle. With Donald Trump looming large over the GOP and alienating moderate and independent voters alike, Texas Republicans are attempting to gerrymander their way to survival. This is not about representing Texans. It is about silencing them.

What's worse, this redistricting plan disenfranchises urban voters, particularly young people, people of color, and those in fast-growing communities who are demanding change. The result is a less responsive and less effective Congress. We will have representatives who are not accountable to their constituents because their seats have been drawn to eliminate political risk.

I urge you to reconsider this misguided and anti-democratic plan. The people of Texas deserve fair maps, real representation, and leaders who compete on ideas—not on how cleverly they can rig the boundaries.

This plan is so self-serving and a desperate effort to change the rules, to rig the vote. If you were all doing the right thing for Texans, you wouldn't need to act so desperate and weak. Hopefully, it will ultimately backfire. The public sees what's happening. And in time, voters will respond.

Jennifer Odom, Mrs
Self
Spring, TX

I do not approve of this change. We use the census for a reason, for fair representation. This will open pandora's box of consequences that the Texas legislature will fail to see coming.

Elisabeth Tone
Self, tech industry marketing leader
Austin, TX

I live in Austin, and I'm writing to oppose the redistricting proposal designed to favor Donald Trump with five new congressional seats. This plan slices up communities like mine, dividing neighbors who share schools, transit systems, and local concerns into separate districts for political advantage. Redistricting should strengthen communities, not divide them. This plan does the opposite — it weakens the influence of cities, communities of color, and young voters who have every right to be fairly represented. It's a clear example of gerrymandering and it's unacceptable in a state as dynamic and diverse as Texas. Please respect the integrity of our communities. Fair representation is not a partisan issue — it's a democratic one.

Karla Auten
Private citizen
El Paso, TX

I am writing as a Texas voter to vehemently oppose the proposed electoral redistricting map. This is a blatant moral and ethical disaster that is being proposed by Republicans to steal 5 seats at the behest of a lunatic. How can we as a state have a hand in destroying democracy and silencing every voice of opposition to what end? What is being proposed is absolute election interference and NOT appropriate representation. This is not democracy. Every Texan deserves maps that reflect our communities--by representatives that live and participate in the lives of the people they represent. In El Paso, it has been suggested that a large portion of our city be taken out of our hands and placed in those of a person who neither lives here not understands the unique needs of a border community. That is happening across the entire state and in my opinion, is an attempt to undermine the promise of democracy and in particular in places of ethnic diversity. If you need to cheat to win, then your values do not align with the hope that EVERY voice has a right to be heard and represented--especially those designed to lose by systematic oppression. The rule of the law is not a suggestion, it is a moral obligation to be undertaken with integrity and with resolve. We cannot bend to the whim of those who seek to destroy our country and require those in power to finally have the courage to stand up and say NO. Enough is enough--we will not have a hand in turning our country into an ethical wasteland. Listen to the opposition (and there are many, many, MANY of us raising our voices). I am urging the Texas legislature to reject this sham, this power grab of a map. We deserve fair representation, we deserve to have our voices heard and we demand that democracy reign. Texans are watching and we will remember who defended our right to vote and who helped to destroy it.

Eric James
Self
Austin, TX

I am outraged by this mid-cycle attempt at redistricting. If you vote for this bill you are failing to represent your constituents. HB-4 is very bad for Texas and equally bad for the United States. As a Legislator sworn to support Democracy, to support the great state of Texas, and to support our wonderful country, do not vote for this bill. Thank You
Eric James

Laura Clay
Self-Educator
Austin, TX

Spending additional time and resources in a special session to undermine the foundational worth of our democratic system to create new lines clearly to benefit one party is extremely disappointing. I am not in favor of the desperate unconstitutional act brought in at the last minute due to fear. Let the people participate.

Lauren M Lyon
Self
Richardson, TX

I am against redistricting for the purpose of gerrymandering communities that have nothing in common into the same district solely to increase the chances that one party will win more seats. I live in the Dallas metro and my economic and social life is tied to that metro. I want my congressional representative to have the Dallas metro in mind and do what is best for my area. Likewise, I imagine that rural east Texans also want a representative who is focused on doing best by east Texas. Gerrymandering steals that from both regions.

Kevin Todora
self
Richardson,, TX

To the Members of the Texas Legislature and Governor Abbott:

I write as a proud Texan—deeply committed to fair representation—to express unequivocal opposition to House Bill 4, your proposal to redraw congressional districts mid-decade. This move is unjustified, indefensible, and unacceptable to Texans who value equality under the law.

1. A Power Grab at the Wrong Time
Redistricting is a once-in-a-decade process following the U.S. Census. Attempting it in 2025 is a blatant power grab. Doing this during a special session that should focus on flood relief—while over 135 Texans have lost their lives and communities are still rebuilding—shows you prioritize politics over people.

2. Partisan and Racially Discriminatory
HB 4 is designed to flip up to five seats to Republicans by overpacking Democratic voters, particularly in Latino and Black districts, and slicing apart historic communities like Houston's 18th District. This is not incidental; it is intentional. Silencing minority voters and removing citizens from hearings exposes the true intent of this process.

3. Legally and Morally Reckless
Texas has repeatedly faced federal court intervention for discriminatory maps. HB 4 will invite more lawsuits, waste taxpayer money, and likely fail under the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause.

4. Undermining Democracy
These maps entrench political power and reduce voter choice. Public input has been ignored. This is not democracy; it is manipulation.

Core Principles at Stake:

1. One person, one vote.
2. Equal protection under the law.
3. Communities represented fairly, not carved up for political gain.

My Demands:

- Withdraw HB 4 immediately.
- Focus on disaster relief and rebuilding communities.
- Commit to transparent, public-driven redistricting in 2031.
- Respect minority voter power and coalition districts.
- Stop wasting taxpayer money on unconstitutional maps.

In Conclusion
HB 4 is an affront to democracy, racial equity, and basic fairness. Texans deserve maps that represent people, not partisan power.

End HB 4. Honor democracy. Stand for fairness.

Sincerely,
A concerned and outraged Texas citizen

Lisa Hall
self
San Angelo, TX

I urge the committee to reject this mid-decade redistricting proposal. It is unfair for the people in those districts and unfair for Texas as a whole! The people deserve the right to choose their representatives.

George Eleftheriou
Self
Spring, TX

This redistricting plan constitutes a blatant attempt to secure representation in favor of the Republican party rather than garner a fair representation of the will of the Texas people. This is shameful behavior and Greg Abbott should resign for abandoning his constituents, regardless of their political affiliation, to please the fascist in the presidency. Shame.

Della Glidewell, Mrs.
NCRP and Self
Corsicana, TX

I am in supoort of redistricting however I feel Navarro County needs to remain as a whole. We are made up more of small rural areas versus big cities.

Dann Zimmer
Me
Bastrop, TX

This is illegal, unethical, and displays a deep deep fear of losing control.

Jeremy Flowers
Self
Tyler, TX

Chairperson and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony regarding the proposed redistricting legislation that seeks to redraw Texas's political maps mid-decade—outside of the regular decennial process—without sufficient public input or transparency. I write today as a concerned Texan, a longtime advocate for marginalized communities, and someone deeply invested in ensuring that our political system reflects the voices and values of the people it serves.

This proposed legislation raises grave concerns—not only for its substance, but for the way it has been introduced and rushed forward. A redistricting map that will significantly reshape representation across the state was released just 48 hours before testimony was scheduled. This is not a transparent or inclusive process. It is a direct affront to the democratic principles that Texans hold dear. The accelerated timeline deprives the public—especially those from underrepresented and historically disenfranchised communities—of the opportunity to analyze, organize, and respond to changes that will affect their lives for years to come.

Even more troubling is the disproportionate and targeted impact this proposed map will have on communities of color. Texas is a state where the majority of population growth in recent decades has come from Black, Latino, Asian, and Indigenous communities. These same communities are now at risk of having their political power diluted—split across districts in ways that weaken their collective voice or packed into a small number of districts to minimize their influence elsewhere. This kind of gerrymandering is not new, but that does not make it any less harmful—or any more acceptable.

The timing of this legislation—outside the standard redistricting cycle and seemingly at the discretion of the executive branch—suggests a deliberate attempt to manipulate representation in ways that serve partisan interests rather than the people of Texas. This sets a dangerous precedent: that districts can be redrawn not in response to census data or population shifts, but based on political convenience. That is not democracy. That is control.

The immediate effects of this legislation will be confusion, mistrust, and disenfranchisement. Communities will be left uncertain about who represents them. Grassroots organizing efforts—especially those focused on civic engagement and voter turnout—will be disrupted or undermined. Voters who already feel left out of the system will be given one more reason to disengage entirely.

The long-term effects are even more sobering. It will weaken the bonds between constituents and their elected officials. It will send a chilling message to communities of color that their voices and votes can be manipulated or minimized whenever those in power choose to do so. And it will almost certainly lead to costly litigation.

I urge this committee to reject this legistlation and stand for fairness & transparnecy.

Sebastian Macabare
self - call center
Dallas, TX

This district map is an undemocratic pile of trash cooked up as a gift for the pedophile protecting president. For anyone still on the fence, understand that this map will severely hinder if not out right prevent any meaningful disent from Texans. They are trying steal your vote. Even if you are a Republican now it doesn't mean you will always agree with Republicans in the future. Citizens choose there representatives not the other way around.

Destiny Herndon-De La Rosa
Myself
Richardson, TX

If it takes voter suppression to gain power then you are on the wrong side of history.

Chris Buckner, Rev.
Antioch Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church
Dallas, TX

Dear Chair Vasut and Committee:

The Antioch Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church of Dallas is writing to express our strong opposition to HB 4 that seeks to redraw district maps. As a church in the heart of an affected community that serves over 6,500 people in the Dallas-Forth Worth metroplex, we do so for several reasons. According to a report from the Texas Tribune, when the President of the United States called the Governor of the State of Texas to speak about an agenda item for a special session, it was not to provide relief for the Texans affected by flooding, to protect the 770,000 Texans who will be uninsured, or the millions of Texans who may not have food. Instead, the Governor allowed himself to be bullied into forcing an unjust redistricting of Congressional maps as an agenda item for that special session. It is this same spirit of cowardice that guides this redistricting process. This instance of redistricting is very rushed, leaving constituents and their voices silent as the public was not provided an opportunity to view a map proposal. Additionally, this is blatantly disadvantageous to minority communities. It furthers the state of Texas' history of suppressing the votes of its minority citizens. The affected districts are overwhelmingly filled with Black and Hispanic voters. Additionally, the district maps from 2021 are still in dispute, meaning that this is a discussion about redrawing districts that are not even finalized yet. With all of this in mind, this is about disenfranchising minority voices so that, on a national level, legislation that most of the citizens disagree with can be passed. Public servants should first serve the people and not the agenda of the White House.

In light of this, we are calling for a rejection of HB 4 and this proposed map. As noted above, this is a racist map that will intentionally disenfranchise the minorities of Texas who are already at a disadvantage. It also flies in the face of the testimony given to establish the districts in 2021 that stated that the maps were drawn in a race-neutral way, exposing the dishonesty of this entire process. This is a clear demonstration that the Department of Justice is acting unjustly and certain members of the Texas State Legislature are siding with them rather than doing justice or defending the cause of the oppressed and the needy, as those of us who follow the Bible are commanded to do in Psalm 82:3. This process is further illegitimized by the fact that Representative Cody Vasut sat in a hearing just days ago and refused to answer questions about the map and its existence in a fully fair and fully open way. Finally, we call for each member of the committee and legislature to take every step necessary to ensure that this unjust bill does not become an unjust law.The Antioch Fellowship Missionary Church of Dallas, Texas calls for you vote in opposition to HB 4.

In Christ's Name,

Reverend Christopher K. Wesley???? & Reverend O. Christopher Buckner

Devin McDaniel
Self
Bedford, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

ELI BIGGERSTAFF
Self
SHERMAN, TX

You guys should be absolutely ashamed of yourselves for EVEN considering something like this. It shows that our "representatives" don't actually adhere to us, the people of this state who rely on them to actually make changes for our benefit, but rather some old racist white dude who only cares about billionaires and himself! This whole situation just shows that you guys only really listen when daddy don pulls on your leash's and tells you to beg. Pathetic!

Paul Swan
self
Austin, TX

How am I served by having a representative who primarily represents the Midland Odessa area, when I live in Austin? My home is moving from a district that reaches almost to Louisiana to one that almost reaches New Mexico. It is hard to understand how this is supposed to provide me with fair representation in the US House.

Benjamin Woods
Self - Veteran
Desoto, TX

I vehemently object/reject the proposed redistricting. As a Black Vietnam/Gulf War veteran, a retired international corporate executive, DISD activist, and local community leader, I strongly DO NOT support the Republican gerrymander redistricting.

Greg Henny
Self
Austin, TX

I am writing in to express my extreme dissatisfaction with the new map being drawn by the Republicans under request from President Trump. This is an incredible display of voter suppression and in no way does this map help people have more representation in Congress, it is the complete opposite.

All members participating in this obvious subversion of democracy should be incredibly ashamed and resign immediately.

Sophia Anwar
SAAVETX
The colony, TX

RE: Opposition to Mid-Decade Congressional Redistricting – A Statement from South Asian Texans
Dear Governor Abbott, Lt. Governor Patrick, and Speaker Burrows,
As members of the South Asian American community across Texas, we write to express our unequivocal opposition to the mid-decade congressional redistricting plan currently before the Legislature.
South Asian Texans are one of the fastest-growing populations in this state. We run businesses, drive innovation, advance medicine, and enrich the cultural and civic life of Texas. We also vote, organize, and contribute to the democratic process.
But this redistricting proposal is not about improving representation — it is about manipulating it. These maps are being redrawn to break up strong, diverse voting blocs and weaken the collective voice of communities of color, including South Asians, who are becoming an undeniable force in Texas politics.
In major metropolitan counties where South Asians live and work — Harris, Fort Bend, Dallas, Collin, Tarrant, Travis, and Bexar — cohesive neighborhoods are being fractured and stitched together with distant rural counties. These artificial districts have nothing to do with shared interests and everything to do with diluting the political power of growing populations.
This is not representation. This is an intentional strategy to silence voters and undermine democracy.
What does a tech executive in Plano have in common with a farmer hundreds of miles away? What shared vision for Texas can come from districts designed to split communities apart rather than bring them together?
Texas should stand as a model of democratic integrity, where representation reflects the people who call this state home. Instead, this process dismantles the very pillars of democracy — fairness, accountability, and trust.
When maps are drawn for partisan gain, they don’t just distort election outcomes — they tell entire communities their voices don’t matter.
We stand with Texans in Fort Bend, Collin, Dallas, Harris, Travis, Williamson, Bexar, El Paso, Denton, and Tarrant Counties who are seeing their voting power diluted and their representation sacrificed for political advantage.
We urge you to withdraw this plan and commit instead to drawing fair maps that keep communities whole, reflect where people actually live and work, and protect every Texan’s right to representation.
Democracy only works when every vote counts and every voice is heard. These maps break that promise. Texans — all Texans — deserve better.
Sincerely,
Sophia Anwar
The colony, Tx

Cecelia Golden, Ms.
Self
San Antonio, TX

I want FAIR REPRESENTATION - not cheating via Republican gerrymandering. Uphold DEMOCRACY. It's your duty as an elected legislator to put the public good and principals before your political career.

John Ellis

Self

Deer Park, TX

Texas Redistricting at an Unprecedented Time

Texas is undergoing a highly unusual and contentious redistricting process just four years after the last full-scale redrawing of its legislative and congressional maps in 2021. This move stands out as historically rare—redistricting in most states and under Texas tradition occurs only once per decade, triggered by the release of new census data. There is no extreme circumstance, such as a court mandate or dramatic demographic shift, to justify this mid-decade map overhaul, making the current process unprecedented in modern Texas politics12.

Motivations and Political Context

The push for immediate redistricting gained momentum following pressure from President Donald Trump, who called on Texas to create up to five new GOP-leaning congressional districts before the 2026 midterm elections. The Republican-dominated state legislature is now holding special sessions considering proposals that could give the GOP as much as an 80% share of the Texas Congressional delegation, despite recent statewide election results showing Republicans winning barely 53% of the vote123. The proposed redistricting would reinforce GOP control in existing Republican-held districts and diminish competitiveness in current Democrat-leaning areas.

Impact on Voting Power and Allegations of Partisan Gerrymandering

Multiple legal and advocacy groups have condemned the process, pointing to evidence that the original 2021 maps already diluted the power of communities of color—groups responsible for 95% of Texas' recent population growth—while giving effective control of both newly apportioned congressional seats to white voters452. The 2021 redistricting:

Reduced the number of Hispanic-majority districts from eight to seven.

Eliminated the state’s only majority-Black district, while increasing white-majority districts from 22 to 23 (of 38 total).

Created new districts to consolidate Democratic-leaning voters, ultimately making them less influential in surrounding districts and reducing competition45.

With the 2025 proposals, experts say the plan would further "pack" Democratic and minority voters into fewer districts or "crack" them by splitting their communities across multiple GOP-leaning districts, a classic sign of partisan gerrymandering23.

Legal Challenges and Factual Sources

The mid-decade redistricting has already sparked federal lawsuits alleging violations of the U.S. Constitution (Fourteenth Amendment Equal Protection Clause) and the Voting Rights Act of 1965 (Section 2). Plaintiffs argue that the process and outcomes intentionally dilute the voting strength of Black, Hispanic, and other minority voters—a claim bolstered by “reverse engineering,” where minority voters are subtracted from competitive districts and replaced with white voters, reducing opportunities for those communities to elect candidates of choice56.

A key lawsuit by the NAACP and civil rights lawyers asserts that “the Legislature and its line drawers no

Patrick Ryan

SElf

Southlake, TX

This adjustment needs to pass as the 2020 census was flawed and there has been considerable population shifts since requiring attention

April Wallace
Self
FORT WORTH, TX

I urge the committee to reject this mid-decade redistricting proposal that undermines core democratic principles in Texas. House Bill 4 by Rep. Todd Hunter, which redraws Texas's congressional districts, undermines core American values—fairness, equity, and representative democracy. At its heart, this legislation perpetuates gerrymandering: the manipulation of district lines to entrench political power rather than reflect community interests.

This bill does not work well for the majority of Texans. It fragments cities, dilutes voting power, and disconnects communities with shared needs. Instead of promoting competitive elections and responsive governance, HB 4 carves out safe seats—insulating incumbents from accountability and alienating voters from their elected officials. Only individuals certain they will lose begin to plan ways to cheat their ways into seats they didn't earn.

The Founding Fathers feared concentrated power and endorsed systems that would evolve with and respond to the people. James Madison championed a government rooted in the consent of the governed; gerrymandering is its antithesis. George Washington warned against partisanship that divides and weakens democratic integrity. HB 4 violates both ideals.

Representation should be based on shared geography, interest, and identity—not partisan engineering. This bill erodes public trust and suppresses meaningful participation. In a republic built on the idea that every voice matters, HB 4 turns district maps into barriers rather than bridges.

Real democracy demands competitive elections, transparent processes, and equitable access to influence. HB 4 offers none. Texans deserve better.

Regina de la Parra
Self
El Paso, TX

I oppose to the Congressional Redistricting HB 4

Laura Walters, Rev.
Presbyterian Church USA - Grace Presbytery and Self
Dallas, TX

HB 4 - REDISTRICTING HEARING
TESTIMONY AGAINST HB 4
Rev. Laura Walters
920 Stewart Drive, Dallas TX 75208

My name is the Reverend Laura Walters. I'm a lawyer and an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA). I have been working in faith and public policy for over a decade. I live in CD30 which will be ultra-packed under this bill, and our representative, Jasmine Crockett, has been drawn out of our district.

I OPPOSE HB4.

I currently work with all the PCUSA churches in the North Texas area (from Waco to Sherman; from Longview to Ft. Worth) to facilitate their public witness. I talk with our communities about these issues daily. And most of these folks are angry because legislatures who are for this redistricting are not listening to them. They have said that it's like screaming into a vacuum.

I speak today from a Christian perspective not because Christianity should be prioritized (we are stronger with a plurality in our state) but because we do not hear enough about Jesus' command to love our neighbors and prioritize the marginalized. In our faith stories, Jesus always goes to the edge of society to listen to folks. AND he does not leave them there; he brings people back into community, so all voices are heard. Jesus builds up communities; he does not carve them apart.

These maps, that were not available just a few days ago when I testified on MONDAY in Arlington, target districts that are historically Black and Brown neighborhoods. Breaking apart communities, targeting Black and Hispanic peoples, will result in large groups of Texans being under-represented, replaced by officials who do not know or understand the needs of their constituency.
That is unjust; that is not Christian.

Redistricting mid-census is unnecessary. Texans have not asked for this. This was not part of the regular session. The state has claimed in court that current maps are racially neutral. This is clearly about political power - not need, not justice, not love.
That is unjust, that is not Christian.

People of color make up more than 95% of the state's growth. Women of color represent the majority of Texas' females. Texas is home to over 4 million Black residents.* And yet these folks are not equitably represented in our government. White voters who are 40% of the population will be represented in 80% of the seats. This is racist and goes against the Voting Rights Act. Voices are being silenced.
That is unjust, that is not Christian.

If there's one thing I've learned as a pastor is - you don't make the women of the church angry. Well, you all who are bending a knee to this president's demand to redistrict are making the Texas Church Women angry. My pastoral advice is don't get too comfortable in your seats if you vote yes for redistricting because you probably won't have them next election.

I'm asking you to be more like Jesus – listen and don't tear apart Texas communities. Work so all Texans can be heard and represented.

SC Simpson, Dr.
Self, optometrist
Bryan, TX

Pass the redistricting bill.

Dorothy Wood
Self
Austin, TX

I’m a lifelong Texan, and cheating to win elections doesn’t sit right with me. I strongly oppose HB 4. It’s a blatant partisan attempt to suppress votes by gerrymandering districts to favor Republicans. It is both unconscionable and illegal to redistrict when you have no new census data to justify new maps. Also, it’s especially shameful to do so in a special session that should be focusing on the failures that led to the horrific flooding disaster in Central Texas on July 4. Affected families are still reeling with grief over lost loved ones or struggling to survive after losing homes or both—all while Texas Republicans legislatively prioritize cheating to win elections. I urge you to vote against HB 4. Thank you for your time.

Sandra Hoffer
Self - Website builder
Richardson, TX

As a 6th generation Texan, and resident of District 32, I am incredibly angry about this bill which is a rushed and obvious act to further silence Texas voters - to take away Texans' rights to be heard and to be fairly represented in Congress. The redrawn District 32 is an absolute joke, and I am disgusted by Greg Abbott & the Texas Republicans' willingness to bow to the wishes of an unpopular president at the expense of Texas citizens. The only correct and decent thing to do is to leave districts alone until the next Census. At that time, an independent/non-partisan group should redraw the lines fairly in this state, and gerrymandering should be permanently outlawed. It’s time to stand for ALL TEXANS - and to stand against voter suppression!

S Ali
Self
Houston, TX

Please represent Tx democratically. Not only should we not redistrict at this time, we should try to implement democratically, all voices heard, by banning gerrymandering. Thank you.

Julie Glover
Self retiree
Denton, TX

Denton is already gerrymandered into a district in the Texas panhandle! This is ridiculous. Let people vote in the district that represents their interests! If the only way to win is to cheat, shame on you.

Sherial Lawson
Self
Dayton, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map. I am a citizen of African ancestry and am a Christian, Constitutional Conservative. I believe our state should reflect the current belief makeup of our state and not pigmentation, only.

Linda Willis
Self
San Antonio, TX

It’s blatantly obvious that this redistricting is because this administration’s policies are so unpopular with most true Americans that you are stacking the deck to retain power. It’s a disgrace and totally undemocratic to make it more difficult for people to be truly represented. I’ve voted for both parties in previous years but I will never support the Republicans party again unless and until they find the courage and decency to do the right thing. Drawing nonsensical and unnecessary boundaries is not right. Start working for the Country not your party - shame on anyone who supports this measure.

Christine Littlefield, Mrs
Self office manger
Copperas Cove, TX

I definitely support the redistricting bill. I am a resident of Texas for 60 years and love my state.
We need more representation and fairness.
Thank you, Christine Littlefield

Amber Slaughter
Self
Tomball, TX

Lawmakers are manipulating the district lines to silence diverse communities in Dallas, Houston, and South Texas. The plan threatens to push Rep. Crockett out of her district weakening the representation of black and Latino voters who helped to elect her.

Redistributing should ensure fair and accurate representation, not entrench one party's control. Texans deserve transparency, accountability, and Napa that reflect the communities not lines drawn to protect power in Washington.

If this plan moves forward, it will most certainly face public backlash, and court challenges that out in jeopardy the lawmakers seats that vote for this when it inevitably fails. Fair representation is the foundation of democracy. Restricting should be about people not Trump.

Robert Phillips
Self
Bulverde, TX

This bill needs to pass. It is a solid redrawing of districts

Cindy Olsen
Swlf
Waxahachie, TX

As a constituent of Texas I am against the partisan gerrymandering that is being considered. This will not reflect the will or voice of the people fairly. I demand our representatives do what is right and oppose the redistricting.

Elizabeth Anderson
Self
Plano, TX

Texas is a state with 30 million people. This is larger than several countries. We are diverse in ethincity, religion, socio-economic status, and urban/rural surroundings. We deserve and expect elected representatives who work for US and NOT the President of the United States. This plan silences minority voices and undercuts democracy. If you pass this plan you will likely benefit politically in the short run but history will judge this action as a measure that did immeasurable harm to voter trust. I appeal to you as public servants to consider all voters in this state and what they need to thrive. Please listen to your constituents and not the President. Please don't pass this plan.

Jordan Nichols
Self
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose HB4 and off cycle redistricting. The proposed map is a massive disenfranchisement of Texas voters. Our country relies on fair voting practices and fair elections to represent the will of the people. The proposed maps intentionally distort districts in Texas to maximize republican wins and it is illegal, unfair, and WRONG. The people who designed the new maps know it's wrong. As our elected officials you have a duty to protect our great nation and its values. The proposed redistricting plan is rooted in one singular goal: silencing the opposition to maintain power.

I urge the committee to reject the redistricting plan and to protect our nation's ideals by supporting true representative government.

Andrew Currie
yourself
CORINTH, TX

"If you can't win, you cheat" is a well-known saying. This was probably a common saying during the steroid era of 1995-2005 in Major League Baseball. Instead of playing on a level playing field, athletes put their own bodies and careers on the line to hit the ball a little bit longer than their rivals. Well, here we are in the year 2025 and it appears that this saying is still alive and well! Instead of baseball this time, our Texas state legislature is wanting to cheat and disenfranchise in the form of gerrymandering. They were given the ultimatum of FIVE seats from Donald Trump. We have Texas state representatives jumping at the command of a federally elected non-Texan to cheat and disenfranchise those Texans they serve! Much like athletes doing steroids, you will now put your career on the line as you damage the body of your Texan voters.

Terry Kosobud
self
Austin, TX

Please vote NO on redistricting. Currently the Texas population is 60% minorities and 40% whites. The proposed re-districting will result in an extremely lopsided representation of 84% whites and 16% minority representation. Besides the Texas legislature just a couple years ago assured us the maps were drawn correctly.

Sandy Crosby
Democracy in America
Burnet, TX

Rule of Law
Separation of Power
Checks and Balances
All of these components support our democracy. As each one is torn down we get closer and closer to rule by dictator. Your attempt to gerrymander the vote in Texas to satisfy said dictatorship is shameful. If you carry forward with this action, the blood of our democracy will be on your hands. Shameful!

Sandy Parker, Ms
Self
Trophy Club, TX

Does Donald Trump mean more to you than Texans? You would rather GIVE YOUR CONSTITUENTS to someone with no clue about Texas rather than represent them. TEXANS! Our State filed a lawsuit against other State's elections yet you claim that voting is a State's right. You are allowing someone OTHER than Texans decide what is best for US! Do your job and represent TEXANS not a person from NEW YORK CITY. VOTE NO TO REDISTRICTING.

Chrysten Lofton

Self, Remote Service

San Angelo, TX

Regarding the redistricting: we are already gerrymandered to death in this state. Further gerrymandering is unconstitutional, unethical, ruthlessly cruel, and incompetent to Texans across every affected county line. This is a unique, multicultural state and it’s time our political system reflected every voice. As it stands right now, majority voices are already suppressed and scattered to obscurity. You know it. You know to further alienate us corrodes any hope of democracy. I encourage you to wake up to the original functions of your job. You’re not in office to assert various wills of industry and elite, you are a public servant hired by the people. That’s it that’s all. Don’t push Texans into a state of revolt. If you must redistrict, let it be to give back the voices to blue collar and black, latinx, and indigenous communities that have been disenfranchised by the current districting. Get it together.
Extending only the utmost respect you deserve,
Chrysten Lofton

Rebecca Elkins, Ms.

Self

Seabrook, TX

This isn’t democracy. You are stealing elections to perpetuate more pedophilia against our children, and everyone of you pedophiles and pedophile protectors will be outted. We see you perverts.

Richard Brownjohn
Dallas County Precinct 2147 Chair
Dallas, TX

RE: Opposition to Mid-Decade Congressional Redistricting

Dear Governor Abbott, Lt. Governor Patrick, and Speaker Burrows,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed mid-decade congressional redistricting plan currently being considered during the special legislative session.

Redistricting is meant to follow the decennial census—not to be used mid-cycle for the political advantage of one party or individual. Attempting to redraw congressional boundaries just a few years after the last map was approved, and while legal challenges to those maps are still pending, undermines both public trust and the basic principles of representative democracy.

This proposed action is more than a political maneuver—it strips me of my freedom as a voter by attempting to silence and scatter the power of my voice and my community. It's a blatant act of cheating, breaking the clear rules that are meant to ensure a level playing field in our elections. Texans expect our leaders to play fair, not bend the system in their favor.

I believe every Texan deserves fair and equal representation. Proposing a redistricting plan now, without clear and compelling justification, feels like an attempt to manipulate electoral outcomes rather than a move to strengthen our democratic institutions. It risks splitting communities, diminishing the political influence of fast-growing areas, and eroding confidence in the integrity of the process.

Like so many others, I contribute to this state through my work, my vote, and my civic engagement. I expect my leaders to focus on the real needs facing ALL Texans—like improving public education and weather preparedness, fixing our power grid, addressing health care, mental health care, and housing needs—not on political tactics that divide and disenfranchise and benefit the few.

I am especially concerned about the impact this could have on counties such as Fort Bend, Collin, Dallas, Harris, Travis, Williamson, Bexar, El Paso, Denton, and Tarrant, where communities are growing, thriving, and deserve fair representation.

Texas deserves better than this, and I expect better than this from You Governor Gregg Abbott. I urge you to reject the mid-decade redistricting plan and focus instead on serving the people of this great state with fairness, transparency, and respect for the Constitution. Please remember your oath of office, and that you represent ALL Texans, and do just that.

Sincerely,
Richard Brownjohn
PCT Chair 2147
Dallas, Texas, 75214

Donna Duckworth
Self
Houston, TX

This is ridiculous and so obvious. I say no to this.

Pamela LITTLEPAGE
Self
Shady Shores, TX

I support this bill. Please pass it.

Angie Ramirez
Self, project manager
San Marcos, TX

Support for local and states rights SHOULD NOT include taking directives from D.C/ President Trump. Redistricting has already wreaked havoc and should be something we're correcting, not increasing. Who do our elected officials listen to and represent? The voters or the president? Please do Supervisor l everything you can to make sure that every single voter's voice is represented. Or do votes no longer matter?

Roger Stafford
Self Technician
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose this partisan attempt to further gerrymander the state of Texas. That it is being done at the request of a person that is not even a resident of the state makes it that much more egregious. I was born here and reside here. If you truly represent the citizens of the state of Texas, you will value my opinion more than some outside agitator's.

Andra Haney
Self
Fair Oaks Ranch, TX

My family and I totally support this redistricting plan. Please pass this plan for the benefit of Texas!

Linda Mason
Self
Frisco, TX

I support hb4

Dennis Tardan
Self
Pflugerville, TX

I am deeply concerned that we, who live in Pflugerville, are not going to be represented by a Congressman who knows our issues. The district that you propose has with Midland, for goodness sake. I know you are working to remove racial districts, per the letter from the Attorney General but you are selecting districts by voters rather than by the constituencies that would make sense. This is a blatant power grab and deeply unfair. I respectfully request that this bill be voted down.

Phillip Crabtree, Mr
self
Wimberley, TX

It is totally unethical and improper to redistrict now without a new census to justify it and for the soul stated purpose of gaining 5 congressional seats for the GOP. This is how democracy fails.

Grace Lappin
Self
Cypress, TX

Newton's third law: this action you take will have an equal and opposite effect. Lawmakers or petty gamblers? Please be mindful.

Elizabeth Bentley, Ms

self/retired

Dallas, TX

Dear Elected Representatives ...
What the heck are you doing? Why are you even considering redistricting Texas again? It's been less than 10 years since the last redistricting and that is so controversial that it's still tied up in the judicial system.
Now, because the President wants another advantage in the upcoming elections, he's asked Gov. Abbott to redistrict Texas again.
Who do you work for? Who do you represent? It sure isn't President Trump or Gov. Abbot.
YOU REPRESENT US ... THE PEOPLE OF TEXAS!
It's time you started listening to the groundswell of public opinion and leave redistricting alone. There are plenty of other topics that warrant your attention. Please focus on them.

Nicole Lucas

self

Cedar Park, TX

I'm firmly against this. Please stop blatantly cheating because you think you can't win without it. This is sad and an embarrassment.

Sunita Bhikha
SAAVETX
Dallas, TX

RE: Opposition to Mid-Decade Congressional Redistricting – A Statement from South Asian Texans

Dear Governor Abbott, Lt. Governor Patrick, and Speaker Burrows,

As members of the South Asian American community across Texas, we write to express our unequivocal opposition to the mid-decade congressional redistricting plan currently before the Legislature.

South Asian Texans are one of the fastest-growing populations in this state. We run businesses, drive innovation, advance medicine, and enrich the cultural and civic life of Texas. We also vote, organize, and contribute to the democratic process.
But this redistricting proposal is not about improving representation — it is about manipulating it. These maps are being redrawn to break up strong, diverse voting blocs and weaken the collective voice of communities of color, including South Asians, who are becoming an undeniable force in Texas politics.

In major metropolitan counties where South Asians live and work — Harris, Fort Bend, Dallas, Collin, Tarrant, Travis, and Bexar — cohesive neighborhoods are being fractured and stitched together with distant rural counties. These artificial districts have nothing to do with shared interests and everything to do with diluting the political power of growing populations.

This is not representation. This is an intentional strategy to silence voters and undermine democracy.
What does a tech executive in Plano have in common with a farmer hundreds of miles away? What shared vision for Texas can come from districts designed to split communities apart rather than bring them together?

Texas should stand as a model of democratic integrity, where representation reflects the people who call this state home. Instead, this process dismantles the very pillars of democracy — fairness, accountability, and trust.
When maps are drawn for partisan gain, they don't just distort election outcomes — they tell entire communities their voices don't matter.

We stand with Texans in Fort Bend, Collin, Dallas, Harris, Travis, Williamson, Bexar, El Paso, Denton, and Tarrant Counties who are seeing their voting power diluted and their representation sacrificed for political advantage.

We urge you to withdraw this plan and commit instead to drawing fair maps that keep communities whole, reflect where people actually live and work, and protect every Texan's right to representation.

Democracy only works when every vote counts and every voice is heard. These maps break that promise. Texans — all Texans — deserve better.

Sincerely,?
Sunita Bhikha?
Dallas, Texas

Nancy Skidmore
Self
Brownsville, TX

Blatant attempt to gerrymander districts for political gain by one party. Totally sgsinst

Erika Barlow
TrueTexas Project
Bluff Dale, TX

As a longtime resident of Erath County Texas,I strongly support the mid-census redistricting of the Texas US House seats. Since 2020 the demographics of our voting district have drastically changed. It is vital the all citizens have representation and their voices heard.fairly.

Brian Hensley
Self/Artist
Manor, TX

The maps this legislative body have drawn are detrimental to democracy and our Constitutional Republic. If this proposed redistricting is allowed to pass not only will it disenfranchise millions of Texans of color, it will show all Texans where our elected officials' priorities lie. Not with the constituents that elected them, but rather with a corrupt felon that sits on his self proclaimed throne in Washington DC.
Texans did not ask for this, a few corrupt and power hungry ELECTED officials did.
These maps drawn are stating that my Congressional representative will now be the same as Texans that live along the Gulf Coast(over 200 miles away). This means that the people who drew this map believe I have more in common with a resident of Corpus Christi, than I do with a neighbor that lives across the street, and one that shops at the same grocery store as I do.
Any representative of Texas that votes for this map, should be identified and never allowed to hold public office again. For, it is clear they don't hold Texan values and put the lives of their fellow Texans first.
To the Democrats and other Non-Republicans of this legislative body, us Texans that put you in power now call on y'all to stand up for what's right and walk out, refusing to give these fascists their quorum and an attempt at a power grab.
Not only will your constituents be watching, but so will history. And, the decision each and every representative makes on this proposed map will be remembered by those living now and in the future. Make sure you are on the right side of history and show all of Texas why you deserve the job you were elected for. Thank you.

Melinda Malone
Self, retired
Sumner, TX

I support HB 4 by Hunter.

Lynette Heckmann
Self, retired
Georgetown, TX

NO to the proposed redistricting map. If the Texas Legislature is really interested in doing the right thing and not the most expedient for Republican party, then set aside all the gerrymandered maps and work on a bipartisan map that does not favor either the Republican or Democratic party but favors Texas voters and represents their interests.

Kim Troutman
Self
Waco, TX

Mid decade redistricting/gerrymandering: is this even Legal or Ethical? The only purpose to gerrymander this districts would be to flip the districts from Democratic to Republican. This is Federal Overreach ordered by Trump and is a corrupt political bargain for Trump at the expense of Texans

Kim T
Waco TX

Jenifer Siddall
Self
Irving, TX

No taxation without representation.

Jonathan Martinez
Self
Mission, TX

Stop bowing down to a traitor, rapist, incestual lover, and disgusting creep. This country is not an autocracy, we are not supposed to be under an authoritarian regime, or a theocracy. It's always "rules for thee, but not for me." The commonwealth of Texas do not bow down to this illegal and dangerous attempt to redraw, diminish, and favor republican candidates. You have already gerrymandered the state to shit. Take for example my district (D-15)…. IT LOOKS LIKE A FUCKING FAJITA STRIP!!!!! That's the only way Monica De La Cruz won!! Stop the incessant finger-grubbing to let MAGA persevere. This country was not founded on the principles of any religion. The founders would not enable this demonic behavior. AM I IN A FUCKING HOME DEPOT RIGHT NOW BECAUSE ALL IM SEEING ARE A BUNCH OF TOOLS!!!! Bunch of projecting egomaniacs who want to incessantly control and warp the globe to your warped thinking. Fuck off, suck my ass, and stop this illegal attempt to redraw congressional maps.

Adrianne Uhlman
True Texas Project
Austin, TX

I support the redistricting of HB4. Let's get this done.

Johnny Roaten
Self
San marcos, TX

Redistricting to gain an unfair advantage subverts the will of the citizens and is representative of a cowardly and tyrannical government. Show some actual integrity and let the system set up by the founding fathers work so that the governed can consent to those that aspire to govern.

Sylvia Sotelo-Trevino
Self
San Antonio, TX

No to redistricting

Fran Price
self/retired
Mico, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map

Gregory Grammer
Self
Austin, TX

I am proudly a member of District 37, finally away from the Gerrymandered 2010's where I was represented by the Rural Confederacy. The capitulation of Texas Independence to the Trumpian Overlords has diminished the State. The leadership deserves the reintroduction of public stocks, for target practice. If Texas is now so unsure of its own legislative value, that public cheating is now allowed, may the forces of your Church bring a reckoning.

Chuck Russell
Self--Retired
Austin, TX

It is disgusting that: 1) this bill is a priority because the president demands Texas be gerrymandered in order to pick up 5 more GOP seats for him nationally; 2) it is plugged into a special session intended for considering real issues regarding Texas flooding issues and thereby potentially thwart negative attention toward political gerrymandering; and 3) the super majority the Texas GOP already has isn't good enough for it's control of Texas issues that it needs to advance it's power to deepen the ugly MAGA partisanship and authoritarianism at the national level. Decent Republicans need to stand up to Trump and MAGA and say NO! Decent Republicans can maintain their conservatism and policy standards while saying NO to extremism and partisanship. Don't be an enabler.

Larry Peeler
self
Hurst, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Sabrina Smith
Self
Houston, TX

If it takes gerrymandering our districts to increase Republican seats, then this is clearly not what the people want and I thing it is egregious that such a ridiculous redrawing of districts is even an option. Please do not allow this blatant display of corruption to pass.

Sharlayne Peeler
self
Hurst, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Gayle Engels
self - education
Round Rock, TX

I oppose Bill HJR 135 redistricting Texas. I do not think it fairly represents the voters of Texas .

Mary Verderber
Self
Longview, TX

I fully support this bill, and encourage all to support it as well!

Stephanie McCarter
Rains County Republicans
Point, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Zelda Morgan
Aldine AFT/self
Houston, TX

District 18 and 9 should not be changed.

Marcia Curtis
Self
Austin, TX

Governor Abbott-This item was not originally on your agenda for the special session you called. Please DO NOT push this redistricting proposal through. I will lose my vote and believe this goes against my representation. What ever happened to "of the people, by the people, for the people."

Nanette Irvin, Mrs
self - Business Owner
Austin, TX

Dear Representative,

As one of your constituents, I'm writing to urge you to REJECT this corrupt redistricting process and all gerrymandered maps. I live in D35 and to merge this makes 0 sense.

Gov. Abbott is letting Trump control him while ignoring the real problems in our lives. Please do everything in your power to fight back and put Texans first!

Right now, as we sit here, Texas lawmakers are meeting in a special session to completely redraw our congressional districts. And let me tell you why this is happening - it's not because of some urgent constitutional crisis. It's because the Trump Administration wants to pad Republican numbers in the House before the midterms, plain and simple.?
Here's what gets me: they're targeting four specific districts - all of them majority-minority, all of them in Houston and Dallas areas where Black and Latino communities finally have representatives who understand their struggles. These are districts where families like the ones I grew up with can actually elect someone who gets what it's like to worry about paying rent, finding good schools for your kids, or keeping the lights on.
And the legal gymnastics they're doing? It's honestly insulting to our intelligence. Four years ago, Texas officials stood in court and swore they drew these maps "color-blind" - that they didn't even look at race. Now suddenly they're saying those exact same districts are racially gerrymandered? You can't have it both ways.?
Look, I've seen the data. Texas is 60% people of color, but only about one-third of our congressional delegation looks like the communities they're supposed to represent. Instead of fixing that problem, this redistricting would make it worse.
And here's the kicker - the current maps are still being reviewed by federal courts. We don't even know if what they did in 2021 was legal, but they're already trying to redraw everything again. Why? Because they're scared that if the courts rule against them, communities of color might actually get fair representation.?
This isn't some abstract political science debate. This affects real people. When you gerrymander districts to silence certain communities, you're telling those families their voices don't matter. You're saying their kids' schools, their healthcare, their economic opportunities - none of that counts.
I've been to these communities. I've sat in living rooms where parents are working two jobs just to get by, where grandparents are choosing between medication and groceries. These folks deserve representatives who understand their reality, not politicians who see them as obstacles to power.?
We need to do better. Let the courts finish their work. If new maps are needed, draw them in the open with real community input. Pass the John Lewis Voting Rights Act so this kind of discrimination can't keep happening. And for God's sake, let's make sure our representatives actually represent the people they serve.?

Rachel Bailey
Self
Keller, TX

The proposed redistricting is clearly gerrymandering to reduce democrats in office. This undermines the spirit of voter representation in Texas, particularly for vulnerable populations. I am strongly opposed to this bill. If republicans want to bolster their political power, they should make laws that serve the interests of their constituents rather than redraw the boundaries.

Carol Ortiz
Self/retired
Montgomery, TX

I oppose the redistricting action being rammed through the legislature. The proposed mid-decade changes to the congressional district maps are absurd, unfair and unnecessary. This map is specifically silencing Black, Latino, and AAPI communities. It is a textbook example of voter suppression. Stop it now.

JT MCPHERSON
self; commercial real estate
Addison, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map. The data is old and demographics have changed. This needs to be done.

Masha Davis
Self
Austin, TX

This is wrong. We have no had a new census so what has changed other than one party is worried about losing seats?

Erik Bradley
Self / music programming
Rockwall, TX

I fully support the new redistricting map 100%.

alan friedman, Prof. Emeritus
self
AUSTIN, TX

Redistricting should occur every 10 years after each new census and should be done by a non-partisan commission, not be politicians with vested interests.

Debra A Lockwood
Self
Boerne, TX

HB 4 needs to pass! Democrats do this all the time! Our turn!

Jessica Espiritu
Self - buyer
Richardson, TX

This is not fair to steal 5 congressional seats and claim it’s because the current map is gerrymandered. This is clearly gerrymandering. Have better policies and people will elect you, instead of redrawing the map to favor your partly.

Marlene Fridley
Self - Retired
Austin, TX

If the Democrats don't start fighting fire with fire, we're may as well hand the reins over to Project 2025 and say goodbye to the notion that our government respects everyone's values and hello to cruelty and everything that goes with it.

Please don't allow this bill to take effect. Please for the love of all that is dear.

Greg Long
Self - Retired
Keller, TX

"This proposed legislation is a race to the bottom for authoritarianism at the local, state, and national level. It does not represent the people. It further marginalizes vulnerable populations and benefits no one other than those who are already privileged."

Marga Matthews
Greater Houston TFRW
Baytown, TX

I support HB 4 redistricting

Rachel Segall
self
Austin, TX

In the public hearings so far Texans have made ourselves clear that we oppose this redistricting plan and want our legislature to focus on flood relief above all else. The maps that have since been released are clear racial and political gerrymandering and are not based on updated census data. This is an illegal and immoral affront and ignores the clear wishes of your constituencies. I implore all representatives to reject this map and the broader redistricting effort and refocus on the issues truly impacting Texans, starting with flood relief.

Ted Romine
Self
Dallas, TX

There is absolutely no reason for redistricting right now aside from appeasing the President's political desires. He says "find me 5 more seats" and without hesitation our state representatives bend the knee to their dear leader. They even already have a map made! How convenient... I am deeply ashamed that our state representatives would use their positions of power to manipulate districts to further disenfranchise voters through gerrymandering in a state that is already ranked as one of the most gerrymandered in the nation. Is that the legacy you want to be remembered by?

Texas prides itself on being independent and having its own culture, but that's not what I have been seeing from this legislative body. I see a political party who has a stranglehold on power through shady tactics and a complete and utter disregard for the rights and representation of everyday citizens who they swore an oath to serve. I see a state government that cares far more about their wealthy donors' wishes than the will of the people. I see a legislature that ALWAYS puts their party before the country, before the state of Texas, and before Texans. This bill is fundamentally undemocratic and corrupt. As a citizen said earlier this week in his testimony: You know deep down this is wrong.

Your job is to represent Texans, not the President. You are wasting time and taxpayer money to do this blatantly corrupt power grab when there are real issues Texans face everyday. Schools are still severely underfunded. Our roads are a mess. Public transit is nearly nonexistent. Property taxes are out of control. Water security is not guaranteed beyond the next few years. Yet...THIS is a priority?

Anybody who votes for this bill should be ashamed of themselves. Does your thirst for power and control have no end? Do your damn job and represent the people or get out.

Henry Dietz
self - retired
Austin, TX

Mid-decade redistricting is a travesty. The new districts are constructed to ignore what "representation" means. It takes away the voices of thousands who HAD one two years ago. The current maps aren't great by any means, but the new districts are shameful.
Jumping to do Trump's bidding makes Texas look weak and subservient -- what happened to strong and independent, like our power grid?
Please stand up for Texas and trash this bill.

Mak Hargrave
Self
Hurst, TX

This is the most blatant grab for power Texas has ever seen. Texans don't want this and we don't want leaders who are willing to cheat to keep their seats when their policies are so deeply unpopular. SAY NO TO THIS GERRYMANDERING BULLSHIT

Cheryl Davis
self
Austin, TX

It is pretty clear, when you pay attention to our Texas and National government, that our representation in said governance is quite skewed compared to actual voters' will. Texans are tired and done with "business as usual" which is not trustworthy. Being a representative is serious business. We take our representation seriously. This is not about race, gender or any other nonsense. This is actually sending someone to be "us," our voice, our vote. The representative should carefully express our will. It is TIME to have true public service, not the disservice we have been seeing. PLEASE change the map to correctly represent us!!! I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map!!

Jerry Wood
Fairness For All
Abilene, TX

This bill is so biased and partisan.

Whitney Stevens
Self
Austin, TX

I vehemently oppose mid-decade redistricting and its impact to take away fair representation for Texas constituents. Combining Greg Casar and Lloyd Doggett’s districts should not occur and takes away our fundamental right to representation that this population voted for in the last election.

Jill Balagur-Conn, LCSW
Self
Cedar Park,, TX

Redistricting a la Trump & Abbott is abhorrent. A goal of shutting out many Texans voices is anti-American. Stop this nonsense.

Tricha Clay, Ms
Self
Providence Village, TX

This redistricting is appalling. It is bad enough our calls and visits to our current representatives are dismissed and ignored for their own agenda and power. This is a disgrace to our democracy and voices of Texas. Our voices deserve to be heard and respected. The actions of this congress should be spending time and energy in helping our residents, including the latest victims of the floods but no once again the energy, time and money go to silencing Texans. Please do better and vote against this redistricting.

Katherine Consigli
Self, registered nurse
Flower Mound, TX

Stop kissing Trump's ass and do what's right for the state. This is sleazy behavior.

Mia Arredondo
self
San Antonio, TX

This congressional redistricting is uncalled for and is only further gerrymandering Texas into a further red state, where the votes of the majority are not properly represented.

David Pierce
Lubbock Independent School District
Lubbock, TX

House Bill 4, regarding congressional redistricting in our great state of Texas, seems to be an anomaly in the sense that this redistricting place does not aim to to redistrict bast on population needs or changes, but rather, as a way for the Republican Party to maintain or extend their congressional power. I am aware that this tactic is 100% also used by states with a majority of representation by the Democratic Party as well. I want to be clear that this is not a partisan issue in my eyes. This is an ethical issue. The fact that this strategy of redistricting or "gerrymandering" to maintain or extend power for either the Republican or Democratic Party does not feel ethical to me as an American Citizen. If gerrymandering is used to strengthen the power of one party or another, to me, this goes against what our country was founded upon in 1776. We declared independence from Great Britain so that we would not have to fall under power-grabbing tactics like the British used against our founding American Citizens. Please, despite the tension in our country right now, despite the urge to poke back at the opposing political party for using this very same tactic, despite what our President may be asking of you, do not revert back to a desire to "control" by a means such as redistricting. Redistricting is for population changes, not keeping any particular political party in control. I ask that HB 4 not be passed or taken any further. Our founding fathers and colonial revolutionary leaders fought so hard for us to be a nation free of control… please do not continue to revert us back to what we once fought so hard to free ourselves from. Thank you.

Chris Mudd
Self
Houston, TX

Thank you for the opportunity to express my views on this matter. There is no justification for this congressional redistricting. It is unnecessary, confusing to voters and will cause the state to waste time and money during the special session – only to later waste more time and money in litigation over whatever maps are proposed. Please stop this pointless work and these unjust maps.

Rebekah Holmes
Self
Fort Worth, TX

Another power grab. The ridiculous way the federal and state and county district maps are drawn clearly shows the need by republicans to cheat to stay in power. Texas is Republican in name only- if district were divided fairly- on both sides- we would have an actual representative of what Texas is- republican and democratic. What a weak move trying to take away our freedom.

Stephanie ODell
myself, a voter with lots of influence
McKinney, TX

I am writing in opposition of PLANC2308, redistricting.

The important issue in Texas right now is not redistricting, it is flood warnings. I am ashamed that you are spending so much time bending to the oval-office. You are not representing those who voted for you. You should listen to those in your district or you may be voted out. Do what is best for ALL Texans.

Tymothy Tucker
self
Dallas, TX

You can pull this nonsense all you want. It won't matter. That fascist administration you're protecting will never win another election. Too many people are on to your project 2025 agenda. They were asleep, they won't be next election. Further, if the next elections are corrupted by the techno crowd like last time, good luck with that. All the purchased media outlets in the world won't be able to spin that. You will lose. Again, your subjects - can't call them citizens since you are not leaders - ARE waking up.

Cory Cory Cardwell
Self Teacher
Sachse, TX

NO TO MIDTERM REDISTRICTING! Representatives are supposed to ‘represent’ ALL people. Gerrymandering is robbing people of representation. It is pathetic, juvenile, and anti-democracy. Show some backbone and do the right thing. Vote against mid term rule/district changes.

Richard McKenzie
Self
Austin, TX

I support this bill, because It will likely promote a distribution of elected congressional representatives whose party affiliation mirrors the party affiliation of all Texas voters, while restoring some semblance of demographic homogeneity within each district so that voters feel they have a chance to get their interests represented in Washington. (..at least to a greater extent than the present map allows)

Joel Plangman
self/ retired
Denton, TX

Please support HB4! Texas growth has been phenomenal the last few years and redistricting is extremely necessary.

Jennifer Ellis
International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers
Corpus Christi, TX

To Whom It May Concern:
I am the Texas State Political Coordinator for the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, 7th District, and I am appalled that Texas is being sacrificed because of political cowardice. We do not bend the knee to anyone and certainly not to benefit the power hungry. We deserve better.
I am writing today to express my deep concern for the consideration of House Bill 4 and my even deeper disdain for its potential passage. I am fully against this bill as is the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. I stand strongly against its intended outcome of partisan gerrymanding and the silencing of our communities.
The proposed maps dissolve the voices of the black and brown communities. Corpus Christi is my home, and our neighborhoods are drawn across my soul. So, when I see lines the slice and dice the oldest and historically black neighborhood, predominately impoverished black and brown neighbors redistributed into communities that do not share cultural sameness, social economic understanding, or even an HEB, bigger questions become loud. These communities do not share comparable voting patterns both in turnout and partisan lean. It is clear the intent is to bury the voices of these black and brown, working people into a sea of red.
The powers that be are threatening the existence of our democracy. No lawmaker could possibly be this stupid and so it must be intentional. If the House continues towards their aim of handing over our local power, this move to gerrymander Texas to fed the insatiable appetite of Washington corruption will be but another brick in the burial chamber of American Democracy.
The maps the House seeks to change were created by the same people that wish to destroy them now. There are no valid reasons for their change. The only change that has happened is the further shrinking courage of our lawmakers against a tyrannical takeover. You can gaslight yourself about how and why this is happening, but you will not fool us, the workers, the middle class, the people. But make no mistake, we will remember what happens here.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Ellis
Texas State Political Coordinator
IBEW, 7th District

Elizabeth Olson
Self
Austin, TX

As a Texas social worker in Travis County, I oppose any mid-decade redistricting that reduces minority voting influence. Our communities deserve fair maps, not political manipulation. We deserve representation that reflects the diversity and needs of our communities.

James Davis
Self / Administrator
Richardson, TX

This is an unethical gerrymander that will take away the voice of even more constituents in this state. I believe the "representative" government in this state has forgotten that the voters choose their representation not the other way around. The authors of this bill should be ashamed of themselves for making a absolute mockery of the governing system that was established in this country and this state over 2 centuries ago.

Lois DeSatterlee, Mrs.
Self
Carrollton, TX

I support Ben Bumgarner, Richard Hayes, Mitch Little, and Andy Hopper in their efforts to pass HB 4.
Lois DeSatterlee
Carrollton, Texas

Rebecca Parada
Self
Richardson, TX

I am very troubled by the decision to redistrict at the midterm and not immediately after a census. It seems fishy and politically motivated. It also gives me less confidence in those making decisions in our state government. This will weigh heavily when I vote for state representatives and senators in the coming elections. I want leaders who are trying to fix our problems, like focusing on flood warnings, rather than looking to cement their majority through gerrymandering . I want representatives who will work for my vote by arguing the best ideas, as our government should work, not making it easier to wind through redistricting when there is no cause for it. Please, focus on what's important and you will get voted back in.

Stacy Forte
Self
Trophy Club, TX

This is a blatant power grab by the rapist felon in the Oval Office. How any of you are ok with this is mind boggling. This is WRONG. Capitulating to Trump's every whim is wrong. You are literally breaking this country and it is devastating to those of us who have ancestors who helped found it. Please do the right thing. Our children are watching.

Kevin OConnor
Self - Software Developer
Carrollton, TX

This is a blatant attempt to kill our democracy, and it must be stopped.

Daniel Griego
Retired Army Cyber First Sergeant and Disabled Veteran
El Paso, TX

As a disabled Army veteran with nearly 25 years of service, including deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan, I respectfully submit this comment in opposition to HB 4. I am a proud resident of El Paso, Texas — a city I've called home for the past two years. During this time, I've come to see just how significantly redistricting decisions impact our ability to be heard.

El Paso County is home to over 875,000 people — making it the 10th largest county in Texas. Our population is more than capable of supporting its own unified congressional district. Yet, TX-16 does not currently include the entire county. This split diminishes the weight of our votes and fractures our collective voice. We deserve the same full representation as every other American — equal weight, equal voice, equal power.

This isn't just about lines on a map. It's about being heard. As a veteran, I need leadership that knows my community firsthand — not from hundreds of miles away. With the new El Paso VA center being built, our local representative must be someone who lives among us, understands our hospitals, and advocates for our care. Veterans in El Paso should not be left with distant representation that may prioritize other cities over our needs.

The economic consequences of continued fragmentation are staggering. Losing zones like El Paso International Airport and the new VA Health Care Center to TX-23 could remove an estimated $170 million in annual investment from TX-16 — dollars that fuel local jobs, infrastructure, and veteran care.

Even more alarming is the potential loss of Fort Bliss — one of the most strategic military installations in the country. It contributes nearly $28 billion annually to Texas' economy and supports over 127,000 jobs. Fort Bliss is a cornerstone of El Paso's identity and future. Transferring it to TX-23 would sever our city's connection to essential military decision-making and weaken support for veterans and defense families who live right here.

Redistricting should uplift communities — not divide them. I urge you to protect El Paso's voice, restore our full county to TX-16, and not further dilute or break down District 16, minimize my vote, or give it less meaning.

Respectfully,
DANIEL GRIEGO, El Paso Resident & U.S. Army Veteran

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Danor Padden, Mrs.
Self- teacher
Austin, TX

My family and I have been in Texas since it was considered "The Friendly State". Gerrymandering to limit our freedom to choose our representatives is not friendly and will not end well. Please end this abuse of power. We see and hear you. We are watching. Enough is enough!
Thank you for your attention to this matter!

WILLIAM SCHUCHMAN
ATASCOSA COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY PRECINCT CHAIR, 18TH PRECINCT
JOURDANTON, TX

THE CENSUS COUNT WEIGHS TOO HEAVILY USING HEAD COUNTS OF NON-CITIZENS THEREBY TILTING THE POLITICAN LEVERAGE IN FAVORAGE OF DEMOCRATS. REDISTRICTING WOULD REAPPORTION HEAVILY ILLEGALLY POPULATED AND CONGESTED DISTRICTS WITH POLITICAL REPERSENTATION RESPECTIVE OF THE TRUE DEMOGRPHIC COUNTS.

Venkat Rallapalli
SAAVETX
Dallas, TX

I oppose this redistricting. Having seen the map, it highly suppresses the vote of minorities. You are using 4yr old population data. Also why is someone from Virginia drawing maps for TX! As a member of the South Asian American community across Texas, we write to express our unequivocal opposition to the mid-decade congressional redistricting plan currently before the Legislature.
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Democracy only works when every vote counts and every voice is heard. These maps break that promise. Texans — all Texans — deserve better.

Valerie Miller
self
Boerne, TX

Texas must be re-districted to represent the people. Please vote for HB4

Emily Harris
Self
Katy, TX

Texas does not need to be redistricted this will be the start of a slippery slope. If Texas follows the maps currently being discussed then other states will follow suit and it will turn into red and blue states. This is authoritarianism not democracy or the voice of the people. The current map is already questionable at best but moving to the map proposed is unquestionably wrong. Texas was redistricted in 2021. There has been no recent census to support this proposed map. Legislators should think long and hard if this is the route they want to take. I oppose this redistricting effort and I would like my ELECTED officials to oppose it as well.

Sara D
Self
Austin, TX

Please don't support this redistricting proposal. This is clearly a gerrymandering effort to concentrate one political party's power and is clear to EVERYONE (including those who drew up the proposed maps) that this is solely a move to silence the will of Texan voters (mostly brown in this case). We are watching how you "represent" us and it will be remembered. Be on the right side of Texas history. Listen to the people of Texas. We do NOT want this.

Glenna Dawson
self
Houston, TX

Frequent redistricting is a waste of state tax-payer money. In 2003, it took Republicans 2 special sessions, after failing in the regular session, to pass their redistricting plan. This costs money! What if Trump wants another redistricting in 2027? Another reason to not redistrict between census counts is that it can confuse people. I am 74 and I have been in 3 different congressional districts in recent years. This new map would put me in a 4th district. I have seen people show up to vote who don't understand why the ballot didn't include the candidate they expected.

Jennifer Severinson, Ms.
Self
Austin, TX

I would like to express my frustration and anger over mid-cycle redistricting. You are wasting taxpayer money to mollify Trump. Do what you were elected to do and help the people of Texas with pressing state issues. What is your plan to help the folks devastated by recent floods? What is your plan to prevent unnecessary loss of life in the future? What are you doing to help public education? Really, are Texas Republicans doing anything that actually helps their constituents? I'm certainly not seeing it. Leave my representation and that of my fellow Texans alone. This state is gerrymandered enough already. Please remember that you work for the people of Texas and that you swore to uphold the law, not to cheat. Please listen to the voters.

Paul Breaux, Mr
Self
Leander, TX

There is no real need to redistricting texas, except for purely political reasons. Gerrymandering has already caused extreme polarization is our country and contributes to only the most extreme people of both parties getting elected because of the lack of competition.
Please focus on things Texans really need such as disaster recovery and warning systems instead of wasting time and taxpayers money playing political games that will end up being declared unconstitutional anyway.

April Barlow
Self
Irving, TX

Please do not redistrict in the middle of the decade independent of census data. This is a dangerous precedence for Texas, the US, and all political parties. Texan voters deserve to have their votes counted fairly.

David Randolph
Self/software sales engineer
Rhome, TX

If the only reason you are re-districting is because of president Trump's order, you are failing to serve the people who actually elected you to office. Please show some backbone and vote against re-districting.

Joseph Deal
Self, retired
EULESS, TX

I strongly support HB4 and urge the swift passage of this bill.
Thank you

Jim Gallagher
Self
Jonestown, TX

This bill is an assault on our democracy. It’s about the tyranny of the minority grasping for power. I hope it bites everyone who votes for it in the ass. Trump is creating a blue tsunami that will wash the refuse out of power.

Laurie Appelbaum
Self
Flower Mound, TX

I am a Texas voter, and I oppose any mid-decade redistricting, especially while the current maps are still being challenged in court. Furthermore, I oppose any redistricting that does not result in fair representation for all Texans. Texas has a long history of racial gerrymandering and discriminatory voting practices, so I urge you to prevent communities of color from being deliberately divided, thereby weakening their political voice.

Texans have the right to fair and equal representation that's achieved through a thoughtful, transparent process that allows meaningful public input. Lawmakers should have the necessary information to create legally compliant district maps, protect minority voting rights, and respect county lines, city boundaries, and communities of interest. A rushed 30-day special session packed with unrelated agenda items is not the way to achieve this.

Texans deserve to have a redistricting process that is fair, transparent, and results in equal representation for all, not this rushed and deeply flawed process. Flood recovery efforts and the safety of Texans should be the top priority, not redrawing political maps.

Thanks for responding to this urgent need.

Paula Anderson
Self retired
Mesquite, TX

I don't know what yall are trying to pull but you better stop it no joking

Steve Rutledge
Self/Retired
Cedar Park, TX

I am opposed to the efforts to do Congressional Redistricting at this time. Redistricting should only occur each decade based on new census data. Take this action now is inappropriate, unwise and a disservice to the citizens of Texas. Please do not proceed with this redistricting plan.

Pamela Borden
Self
San Antonio, TX

I am strongly against this bill. Politicians should not be able to draw new districts to ensure their support. If you want the support of the people pass new laws that people support. This is a dishonest power grab and absolutely beneath the state of Texas .

Harold Vasquez, Mr.
TWU Local 591
Keller, TX

Stop the racist redistricting of disenfranchised communities

Ernest Lineberger, LCDR, USN RETIRED
Self
Carrollton, TX

Although the Texas Legislature has significant authority to pass many different actions, the people of Texas elect and trust them to serve the people, and not some outside influence such as President, Governor, or Political Party. Once the true allegiance of those in the Legislature is clear to be other than to serve Texas, voters will be quick to dispatch them to another profession. Many of you may not believe this, but Texans don't like being jerked around nor told what to do or who they have to vote for. Party ideals are fine for campaigns, but not for official actions of critical importance. These changes moves people between districts. Changes the Representative, the congressional office, the staff. In some cases, the congressional office will move from just across town to hundreds of miles away. This isn't just about the vote, it's about people's lives. I urge and compel you to just say No. Don't pass any mid-decade redistricting bill. Serve your state, your fellow Texans, not those who would steal power to force an authoritarian state on your nation. Act not for your own personal career in politics. Take charge for the good of the people and the nation, but most of all, for your fellow Texans.

Matthew Morrison
Self- Librarian
Fort Worth, TX

It is painfully obvious that our state government is beholden to the illegal and unethical actions mean to stroke the ego of a pedophile president who is growing increasingly erratic in his denials of wrongdoing. They know the tide is turning against them and that any effort at maintaining power depends on keeping Texas in Republican hands at any cost. These actions are illegal, unethical, and just plain wrong - all the hallmarks of our government under the Abbott regime.

Vivian Rosenthal
SELF
Houston, TX

Please do not redistrict District 18. We have a huge variety of both Democrats, Republican & Independent voters. We are a minority majority district, so dividing our district would be a racist act, and thus illegal. Vivian Rosenthal

Elizabeth Bradshaw
Self, educator
Austin, TX

The redistricting puts so much problematic gerrymandering in place and Texans are not happy with this.

Gay Lack
Self - Retired
Copperas Cove, TX

I am in support of HB 4. Please vote in favor of HB 4.

Linda Pryor
Self
Lockhart, TX

Stop the gerrymandering!!!

Catherine Ramos
Self (Self Employed)
Austin, TX

I am writing to express my disapproval for the proposed redistricting of Texan voting districts as presented in this bill. Texas is already home to several severely gerrymandered districts that dilute the voices of its residents, and this redistricting would directly attack the voting rights of people of color- rights that are protected by the Voting Rights Act. This is a blatant attempt to further entrench Republican representatives in parts of the state where they may not actually best represent the will and needs of the people who live there. We need fair elections to help preserve the rights of all Texans.

Lynn Villarreal
self, retired pharmacist
San Marcos, TX

This redistricting is clearly nothing more than an effort to abandon the people of the state of Texas in favor of the wishes of an unpopular president. There is nothing democratic or representative about it as clearly stated in the request governor Abbott received. It is a very sad day for the state if this redistricting passes.

Pamela Sonnen
Self
Castroville, TX

Gerrymandering is voter suppression. If that is the only way that Abbott and crew can win, what does that say about our Democracy? We should be represented equally and democratically. Our Senate district was gerrymandered so that the Senate district literally is drawn around the Senators home/ranch. Look at any map and you will see. This is a deplorable way to represent the people.

Emily Torrance
Self
Buda, TX

The intended purpose of redrawing district lines is to represent growing communities appropriately. The first thing that shocked me when seeing this new plan being proposed was not that of my own community, but of my hometown of Houston. One district being drawn diagonally across Houston from Humble to Sugarland/Missouri City - there is no way the issues facing one end of that district are the same facing the latter. How then can the representatives they vote for accurately REPRESENT their constituents if they are representing multiple communities with entirely different values and concerns about their community within one district? Within the same vein, how accessible then is their representative to be spoken with in a public setting, when they must travel, likely far, and might not have the means? How will their representatives know when they are doing the job they have been put in place to do if they cannot hear from everyone they are serving?
In a separate thought, I find it alarming that this would inherently create more seats for one party, which makes me wonder if there's a reason for the weird district shapes? Is the intent to make it so there is a heavy party majority in the state? Especially when you could more easily, and with less mental acrobatics, redraw the districts within the region more evenly and with simple shapes.

My small town of Buda is currently in a district with many of the other small travel-stop cities and full of a lot of Texas ranchers and farmers, who are actually a part of my community and I interact with daily, which gives us a similar perspective when deciding who to represent us. How does redrawing my district from Buda across the Hill Country and then south through Victoria and to Rockport accurately benefit all of the consituents, when that covers a four or five hour drive and hundreds of miles of people with different economic, environmental, political, and personal differences - unless it is an intentional play to keep the Republican Party in power, regardless of whether it actually benefits the Great People of the Great State of Texas?

Mitch Monis
Self - retired
Arlington, TX

I STRONGLY support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map!
Both parties have liberally gerrymandered for decades however the Republicans have been bamboozled by the Democrats and we need this to correct the current representative imbalance.

Jeannette Schloss
Self, PhD student
Austin, TX

BREAK THE QUOREM

Holly Garza, Dr.
Self
Austin, TX

The proposed partisan gerrymandering of Texas will further disenfranchise voters in Texas and reverse decades of work to protect voting rights. Among other things, it would change the shape of the 35th District in Central Texas, which was originally created as a result of a court order to protect voting rights. As a native of Central Texas currently living in District 37, I know the importance of representation for my neighbors on the south and east sides of Austin who have been historically marginalized and disempowered. We should be working to correct that legacy, not make it worse. Attempting to change an already ridiculously gerrymandered map to make it even worse is just wrong. We need common sense election reform so that the will of the majority can no longer be overridden. HB4 is a NO.

Aaron DeLaO
self, Non-profit executive
Austin, TX

Districts should be simplified, allow for those most affected by public benefits to be represented by those with their best interests in mind, and allow for more people to be empowered to participate. Can you please work to do the ethical thing and allow for voters will to be heard through their votes and their communities?

Patricia Griffin
Self / Insurance Agent
Richardson, TX

Apparently the Texas legislature is intent on re-igniting the war between the states. Would you be going through this mid-term redistricting exercise if our current President and his eager-to-please surrogate in the governor's mansion were not requesting this? I suppose this bill could be viewed as another way to interpret the view of America as a melting pot; what else do I, a lifelong suburbanite, have in common with residents of Gilmer, Texas except our common humanity. And now we'll have a chance to exercise that in our conversations about who should represent CD 32. Meanwhile, what's to stop governors in New York or California from taking a page from the same self-interested playbook? Texas may find itself with five more Republican congressmembers - but who's to say that other states don't play the same game? Meanwhile, we all suffer from weaker representation, Republican and Democrat alike. Isn't hearing different points of view the best way to arrive at solutions to problems? Or will AI take over that role, leaving us no need for any Congressional representatives?
Needless to say, I am dismayed. I do not think one individual's self-interested grab for more power justifies this bill's goal - herding voters into districts where the outcome of an election becomes predictable. And I wonder, thinking of the law of unintended consequences, whether the results may prove more interesting than what the sponsor of this bill may anticipate.
I suggest a different experiment: draw districts with boundaries that respect the common interests of the people who live within them and also their differences. Small compact districts that align with geographic boundaries - now that is an experiment I'd like to see.

Dan Gibbs
Self
Houston, TX

I strongly support HB 4 and the proposed redistricting map. Thank you.

Johnna Davila, Ms.
Self/Retired
Midland, TX

Vote NO on this bill. You all know this is wrong and is not representative of your constituents' wishes. It is time to stand up for what's right and not just go along denying the will of the people you were elected to represent. If you vote for this redistricting, you will regret it come the next election. Thank you.

Thomas Foster
Self
Austin, TX

Yall are really trying to ruin Texas

Tamara DiCesare
Self - Chef
Northlake, TX

We do not need to redistrict and 'gerrymander' Texas. We understand that people are starting to change their minds and not support the Trump administration. This does NOT mean that we need to redraw our district and congressional lines in order to try and remain a red state. If Texas turns blue, Texas turns blue. Gerrymandering is illegal and everyone sees what's happening. Don't do this. Let the true public speak and listen to us, even if you don't agree,

Julie Rogers
Self/Retired
Corpus Christi, TX

We reside in downtown Corpus Christi which will be impacted by the proposed Congressional District maps because we will be split away from the rest of Nueces County and be placed in a map that goes as far North into Austin, removing us even further from our community of interest. I advocated for different maps in 2021 but will live with the ones we have because it's the right thing to do - to respect our U.S.Constitution and our democracy. New maps should not be craeted or proposed mid-Census or when there is federal litigation regarding the current maps, of which by the way was said consistently during the redistricting process and recently in the federal court that they were color blind. I, along with 1000s of others, recently asked the House Special Redistricting Committee NOT to redraw the maps. wait until the appropriate time which is after the Census 2030 or after a decision from the federal courts about the current litigation. Why are we being ignored? Why are you not listening to Texans instead of outsiders and special interest groups? Have you no respect for Texans and yourselves?

Dianne Truchard
self
DEL VALLE, TX

Please do not redistrict! The maps will not represent what the voters want.

Margaret Lattimore
Self
Fort Worth, TX

I do not support the mid decade congressional redistricting of Texas. As a geographer, I value census data and see its purpose for redistricting. Redistricting now without all of the data to understand changes in our landscape is not prudent or a good use of the legislature's time. I am an incredibly proud Texan and have been due to Texas's ability to lead change and fuel the national economy. Part of what makes us Texas is our independent and forward thinking as a state. Listening to Donald Trump and doing what he says, "going to grab five seats," should be reason enough to not redistrict. We bow to no kings as a nation, but we CERTAINLY bow to no kings in Texas. Do not support partisan, uncalled for requests from the president no matter who the president is, especially if it seeks to divide us as a state.

Debra Scott, Ms.
Myself
Pflugerville, TX

The proposed redistricting is deeply biased and serves to minimize the representation of the general public. It fundamentally undermines core democratic principles like fair representation and equal voting power. My vote should carry the same weight as any rural landowner’s. After all, I pay just as much—if not more—in taxes. My voice matters, and I demand fair representation!

Our government operations should reflect the will of the public majority, not be distorted to benefit a specific political party. Imagine how the Republican Party would react if the opposing party tried to limit their voice or carve out districts that unfairly dilute their support. The principle of fair representation should transcend party lines.

Ensuring fairness in redistricting is critical not only for holding elected officials accountable, but also for preventing government corruption and protecting the integrity of our democracy. A skewed system undermines stability in both government and the economy. When every vote truly counts, we secure a healthier, more responsive political system for all.

I encourage the State to implement the following measures to ensure a fair and transparent redistricting process:
1. Independent Commissions: Establish independent commissions to create fairer boundaries.
2. Non-partisan Algorithms: Use computer algorithms to draw district lines based purely on population and geographic considerations (rather than political considerations).
3. Clearer Legal Standards: Establish stronger legal standards for what constitutes fair redistricting and curb practices that disproportionately favor one party over another.

Andriana Kelley
Self
Arlington, TX

I am writing to express my deep concern and strong opposition to the proposed redistricting plan in Texas. This bill threatens to weaken the voices of countless Texans, especially in underrepresented communities, and undermines the very foundation of our voting rights.

Redistricting should reflect the will of the people — not silence it. I urge you to reject this bill and stand up for fair, transparent, and equitable representation for all Texans.

William Wagner
Self, retired
Austin, TX

As a 30 year resident of this state, I strongly disapprove of the proposed redistricting of the congressional map. It’s nothing more than partisan gerrymandering. Policy is what should matter. Not cutting up the district to favor one party versus the other. Imagine what you would be saying if Democrats tried to do the same thing.

Sergio Renteria
self
EL PASO, TX

This concept of redistricting has shown total disregard for the voting public. Gerrymandering should be banned completely since it has never been a true representation of constituents rights. This time around, it has shown to be a power struggle for few individuals who do not have a real concern on democracy. It continues to be a travesty when political representatives STOP REPRESENTING CONSTITUENTS, but rather power mongrels, the likes of Abbott and Trump. As stated in the constitutions of both the nation and the state; "WE THE PEOPLE" are no longer being honored. No code of ethics would suffice this upcoming vote on redistricting and as many journalist have stated and written these past few months, RACISM is completely alive no matter which party one is affiliated with.

Elise Passy, Mrs.
Self
Houston, TX

Redrawing districts is disenfranchising for residents. When districts are compact and include citizens who are part of a geographic community representatives are able to clearly represent constituents. When boundaries are drawn in favor of a specific outcome, they no longer represent a community of people. The right to representation is for everyone not specific parties.

Karel Riley
self, retired
Austin, TX

Since redistricting between census years is seen as highly unusual, and since this attempt at redistricting is seen as bowing to the wishes and pressures from President Trump, this attempted redistricting can only be seen as highly partisan, totally unfair, unjustified and even racist, because it's a blatant attempt to silence the voices of people of color. Also, the state legislature has some critically important issues it needs to address instead of wasting any of the precious 30 day Special Session on redistricting. I'm referring to addressing the issues around the devastation caused by the recent flash floods. If the members of this state legislature want to be viewed as representative of the needs of the people, you need to address the needs of the people you represent, not the desires for you to increase your numbers in the US Congress.

Andrea Valencia
Self
El Paso, TX

This is the grossest representation of the state districts and allowing for this bill to pass would further highlight the level of corruption and contempt of this administration. It’s disgusting to see our elected officials “bending and scrambling” when they know these bills do not represent our best interest. Allowing this bill to pass would take already limited resources from El Paso to allocate them to areas in which we won’t see any benefits but compete for services and funds. It’s infuriating to know this level of manipulation has to be done to ensure seats are saved because our interests were not represented accurately. This is just a forceful demonstration of how this administration plans to continue to try to take advantage of its constituents without regards.

Tracy Holt
Self
Duncanville, TX

Hi, my name is _____, and I am a constituent in zip code _____. I am calling/writing to demand my representative oppose HB4. This is not right.” It’s that simple.

Jacque Gonzalez-Garcia
Self, Urban Planning
Houston, TX

I appose redistricting through gerrymandering.

Karen Muncy
self / retired
DALLAS, TX

I am opposed to this outrageous attempt to redistrict Texas in the middle of the decade. This is NOT democracy. Please vote against any and all of these gerrymandered maps whose only purpose is to silence minority voters.

Sharmila Bose
SAAVETX
Plano, TX

RE: Opposition to Mid-Decade Congressional Redistricting – A Statement from South Asian Texans
Dear Governor Abbott, Lt. Governor Patrick, and Speaker Burrows,
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Sincerely,
Sharmila

Leland Murphy
self
Austin, TX

Hello committee,

I think these maps are insane. Y'all know exactly what you're doing. To think you think you can get away with breaking up communities of interest and *especially* minority communities IN CLEAR DEFIANCE of the Voting Rights Act is bold.

This an illegal, gerrymandering scheme that takes power away from voters. Republicans have and can win popular elections. We just saw this in 2024. Why are y'all scared of elections?

The amount of people tuning into this process should scare y'all. People are watching, testifying, and submitting public comments from ALL across Texas. No one is going to forget what you do at this moment.

Even when & if you pass these partisan, racist maps that break up VRA minority opportunity districts, we are going to show up in droves for the next elections.

You have a choice to be brave and stop this. Stand up to Trump for once. Vote down these maps that take power away from communities.

Best,
Leland Dale Murphy

Lauro Zuniga, Mr
Self
San Benito, TX

Hello, Committee Members & fellow Texans
My name is Lauro Alberto Zuniga, and I am a social worker representing myself in Congressional District 34 in the State of Texas. I live in La Paloma, a beautiful, predominantly Latino neighborhood nestled right next to the Rio Grande in San Benito, TX. I come here to voice my concerns about the lack of transparency and rushing of redrawing congressional maps, and how it could directly impact my neighborhood and my life.
As a gay Latino, many of the issues discussed in Congress impact me directly as both a person and as a caretaker for my aging parents. For the Texas legislature to engage in mid-decade redistricting efforts to appease a destructive President has real consequences for real taxpayers. I ask the Texas Legislature to wait until all litigation is settled, and more accurate Census data is provided to redraw maps with the assistance of an independent commission.
If these illegal maps come to pass, I, and many others around our district and state, will be feeling the evil effects of cruel policies for the rest of our lives by never seeing an end to student loan debt, worrying about healthcare costs with Medicaid being cut, economic uncertainty due to the attacks on our social safety nets and worse, not having appropriate representation in Congress – all because politicians cannot win fairly solely on their policy positions. I want real representation in Congress, not an imposed congressperson who votes against my well-being.
Is cruelty the point of all of this? Is the function of government to squash the life out of its citizens? My guess is yes considering the deprioritization of relief for flood-affected families and the hyper fixation on gerrymandering. Shame on you.
However, I believe in a government that prioritizes its most vulnerable and one that is focused on enhancing well-being and ensuring all Americans prosper. That’s whats at stake with these redistricting efforts and I hope my fellow Texans continue to raise their voice against this unjust power grab.
Thank you for your time.

Allison Thompson
Self
Pflugerville, TX

Good day to you. I write in opposition to the proposed Congressional Redistricting in Texas. There are many things our state is in need of right now and this is not one of them. I have yet to hear a single citizen of our state say that we need to have the maps redrawn in the middle of a census cycle. In fact, the honorable folks who drew up the existing map have said that it is racially equitable and that it is fairly drawn. If that is the case, then why is there a need now to draw new lines which appear to intentionally break up any racially cohesive areas of our state? I have seen the suggested redistricting map and it seems blatantly drawn in order to dilute minority representation and voices. I am completely baffled as to why our state legislature would even consider this at this crucial time for many citizens affected by recent flooding. My only conclusion is that someone else is influencing this. My mom always taught me to follow the money. Who benefits by this action? It certainly isn't the racial minorities in our state. I know each of you are here to serve our citizens. I pray every day for you, that in your heart of hearts you will not listen to other voices but the one in your heart urging you to do the right thing. We citizens do not want this! Why, oh why, are you even considering this?

Thank you,
Allison B. Thompson

Brandon Le
Self
College Station, TX

I strongly oppose this effort by the TX House to carry forward this effort that has the explicit goal of advantaging one political party for future state and federal elections.

Deeply harmful policies being enacted by this U.S. Congress are being enabled by these efforts to change district lines, which in turn are reducing and minimizing the voices of non-White citizens.
Citizens are losing their voices because of these changes.
In the Houston area we are proud of our rich diversity of culture, language, opinion, and background. Our house representatives should broadly mirror this rich diversity and the rich variety of backgrounds and opinions.
An instruction articulated from the President, to replace reliably Democratic-led districts with districts that will be reliably Republican, was then embedded in a statement from the Department of Justice that the current districts are racially discriminatory or biased.
This is DESPITE the fact that in 2021 there was explicit confirmation from the Texas leadership (governor, attorney general) that the maps were not racially biased.
Changes to the TX district lines should be based on DATA and EVIDENCE, not swayed by a politician's or party's personal and political pursuit of power.

Marc Calderaro
Self
Buda, TX

I live in the exurbs between Austin and San Antonio. I am frankly surprised that mid-decade redistricting is being done with the no preparation, and other the guise of flood relief. This seems like a slap in the face to the horrors that our fellow Texans have been dealing with in the flood and its aftermath.

The maps themselves look extremely bias, and unrepresentative of our demographics. My friend in North Austin will now be in a district with Odessa? Is that correct? Honestly, only providing your constituents 48 hours to look at a map you re-drew in a week is unconscionable enough, without the additional unconscionability of the new districts themselves.

I will primary and vote against in the general anyone who supports this type of craven garbage. One of our points of pride in Texas is to stand up to Federal malarkey. If I wanted to kowtow to what some bureaucrats in Washington, I'd move to New York. Get this garbage out of my state.

Taylor Nelson
self
Pflugerville, TX

I strongly oppose HB 4. This redistricting bill is anti-democratic, racially discriminatory, and fundamentally un-American.

Instead of drawing fair districts that reflect the real and growing diversity of Texas, HB 4 manipulates the process to protect those in power and silence the voices of Black and Latino communities. It's a clear example of gerrymandering — designed not to serve the people, but to entrench political control.

This is a dangerous path. When lawmakers choose voters instead of voters choosing lawmakers, we no longer have a representative democracy. These kinds of power grabs are the tools of authoritarianism, not a free and fair society.

Texans deserve better. We deserve maps that are transparent, equitable, and rooted in the principle that every voice and every vote matters. HB 4 fails that test completely.

I urge you to reject this bill and stand up for a democracy that serves all Texans — not just those at the top.

John Keohane, Mr.
self
Austin, TX

According to common "knowledge, the proposed redistricting will elect more Republicans from Texas to congress in 2026, while protecting all current members. Both Republicans and Democrats are saying that.

I disagree with both Republican and Democrat conclusions.

It is said that the 10+% margins incumbent Republican congressmen had in 2024 make them safe in 2026. Nonsense. Trump has been really popular in Texas (polls indicate some of that is "was") and Trump was a big help then. Now 2026 is an off-year, and only those very motivated vote. Now, let me offer just one example about how shaky such "logic" is. In 2022, the chairman of the Democratic campaign committee for our entire country, was five-term congressman Sean Patrick Mahoney(D-NY). One reason he was chosen was that he was in a "safe" district. After all, he had won re-election in the 2020 (Presidential) election year by 11.2% of the vote. Well a funny thing happened to Mahoney in the November election. He lost his own seat to a Republican.

So watch out for what you ask for. Watch out for what you vote for. This out of state redistricting plan is loaded with more minefields than Ukraine.

It's time for clear sighted Texans to recognize this fact.
And much as Rep. Hunter meant well, this dog don't hunt.

Linda Decker
Self
Austin, TX

I am opposed to the redrawing of districts mid decade. The state's representation in Congress is currently not representative of the voting population of the state and the new proposed map is even less so. It is egregiously unfair to the voters of this state, a state that I love dearly, to disenfranchise even more voters. The only reason for redrawing the map is the Republican's fear they can't win if they don't cheat.

Janice Mayfield, Mrs.
Central Texas Republican Women's Club
Belton,Texas76513, TX

I am for HB4 Redistricting.

Connie Hearn

self/ mortgage broker

Dallas, TX

I have lived in Texas for over 50 years now and seen the state swing from right to left and back to right. I have seen great politicians who have helped to build this state into the economic engine that doesn't stop no matter who's in office. I've seen the ugly side of politics in this state as well. I remember Tom Delay's decision to redraw the District Map a second time in 2003 and thinking it was a terrible precident. I've voted Republican and Democrat over the years but the aggressively divisive administrations of Perry and now Abbott have driven me out of the Republican party. But I have never been so disgusted by Texas Republicans as I am today when I look at this overly gerrymandered map. It is designed to deny equal representation. It is designed to deny the voices of millions of minority voters. When the votes are historically split 52%/46% Republican to Democrat, this map is designed to give 70% + to Republicans and an under representation of <30% to Democrats. Have Republicans become so focused on their power grab that they have forgotten that they represent all Texans? Are they so frightened of Donald Trump and his retribution that they have no backbone left. It seems so. I live in Congressional District 24 and Tx House District 108, previously 114, that, up until the last redistricting map voted a Democrat to represent them. Now our voices have been drowned out as sure as if we were swept away by the Guadelupe River. Now we are not a majority of Dallas voters but a minority in District 24 that is now dominated by wealthy N. Tarrant County citizens and a TX House district dominated by Highland Park residents. It is time for Republican lawmakers to stop the relentless power grab and the hateful way they drown out almost half of Texan's voices. Personally, I will do everything I can to empower my fellow Texans to vote out Republicans who have opened the flood gates of racial discrimination.

Eden Walker

self, gymnastics coach

Austin, TX

No redistricting!!!!!!!

t logan, ms

self

marble falls, TX

We are witnessing a dystopian illusion driven by distorted and disordered greed. The so called representatives of The People's Will are either already on board or super pac'd into office to rubber stamp the gop trump cabal of corruption agenda.The fix is in, until The People being conned daily realize how shady and shiesty the body politic is and the retribution will erase this confederacy of liars. It is repugnant to anyone with a mind that can think. It is sad that so many humans act as if there is not enough, when there is if it is tended with stewardship instead of taking taking taking without regard. There is no do over when the Earth has had enough of it and will shake us off like fleas, so hang on tight to your golden parachute and unjust enrichments, but they won't save you from the damage you have done in your short sighted grabbing.

August Schilling, Mr.
self
Southlake, TX

IN ABSOLUTE OPPOSITON TO PROPOSED REDISTRICTING

The proposed redistricting of Texas Congressional Districts at this time and in this manner is a total abomination of legality, fairness and timing. The current maps, as drawn, are still in unresolved litigation and here comes the weak kneed Texas GOP and Governor kissing the ass of the corrupt, felonious and pathologically lying President begging for support after pushing through a widely hated Big Bastardized Bill which will cost the GOP many votes in the future.

The current maps are already badly gerrymandered against black, brown and Asian “minorities” who comprise over 60% or Texas residents. The less than 40% or Texans who are Anglo currently hold 65% of Congressional seats and the proposed maps are intended to increase their representation to about 79%. How this can be considered anything other than discrimination and racial gerrymandering is beyond comprehension.

I may be an old, white guy living in one of the wealthier communities in Texas, but I know that I enjoy plenty of privilege without cheating others out of fair representation as the proposed redistricting map does. I attended the hearing at UTA last Friday when the Texas GOP hid the proposed map to prevent it being discussed. Likewise, the hearing was held in a small 450 seat theater leaving at least that many attendees standing in the foyer for hours while across the hall sat an empty ballroom that could have held all of us. The intentional lack of organization, signage and communication to those of us stuck in the foyer was appalling and the poorly “advertised” live stream had no sound for about the first 30 minutes. It is obvious that the Texas GOP does not want any level of fairness in the process or results of this redistricting. SHAME! Oh, I forgot, Abbott, the Orange King and the King’s Cult have no shame.

This whole process and whatever map comes out of it will spend years in expensive litigation as there is no chance that it will not be in obvious violation of the Voting Rights Act and the Constitution of the United States of America. There will be no benefit to the State of Texas, the power hungry GOP or the citizens themselves.

This redistricting must be REJECTED! The sooner, the better!

August Schilling
1260 Taylor St.
Southlake, TX 76092
Precinct 3039 Chair — Democrats

ANGELA GRANGER
self
Lorena, TX

Redistricting is very much needed to represent the citizens of Texas Votes. WE overwhelmingly voted for Conservative Representation, That is what we should get!

Steven G. Kellman, Dr.
self professor
Shavano Park, TX

The U.S. Constitution requires redistricting every ten years with each new census. There is no reason to redraw the Congressional maps of Texas mid-decade, except that President Trump ordered Governor Abbott to do it. President Trump's explicit reason for the order is that he wants five additional Republican members of Congress. That is not a satisfactory reason to further distort our state's Congressional representation, which is already skewed heavily in favor of the GOP. Furthermore the proposed map was drawn up and imposed upon us by someone in Virginia. It ignores the will and interests of Texas voters. It should be rejected unequivocally.

Susan Farley
Self - VP of Finance
Austin, TX

I am an Austin resident and I don't agree with the new redistricting maps. These maps are a disgrace and disenfranchise voters across the state but specifically in Austin where I live wihh the my family. This redistricting is outside of the norm, which is typically in the year after the census. The current president is pushing for this as a grab for addition republican seats and, like most of his ideas, is wrong!

Jamie Baker
Self Retired
Dallas, TX

Texas doesn't need to help Trump, who isn't from Texas! Texas is an honest state! Why would we change it!
Thank you for voting no to this Bill.

ANNA L PEREZ
Self-retired educator
Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo, TX

We do not need change at this time. Be fair. Follow laws and rules. Show you are not a puppet!

Kim Selensky
Kim Selensky and TTP
Paradise, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Jad Edelbi
Self
San Antonio, TX

Texas is already majority republican. Gerrandering to further weaken the Democratic Party not only does not make sense, it implies that there is a fear of democrats overtaking the republican majority; and if that is the case, it might help to question why a party that has historically been weaker in Texas is now gaining traction. The Republican Party of Texas is working to appease a criminal in office rather than to address the needs of its constituents.

pat abramson
self. Retired.
celeste, TX

Please please support this critical redistricting bill, HB 4, for Texas.
Thanks for all you do!

Edwin Decker
Self Retired
Austin, TX

I oppose the new redistricting maps released by Texas House Republicans. I am a proud American and Texan but this bid to take away my ability to have my vote matter is a disgrace. Democracy depends on all voices being heard. It has become obvious over the past years that Texas Republicans only want to hear voices that agree with them and silence all others. Shame on you! While 56% of Texans voted Republican in the last election, these new maps will mean that 80% Texas representatives in the US Congress are Republican. This will not represent the voters of Texas! All the reasons I have seen put forth to date for this mid-term redistricting are bogus. The only reason this is being done is to ensure that Donald Trump retains control of the US House. Republicans have given up on winning fair elections and know they can only maintain power by cheating. This is a perversion of our Democracy and may well lead to its end. Therefore, I STRONGLY OPPOSE this midterm redistricting.

Alice Owen, Dr.
self
Irving, TX

I am speaking out against this bill. We currently have maps in Texas that have not been approved by the courts. We should not be changing maps in mid stream since we have already done this after the census. The proposed changes will impact minority voters in the state. Minorities make up over 60% of our communities but currently only have 39% of the representation in Congress. These new maps will cut that further to only a 21% share of representation in Congress. There has been little transparency about this process, with the maps only being released yesterday. Our voters will be negatively impacted by these decisions and will not be fairly represented in our state. I urge you not to approve this bill.

Michael De La Garza, Hispanic
Self - retired
Austin, TX

Republicans WON the Latino vote within the Present map. WAIT to re-draw lines.

Elba Wilson
Self
Round Rock, TX

“I’m a lifelong Texan, and cheating to win elections doesn’t sit well with me. I strongly oppose HB 4. It’s a blatant partisan attempt to suppress votes by gerrymandering districts to favor Republicans. It is both unconscionable and illegal to redistrict when you have no new census data to justify new maps. Also, it’s especially shameful to do so in a special session that should be focusing on the failures that led to the horrific flooding disaster in Central Texas on July 4. Affected families are still reeling with grief over lost loved ones or struggling to survive after losing homes or both—all while Texas Republicans legislatively prioritize cheating to win elections. I urge you to vote against HB 4. Thank you for your time.”

Melissa Ramos
Self
AUSTIN, TX

As a concerned resident of Texas, I strongly oppose the redistricting plan currently under consideration by the Senate Special Committee on Congressional Redistricting. The proposed maps appear to dilute the voting power of minority communities and undermine the foundational principles of fair and representative democracy.

Redistricting should reflect the true demographic and geographic diversity of our state-not serve partisan interests. Texans are fully aware that these maps are designed to entrench Republican power. The current congressional map, drawn by the Republican-led Legislature in 2021, already secured 25 of the state’s 38 seats for Republicans. The newly proposed maps aim to expand this advantage even further, potentially adding five more Republican-leaning districts.

Equally troubling is the failure of these maps to reflect the demographic realities of Texas. Communities of color have driven the state’s population growth, yet the proposed districts do not proportionally represent this shift. For example, despite Latino and white populations being nearly equal in 2020, the state created 23 white-majority districts and only 7 Latino-majority districts.

This imbalance is not only unjust, it is unconstitutional.

Texans deserve a redistricting process that is transparent, equitable, and inclusive of public input. I urge the committee to reject these maps and instead adopt a plan that empowers all communities, honors our state’s diversity, and upholds the values of our democracy.

Sincerely,
Melissa Ramos
37th Congressional District of Texas
Austin, TX

Evan Novak
self, Software Engineer
Austin, TX

Do not proceed with the redistricting plan. This plan does not change districts to more accurately represent the people of Texas, and by splitting regions up and combining them with distant areas, prevents the electoral process from working as intended. This gerrymandering is a partisan power grab that sets a precedent that will make free and fair elections in this country a thing of the past.

Teresa Martinez
Self. State employee.
Austin, TX

I am submitting a comment today to ask that members do not pass HB4 out of this committee. This bill is intended to further gerrymander our state for the benefit of the federal government and Donald Trump’s aims to destabilize our democracy. It is essential that Texas legislators do not bend to the will of the federal government and further gerrymander our districts. Thank you for your time.

Sarah Glasscock
self: writer
Austin, TX

I vehemently oppose this redistricting bill. Texas legislators do not serve President Trump. They serve the people of Texas--ALL the people. The only goal of the redistricting maps is to silence people like me. I'm a sixth-generation Texan. I pay property taxes to support public education and to support my community. I vote in every election. The new maps are not designed to make voting easier or to encourage people to vote. They are designed, at the direction of President Trump, to gain 5 more Republican seats in the House of Representatives. That is unacceptable. It makes a mockery out of our democracy. The goal is to silence the voices and votes of thousands of people like me, who are just as patriotic as Republicans are. Texas has many important issues facing it. Let's work together instead of against one another. Return the focus of this costly special session where it belongs: on helping the people in the flood-ravaged communities rebuild and to thoughtfully implement and fund emergency measures that will keep those communities and others like them safe. We are in this together, so please stop trying to silence so many of your fellow Texans. Thank you.

Antoinette Lambert
self
Austin, TX

Aiming to redraw boundaries of legislative districts in Texas at this times simply shows Republican fears that their candidates, programs and policies will not be accepted by voters and may lose support in the next election cycle.

Mario Simental
Educators
El Paso, TX

As a Texas AFT member and public school educator in Socorro Independent School District, I oppose any mid-decade redistricting that reduces minority voting influence. Our communities deserve fair maps, not political manipulation. The city of El Paso proudly serves the state of Texas, therefore, the state must serve us equally. Our representative should live in our city, drive in our city, eat in our city thereby making him available to us under calling hours. No one who doesn’t live here, little less 500 miles away, should be deciding what’s best for us.

Beverly Ayer
Self
Dallas, TX

Leave district 32 alone!!

Diane Turner
Self
Adkins, TX

Stop allowing Trump to control our state & take away the voices of your constituents. Mid cycle redistricting is not needed. We all know it’s not. Do your jobs and work for the people of Texas. ALL of the people of Texas, not just your donors.

Lynda Haltom, Mrs.
Self
Colleyville, TX

I support HB 4 and the new Redistricting map.

Julie Strother, Ms.
Self
Cypress, TX

I strongly urge you to vote NO on redistricting. The gop proposed maps will further disenfranchise voters. Justice, representation, duty and honor demand that to do not vote for further partisan gerrymandering. It should be illegal. This is widely viewed as cheating. If you cannot win by honestly winning over a diverse segment of society then you should feel shame in rigging elections for extremists that voters do not want. Remember, the pendulum always swings and I hope it's decisive when it does.

Judy Denton
Self
Austin, TX

Public Comment Opposing HJP 135

I strongly oppose Texas House Joint Proposal 135. This bill appears to deliberately reduce the number of Democratic representatives in the Texas Legislature, undermining the principle of fair and equal representation for all Texans. Rather than reflecting the diverse political views across the state, HJP 135 risks manipulating electoral boundaries or procedures in a way that consolidates partisan power and weakens democratic accountability.

If enacted, HJP 135 would disenfranchise large segments of the population—especially in urban and minority communities that often vote Democratic—by diluting their electoral influence. Such tactics violate the spirit of the Voting Rights Act and contradict the foundational values of representative government.

Texas is a diverse and rapidly changing state. Our legislative process should empower voters and encourage competitive, fair elections—not rig outcomes in favor of one political party. I urge lawmakers to reject HJP 135 and pursue reforms that enhance, not BTW, I asked ChatGPT for a rebuttal and here’s what it said if you want to use it:

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Lindsay Ballard
Self/Self Employed
Pflugerville, TX

I am writing to express my opposition to redistricting the state of Texas outside of a census cycle. This is pure politics to try to rob Texans of their voices.

The proposed map places my home in Pflugerville, Texas in its THIRD Congressional district in the last 18 years, and each district has been vastly different.

- In 2008, I was in CD 10, which covered in the northeastern portion of Travis County and went all the way down to outside of Houston.
- In 2011, I was moved to CD 17, which covers a tiny sliver of north Travis County goes up through Waco and then over to Lufkin and Nacogdoches.
- The proposed 2025 map moves me back to CD 10. But this is not the same CD 10 - this one takes a tiny, fingerling sliver of Travis County and attaches it to a huge rural district that spans all the way past Midland/Odessa.

With this new map, you are intentionally trying to silence my voice as a Texas citizen. My growing urban community's concerns could not be more different than the ones of the oil, gas, and cattle ranchers of the new CD 10, and there is no doubt that this is a gerrymandered district for the benefit of one political party. In turn, the district will be effectively won in the primary election, ensuring that my community's voices will never be heard or considered by our elected representative. Instead, we will be represented by the most extreme candidate, and Texas will continue to plunge itself into the depths of conspiracy theories and falsified moral panics instead of focusing on issues that actually help its citizens.

But outside of my own sphere, the maps of Harris, Tarrant, and Dallas counties are very likely illegally drawn according to Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act. Drawing lines that discriminate are illegal. Period. And this standard has been tested and reaffirmed by this US Supreme Court in 2023 in Allen v. Milligan. Allowing these districts to move forward is in violation of the law.

The Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment is in place for a reason, and you simply cannot draw electoral districts in a way that discriminates against racial or political groups.

I urge you to stop this redistricting farce and focus on the issues that are actually of utmost importance to Texans instead of wasting our tax dollars on these politically motivated stunts.

Shekhar Sinha
SAAVETX
SAN ANTONIO, TX

RE: Opposition to Mid-Decade Congressional Redistricting – A Statement from South Asian Texans
Dear Governor Abbott, Lt. Governor Patrick, and Speaker Burrows,
As members of the South Asian American community across Texas, we write to express our unequivocal opposition to the mid-decade congressional redistricting plan currently before the Legislature.
South Asian Texans are one of the fastest-growing populations in this state. We run businesses, drive innovation, advance medicine, and enrich the cultural and civic life of Texas. We also vote, organize, and contribute to the democratic process.
But this redistricting proposal is not about improving representation — it is about manipulating it. These maps are being redrawn to break up strong, diverse voting blocs and weaken the collective voice of communities of color, including South Asians, who are becoming an undeniable force in Texas politics.
In major metropolitan counties where South Asians live and work — Harris, Fort Bend, Dallas, Collin, Tarrant, Travis, and Bexar — cohesive neighborhoods are being fractured and stitched together with distant rural counties. These artificial districts have nothing to do with shared interests and everything to do with diluting the political power of growing populations.
This is not representation. This is an intentional strategy to silence voters and undermine democracy.
What does a tech executive in Plano have in common with a farmer hundreds of miles away? What shared vision for Texas can come from districts designed to split communities apart rather than bring them together?
Texas should stand as a model of democratic integrity, where representation reflects the people who call this state home. Instead, this process dismantles the very pillars of democracy — fairness, accountability, and trust.
When maps are drawn for partisan gain, they don't just distort election outcomes — they tell entire communities their voices don't matter.
We stand with Texans in Fort Bend, Collin, Dallas, Harris, Travis, Williamson, Bexar, El Paso, Denton, and Tarrant Counties who are seeing their voting power diluted and their representation sacrificed for political advantage.
We urge you to withdraw this plan and commit instead to drawing fair maps that keep communities whole, reflect where people actually live and work, and protect every Texan's right to representation.
Democracy only works when every vote counts and every voice is heard. These maps break that promise. Texans — all Texans — deserve better.
Sincerely,
Shekhar Sinha

Janet Cook
Janet Lee Cook
Austin, TX

Dear State Legislators,
I am a resident of Travis County. I oppose congressional redistricting because I support democratic processes for elections. The type of gerrymandering in HB 4 is counter to values of this country that we, the people, support. It further empowers people who already are entitled and monied. Please do not redistrict.
Sincerely,
Janet Cook

Diann McCabe
self
San Marcos, TX

As a resident of Hays County, I oppose HB 4 in its blatant attempt to weaken the power of voters, making terrible changes across the state and here in Hays County.

CD 35, a historically minority opportunity district, would no longer include any part of Hays County and would lose a significant portion of its Black voting-age population. Buda and Kyle would be disconnected from the county and pulled into a sprawling district that stretches all the way to Port Aransas on the Gulf Coast. CD 21 would cut into San Marcos, diluting the voices of Hispanic and young voters and splintering the growing, diverse community where I live. There will no longer be any minority opportunity districts in Hays County, despite our dense and growing Hispanic population.

I spend a lot of time as a nonpartisan volunteer deputized registrar in Hays County. Many young people I encounter question whether their votes matter. They question whether voting will have any effect on the issues they care about—the cost of living, tuition increases, access to healthcare, the health of the San Marcos River and the surrounding environment. The changes in HB 4 will further disconnect new voters from having their voices heard because it will stretch districts across hundreds of miles.

HB 4 is an assault on democracy because it will further disconnect us from the issues that matter locally. Hays County deserves representation that reflects our communities and preserves the voices of young people, working families, and communities of color. Please stand up for democracy, for voter representation, and for the promise of this nation.

Jamie Vail
Self. Project manager
Austin, TX

Mid-decade redistricting to appease Trump is so anti democratic and disappointing. I thought Texas would be better than bending a knee to the president to cheat during an election. Gerrymandering removes the voice of the people and is fundamentally anti-democratic. Please vote against redistricting

RUTH GLENDINNING
SELF
AUSTIN, TX

The is no legitimate reason to enact redistricting between censuses. This is a politically motivated action at the direction of Donald Trump that undermines the voices of millions of voters in Texas without regard for their rights as citizens.

Wendy Aldcroft-Guelle
self
Austin, TX

This proposal concerning the composition of congressional districts in Texas threatens to undermine fair representation by enabling partisan gerrymandering. Instead of ensuring that districts reflect the true diversity of Texas's population, the plan appears designed to dilute the voting power of minority communities and entrench political advantage. Such manipulation of district boundaries erodes public trust in our democratic institutions and weakens the foundational principle that every vote should carry equal weight. Texans deserve a transparent, nonpartisan redistricting process that prioritizes fairness over political gain.

Devyn Jones
Self truck driver
Mckinney, TX

I'm against the re districting process Texas shouldn't be doing this in the first place

Christie Dotolo
self
San Marcos, TX

It is truly unconscionable that y'all have proposed such a horribly gerrymandered redistricting map. If you want more Republicans to win seats, then come up with policies that will allow that instead of disenfranchising large swaths of voters. Not to mention the maps were just done five years ago! They are supposed to coordinate with the census every ten years. But you know that, don't you? Yeah, we do, too.

Elizabeth Boodt
Self/retired
Denton, TX

This proposed legislation is going in the wrong direction. My city is already gerrymandered to silence the needs of our community, and now you want to make it worse. Communities should not be sliced and diced to silence the voices of constituents. The needs and perspectives of Denton are different than the rural communities of the Panhandle. Stop this immoral power grab!

Simran Misra
SAAVETX
Dallas, TX

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In major metropolitan counties where South Asians live and work — Harris, Fort Bend, Dallas, Collin, Tarrant, Travis, and Bexar — cohesive neighborhoods are being fractured and stitched together with distant rural counties. These artificial districts have nothing to do with shared interests and everything to do with diluting the political power of growing populations.
This is not representation. This is an intentional strategy to silence voters and undermine democracy.
What does a tech executive in Plano have in common with a farmer hundreds of miles away? What shared vision for Texas can come from districts designed to split communities apart rather than bring them together?
Texas should stand as a model of democratic integrity, where representation reflects the people who call this state home. Instead, this process dismantles the very pillars of democracy — fairness, accountability, and trust.
When maps are drawn for partisan gain, they don’t just distort election outcomes — they tell entire communities their voices don’t matter.
We stand with Texans in Fort Bend, Collin, Dallas, Harris, Travis, Williamson, Bexar, El Paso, Denton, and Tarrant Counties who are seeing their voting power diluted and their representation sacrificed for political advantage.
We urge you to withdraw this plan and commit instead to drawing fair maps that keep communities whole, reflect where people actually live and work, and protect every Texan’s right to representation.
Democracy only works when every vote counts and every voice is heard. These maps break that promise. Texans — all Texans — deserve better.
Sincerely,
Simran Misra/SAAVETX
Dallas, TX

Teri Votour, Mrs.

Step Up San Marcos/Indivisible

San Marcos, TX

Please do the right thing! Gerrymandering is one thing, I know both parties do it, but this is excessive, greedy and borderlines unconstitutional. You are elected to represent everyone in the state. Redrawing district lines does not represent Texas as it is and it also speaks to the fact that you have to cheat to get what you want. Neither of those things is democratic or of good character. Please do what is morally right and not do Trump's bidding. Vote NO on redistricting!
Thank you!
Teri Votour

Yasmin Misra

SAAVETX

Dallas, TX

RE: Opposition to Mid-Decade Congressional Redistricting – A Statement from South Asian Texans
Dear Governor Abbott, Lt. Governor Patrick, and Speaker Burrows,
As members of the South Asian American community across Texas, we write to express our unequivocal opposition to the mid-decade congressional redistricting plan currently before the Legislature.
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Yasmin Misra/SAAVETX
Dallas, TX

Marianne Reat, Ms.

Self, retired attorney

Austin, TX

I oppose redistricting Texas congressional districts without new census data to justify new maps. This is a blatant effort to gerrymander to give the Republican party more representatives in Congress to do the President's bidding, and I think it's wrong and does not represent the views of most Texans. Many Texans are opposed to what Republicans are doing in Congress. Many Texans are fed up with the leadership of Republicans in this state who are supporting the President's power grab. I oppose this redistricting effort and demand real representation, by us and for us.

Greg Schultz, COL (ret)
A Texan and American citizen.
Flower Mound, TX

I oppose this bill. Deliberately changing districts for political-partisan benefit undermines the concept of representative government. As republicans we want to win at the ballot box based on the quality of our candidates and the persuasiveness of our ideas. Gerrymandering by either party does not strengthen our democracy and it undermines both public confidence and the pressure for our elected leaders to represent all their constituents—not just those on the right or left. Let's be better than this.

Sam Brady
Self, Student
College Station, TX

I strongly oppose this effort by the TX House to carry forward this effort that has the explicit goal of advantaging one political party for future state and federal elections. Deeply harmful policies being enacted by this U.S. Congress are being enabled by these efforts to change district lines, which in turn are reducing and minimizing the voices of non-White citizens.
In the Houston area we are proud of our rich diversity of culture, language, opinion, and background. Our house representatives should broadly mirror this rich diversity and the rich variety of backgrounds and opinions.

Martin Giadrosich
self
garland, TX

I write as a proud Texan and a member of the LGBT community to express deep concern over the current redistricting proposal. Representation is not a courtesy—it's the bedrock of democracy. Yet this map feels engineered to silence growing, diverse voices across our state.

Texas's population grew by roughly 16% from 2010 to 2020, with an overwhelming 95% of that increase coming from communities of color. Despite this dramatic shift, the proposed plan favors Republican incumbents by carving up Democratic-leaning urban areas in Houston, Austin, Dallas, and South Texas—effectively eroding the influence of Black and Latino voters.

This strategy isn't abstract—it compounds harm for marginalized communities, including LGBT Texans. We already face institutional barriers: no statewide nondiscrimination protections, elevated rates of depression and food insecurity, and pervasive stigma in public life. As sexual and gender minorities, we depend on fair representation to advocate for protections and visibility. When redistricting undermines representation for communities of color, it undermines our solidarity and political leverage—even if we're not the explicit target.

It is deeply ironic—and telling—that a map drawn under the banner of being "race blind" so clearly exacerbates inequities along racial lines. Saying you don't consider race while packing and cracking minority communities is not neutrality—it's erasure.

Let me be clear: this isn't democracy in action—it's a cliff-edge tumble toward disenfranchisement. LGBT Texans deserve legislators who see us, hear us, and fight for us. Redistricting that weakens minority-majority districts not only violates the spirit of fair representation, but also destabilizes the very possibility of inclusive progress.

To the House: You are not merely the arbiters of geography—you are guardians of democratic trust. Please redraw the maps to reflect—and respect—who Texas truly is.

Don't let the one star on our flag be our review of the state.

Antonio Garza
Self
Austin, TX

Texas should use the same criteria for congressional districts that they use for house districts as stated in the Texas Constitution article 3 section 26. What y'all are doing is un-American and it's cheating to win.

Keshia Neal, Dr.
Self
Georgetown, TX

I am AGAINST the proposed HB 4. It is clear that this is not only a late stage attempt to appease the current administration, but it also sets a precedent for future legislation (regardless of party) to contend with the yo-yoing of districts. These are human lives, Texans, that are going to have real impacts. You are here to represent your constituents, not a political party or a large donor. The people of Texas are known for their integrity and right now, I'm embarrassed for my state and our leaders.

Ashlee Abasolo
Myself, teacher
Houston, TX

I am opposed to this blatant power grab. I cannot believe that I have to ask my state representatives to please keep our districts fair and not resort to these tactics to rig our elections. It’s undemocratic and frankly ridiculous. These maps were just redrawn in 2021 and just because Trump asked Texas republicans to jump you have to say how high? You can’t defend our state and stand up for what’s right? Its embarrassing and does not make me proud to live in Texas.

Miguel Tapia
Self, teacher
Grand Prairie, TX

Though you will not care what is written here, many people will remember what you did for yourself and for others. Please, take the time to see the significance of this bill. If this the only way to ensure that the votes will go in your favor, then you might not be what's best for this state or country.

Gergana Slavova
Self
Austin, TX

While Texas families struggle to recover from devastating floods, it's despicable to me that Governor Abbott is prioritizing new redistricting maps in House Bill 4 (HB 4). These are designed to dilute the voting power of our communities - we, as constituents should elect our representatives, not the other way around.

I urge you to REJECT this corrupt redistricting process and all gerrymandered maps.

Chantell Miles
Self
Richardson, TX

This is straight up cheating!!

Andrew Kickertz
Self, logistics
Austin, TX

Without new census data there is no reason to contemplate redistricting. This is clearly a political move to counteract the growing unpopularity of the actions of the Trump administration and Governor Abbott's complete submission to the federal government. Instead of further changing the electoral map, the legislature should be considering how to ensure rural Texans have access to get their necessary identification and to voting locations. Some rural Texans need to travel hours to get to a polling location which is an onerous burden for them.

Totundra Grays, Dr.
Self/Clinical Social Worker
Dallas, TX

As a concerned constituent and proud resident of Texas, I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed redistricting plan being advanced by Governor Abbott in coordination with national leadership — a plan that seeks to create five additional

Republican districts through unconstitutional gerrymandering.
This power grab undermines the integrity of our electoral process and threatens the very foundation of our democracy: fair representation.

Redistricting should be based on population data and conducted with transparency, public input, and in compliance with the Voting Rights Act — not manipulated behind closed doors to entrench political power and silence the voices of communities like mine.

I am a licensed clinical social worker, and I work with patients and families who are marginalized. My ethical principle compels me to challenge social injustice. Social workers' social change efforts are focused primarily on issues of poverty, unemployment, discrimination, and other forms of social injustice. We seek to promote sensitivity to and knowledge about oppression and cultural and ethnic diversity. Social workers strive to ensure access to needed information, services, and resources; equality of opportunity; and meaningful participation in decision making for all people.

If this plan moves forward, it will:
Dilute the voting strength of communities of color,
Undermine urban and diverse constituencies,
Erode public trust in the democratic process, and
Open the door to costly legal challenges and federal oversight.

I urge you, as my elected representative, to oppose this effort and stand firmly in favor of fair maps, voter equity, and transparent governance. Texas belongs to all of us — not just those in power.

Please make it known where you stand on this issue. I, along with many others in your district, am watching and will be voting accordingly in the next election.
Thank you for your time and attention to this matter of urgent importance.

Molly Daugherty
Self
Chicago, TX

Silencing voters and cheating to win will never MAGA. Have some self respect, is Donald Trump a king? Whom do you serve? Not your constituents if you pass this gerrymandering!

Sultana Kaldis
Srlf
Houston, TX

Totally object to the blatant attempt to subvert the will of the people to satisfy the authoritarian desires of the republican's bending the knee to Trump

Ed Gray, Dr.
Ed Gray self
Grand Prairie, TX

Against redistricting

Marian Cones
Self
Houston, TX

I am completely opposed to this power grab that is being proposed to once again take away representation from the people in the middle of the decade. NO ONE LIKES THIS PLAN. This is illegal gerrymandering and breaks the Voting Rights Act by discriminating against minorities. This must be stopped.

Alice Hatfield
self
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose House Bill 4. Fair representation is the foundation of a functioning democracy, and this bill undermines that by enabling gerrymandering that dilutes the voices of minority and marginalized communities. HB 4 erodes public trust in our elections and silences Texans who deserve to be heard. I urge lawmakers to reject this bill and prioritize fair maps that reflect the diversity and will of all Texans.

Linda Collins, Ms.
Self
Austin, TX

I am writing to ask that you respect the voters of Texas, and not disenfranchise their votes. I am asking that you allow all Texans representation in our US House of Representatives. Please do not redraw the maps at this time. Please wait for the ten year mark to look at these maps again. And when you do redraw the maps, please redraw them in a way that will allow all Texans voices to be heard. You are in your position not to grab power, but to represent the people of Texans. All Texans deserve to have fair representation. If you redraw these maps now you will dilute my vote, and many many other Texans votes. That is not responsible leadership. Please do the right thing. Please be an honorable Texan. Do not redraw the maps at this time. Thank you for your service.

Sincerely,

Linda Collins

Constance Buran, Mrs
Self
Fort Worth, TX

Listen to Texans - we do not want redistricting. It will lead to unequal representation of minorities.

Elizabeth Minter
self
San Antonio, TX

I would love to point out to the Republicans in office, currently, that you have held the state for over 30 years. 30 YEARS. Every problem of this state is all at your feet. Redistricting to bend the knee and kiss the ring will not change that you have lead this state to the worst it has ever been. I look forward to voting each and everyone of you out in your next elections.

Ashley McLain
self
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose gerrymandering with the explicit intent of reducing or eliminating fair representation by our democratically elected leaders. To redraw maps with the intention of reducing representation by Democrats and increasing representation by Republicans is secretive, underhanded, and antithetical to our rights as citizens. I strongly request that the leaders of Texas stand up for Texans rather than bend to White House demands. Our Texas elected officials should represent all viewpoints in the House of Representatives with compassion and conviction, rather than bending the knee. Thank you for submitting my comments into the official record.

Nicholas Huba
Self
Pflugerville, TX

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the current redistricting efforts in Texas.

Redistricting should ensure fair and equal representation for all Texans, but the current process fails to meet that standard. The proposed maps appear to be drawn in a way that intentionally weakens the voting power of communities of color, despite their significant population growth in recent years. This raises serious concerns about racial gerrymandering and potential violations of the Voting Rights Act.

Furthermore, the process has lacked transparency. Public input has been limited, and decisions seem to be made behind closed doors, with minimal accountability. This approach undermines public trust in our democratic institutions.

Partisan gerrymandering has also distorted fair representation. By manipulating district boundaries to favor one political party, the maps silence opposing voices and discourage competitive elections. This is not how democracy should function.

I urge the legislature to reject unfair and discriminatory maps, and instead adopt a redistricting process that is transparent, nonpartisan, and reflective of Texas's diverse population. Every voter deserves to have their voice heard and their vote count equally.

Sincerely,
Nicholas Huba
Pflugerville, TX-State District 46

Linda Morales
GCAFLCIO
Houston, TX

This legislation is racist. This is not democracy. This is theft.
Redistricting should be about fair representation, not backroom deals. It should be about communities of interest, not political interests. But what we’re seeing in Austin is a full-court press to dilute our power, divide our voices, and distract from their failure to govern for working people.
We see what they’re doing. We won’t be silent. And we sure as hell won’t let yall rewrite the maps while ignoring the voices of Texans who do the work and pay the price.

Kathryn Kincannon
Self/retired
Austin, TX

I urge you to please put a stop to this mid-decade redistricting plan! This will not be a fair representation for our state this will be skewed towards one party 4 to 1. We have the right to vote for our leaders in our area and not to have our voices divided up!

Priscilla Puente-Chacon
Self
Eagle Pass, TX

I strongly oppose the proposed redistricting plan that would divide Maverick County into two separate congressional districts. This proposal undermines the integrity of our community's representation and disregards the will and cohesion of the people who call Maverick County home.

For over five decades, Maverick County has remained unified within a single congressional district—Texas Congressional District 23—since its creation in 1967. This continuity has allowed our residents to build and maintain meaningful relationships with our elected officials, advocate effectively for our unique regional needs, and exercise our democratic voice as a united constituency.

This proposed change comes outside of the standard redistricting cycle, is not prompted by new census data, and lacks any court order compelling it. Redistricting without legal or demographic necessity is highly suspect and raises serious concerns about political motivations aimed at diluting the voice of our community.

Splitting Maverick County would fragment our representation and diminish the power of our votes. It would divide families, neighborhoods, and economic interests between separate congressional offices—making it more difficult for residents to receive consistent and responsive advocacy at the federal level.

I urge the Texas Legislature to reject this proposal and preserve Maverick County as a single, unified congressional district. Representation should reflect and respect communities—not divide them for political convenience.

Susan Dixon
Self retired
Austin, TX

This is blatant manipulation by the Republican Party to hold onto power, subjugating the beliefs of the majority of Texans.

Ken Damron
Self
Austin, TX

Holding a special session to discuss redistricting (especially in mid-decade) is practically unprecedented, and an outrageous and shameful waste of taxpayer money. Everyone is well aware that Texas is already severely (and perhaps illegally) gerrymandered.

If this pushes ahead in the special session, legislatures in the large-population "blue" states are already discussing redistricting in their own states, as they have every right to do now that Texas has started this fight.

The simple fact of the matter is that gerrymandering should not exist in ANY state in the country - be it a Republican or Democratic-led state. You, as a politician, are trying to pick your voters. In a democracy, voters choose the politicians.

Our current Texas "leadership" should strive to be an example for the entire country by refusing to engage in this ridiculous level of partisan politics.

Rachel Behnke, Mrs.
Self
Leander, TX

Texas needs to follow the rules and redistrict every 10 years as we are supposed to. To change now, opens the door to the State not following any rules in the future, no matter who is in charge. Please do what's right and follow guidelines to protect Texas for generations to come.

Michelle Hurtado
Self
Austin, TX

This is so incredibly obvious favoring Republicans and you will lose so much trust from your constituents. Reject this redistricting sham.

Christine Baleshta, Ms.
Self
Austin, TX

I am opposed to redistricting. There is no mandate for redistricting to take place now, mid-decade. Under a Republican plan, Austin would be split into districts represented by Congressmembers in Victoria, Waco and San Angelo, meaning I would have no representation. This redistricting plan is a political ploy, wasting time when the Legislature should be focused on improving emergency response in Texas, education funding and providing victims of recent flooding with assistance.

JOSEPH VILLARREAL
DSA RGV
HARLINGEN, TX

This redistricting is a clear attempt to violate and disregard the rights and desires of Texas voters. I unequivocally demand that these changes be discarded in favour of our current districts. For Harlingen to share a representative with Corpus, a city well beyond the 100 Mile Border Zone, is absolutely ludicrous.

Shelby Evans
Self
Austin, TX

This is totally inappropriate and an irresponsible use of resources. Texans will not stand with you if you vote to undermine our voices.

Gwynne Ash, Dr.
Self educator
Austin, TX

I don't agree with the new redistricting maps. The maps are a disgrace and disenfranchise voters across the state but specifically in Austin where I live. You are also undergoing redistricting outside of the norm which is typically in the year after the census only because of pressure from the president. So you don’t care about Texans, only a guy who lives in Florida.

Remember how things turned out for Tom DeLay. If you don’t know, then you should look it up.

Meghan Ferguson
self, Captioning Services Agent
Belton, TX

We, the citizens of Texas, see this mid-decade redistricting for what it is: a frankly un-American attempt to sidestep fair and democratic elections that are representative of the actual population of the state. And, in doing so, you ironically endanger the majority hold Republicans have on the state. If you attempt to make out yet -more- Republican-majority districts they're going to have to come from somewhere, and the only places you have left to impact are Democratic-majority districts. You're watering down your guaranteed wins. Have fun with that, because your margins have been thin for years already.

Melissa McClennen-Davis
Self
College Station, TX

The districting maps for Texas were done a few years ago. It is obvious that what you want to do is re-district due to our changing population but this is not only unnecessary but an obvious power grab. Take care of the people of our state. We are diverse and our district maps should show it!

Alison Bennett
Self
Pearland, TX

My district is represented by Jeff Barry, Texas House Rep, Mayes Middleton, State Senator, and Troy Nehls House Congressional Representative. I am against the racial gerrymandering that is being represented in this proposed map.

Jeff Barry has not been representing his constituents for quite some time. Troy Nehls only answers to Donald Trump, as evidenced by his many, many public interviews. Mayes Middleton is pushing religious agendas upon our schools and threatening our religious liberties.

It is frustrating to see time and time again that our "representatives" are not actually represented their communities. They are rather representing their self-interests and the interests of Tim Dunn, Farris Wilks, and Donald Trump, Billionaires.

I am firmly opposed to this congressional redistricting. Vote NO!

Loretta Dillon, Dr
Self
El Paso, TX

This new map that affects representation of El Pasoans is clearly gerrymandering to the nth degree. Our map is already gerrymandered, and you are taking away the rights of constituents in our state if this passes. It should be totally illegal for a president to tell a state to redraw their maps so that he can ensure his party remains in power.He should be impeached!! If this map really passes, I hope to god it backfires and the us house and senate are flipped with a large majority. You Republicans should be ashamed of yourselves. This is not democracy.!

Joel Harris, Mr
self
houston, TX

I am sending this message to let you know that if you think that you are going to get away with trying to make things easier for the rich to get richer , then it will fail, and if you think that GOD is not real, HE is very real, and you will pay one way , or another for your sins. GOD says in HIS words that the poor you will have with you always, and there are not going any where until GOD says so. So youmcan try and do all the dirt work you can to help the republicans stay in control , it will FAIL, and you will pay for it one day soon. So we will fight for equal rights for all mankind until the very end, because we got GOD on our side. So this gerrymandering will fail , and I pray that GOD have mercy on your souls, because you will pay for your sins, and GOD never sleeps. Also Donald Trump will pay for his sins one day soon too, and I pray that GOD have mercy on his soul too, but if you all keep doing what the devil tells you to do to corrupt the system, then you will definitely fail . So I do not approve of this trying to rig the voting for the Republican Party to get more seats here in Texas, and whatever you try to do to help them win will definitely fell , Mark my words.

Cecilia Reister
Self retired teacher
El Paso, TX

As a Texas AFT member and public school educator in El Paso County, I oppose any mid-decade redistricting that reduces minority voting influence. Our communities deserve fair maps, not political manipulation. El Pasoans need to retain control of our own districts and have a say on how to proceed into the future. We do not need somebody that does not have a vested interest in our area to make decisions that will not impact them.

Sara Kitterman
Self- SAHM
Hutto, TX

I am writing to strongly oppose HB4 and the redistricting maps it puts forward. These maps do not reflect the demographic reality of Texas. Over 90% of the population growth in our state over the past decade has come from communities of color, yet HB4 fails to give these communities fair and proportional representation.

Instead of creating additional minority opportunity districts, HB4 splits and packs communities of color in ways that dilute their political power. This is not only unjust- it may violate the Voting Rights Act and the constitutional principle of equal representation.

Redistricting should be a tool for fair democracy, not political entrenchment. The maps in HB4 disregard the voices and needs of millions of Texans, particularly Latino, Black, and Asian communities. I urge lawmakers to reject these gerrymandered maps and commit to a transparent, inclusive redistricting process that gives every voter a meaningful voice.

This is a clear attempt to silence and cheat to get a certain outcome. Do your job and actually let the people be represented and choose what they want.

Camron Rushin
Self - software engineer
Austin, TX

Republicans realize they are extremely unpopular and that they can only win by cheating. This redraw is cowardly.

Ashley Kinard
Self
Tomball, TX

This is taking away peoples' representation and voices. This is blatantly racist. I vehemently disapprove of this taxation without representation.

Rhonda Kaye Tussing, Cpa
Self
Kilgore, TX

I am not in favor of new maps. This is a political stunt by republicans. I am a registered republican but disagree with this

Maria Burdick
self
Houston, TX

Redistricting should happen once every ten years, after a census. And districts should be drawn by bi-partisan or non-partisan committees, so all Texans are fairly represented. This overtly political redistricting move, which also appears to be racial gerrymandering, is a disservice to all Texans. Trust in politicians is at an all-time low; this move will further erode voter confidence in their elected officials. You know the right thing to do; please have the courage to stand up for the people of Texas.

Zachary Coyle
Self Tech
Austin, TX

This bill is detrimental to democracy. Anyone supporting this is doing so at the behest of the President, as a form of distraction while he dodges pedophilia accusations.

Melody Allen
Self
Waxahachie, TX

I support this.

SARAH EVANS
SELF
AUSTIN, TX

I STRONGLY OPPOSE OPPOSE THE REPUBLICAN PLAN TO CARVE UP FIVE DEMOCRATIC DISTRICTS TO BECOME REPUBLICAN MAJORITY DISTRICTS AT THE BEHEST OF THE MOST CORRUPT ADMINISTRATION EVER TO HOLD OFFICE!

Asher Thye
Self
Euless, TX

This redistricting attempt has been rushed, scattered, and clearly against the wishes of the millions of voters it impacts. As hundreds of families continue grieving losses in historic floods, we should be focusing on disaster relief, recovery, and prevention -- not power-grabs for federal brownie points.

Kent Yoesting
Self
Houston, TX

My neighborhood was gerrymandered only a few years ago to create a place for Wesley Hunt. Stop this craziness. Districts should not be redrawn each time another elected official wants to create a political advantage.

Elizabeth Vanderkolk
Self
Austin, TX

Governor Abbott, I am writing to express my profound disappointment and outrage regarding the proposed redistricting maps released by your administration. This mid-decade redistricting, pushed through a special session, appears to be a blatant and cynical attempt to manipulate our democratic process for partisan gain. The plan to redraw districts to secure five additional congressional seats for your party, particularly by targeting communities of color, is a shameful and transparent effort to silence the voices of Black and Hispanic voters and dilute the political power of the leaders they have elected. This is not a matter of fair representation; it is a direct assault on the principle of a government of the people, by the people, and for the people. This gerrymandering scheme disrespects the will of the voters and undermines the very foundations of our democracy. I urge you to abandon this undemocratic and racially discriminatory plan and instead focus on serving all Texans, regardless of their political affiliation or background.

Terri Lindgren
Self
Dale, TX

Stop the redistricting in Texas meant to assure Democrats no longer have any voice in the state. All citizens deserve to have representation in the state of Texas. This catering to the President rather than the people of Texas shows you couldn't care less about us.

Susan Cooper
Self, Librarian
Georgetown, TX

Hello. I'm a tax-paying, voting constituent from Georgetown. I'm an educator who hopes that my work with young people will create progress for our cities, state and country. I'm a native Texan. I'm also very sad to see the direction in which our great state is heading. Today, I'd like to address the issue of redistricting.

First, I'd like to know why a phone call from Donald Trump is the reason why Governor Abbott decided to go ahead with redistricting, despite his own reservations and all the redistricting bills that did not pass in the legislative session that just ended. It seems that Governor Abbott is the latest to bend his knee to Donald Trump.

Second, the sole purpose of redistricting now is to create gerrymandered maps that will help Donald Trump. Gerrymandering is wrong, no matter what party is doing it. Texas and the United States needs to move forward with practices that ensure one person, one vote. And, as Texas legislators have realized, redistricting may backfire and weaken Republican districts.

Lastly, focusing on redistricting now will surely be the start of expensive litigation that will take away precious time, money and human resources from more pressing Texas issues, such as population growth, energy, water and, most recently, disaster management.

Please focus on these issues instead and do not act out of fear of Donald Trump.

Polly Thurston
Self Creative Director
Austin, TX

The new redistricting maps disenfranchise voters across the state, especially in Austin where I live. This is unacceptable and an example of bullying by the president to maintain his majority. All Texans deserve a voice!

REBEKAH REGALADO
Self
Denton, TX

You might as well be screaming that you know everything you're doing is so wildly unpopular that you know you'll be voted out unless you cheat. This is illegal. This is disgusting. I voted GOP my entire life until recently, because this is not the party I grew up with. Is this the legacy you want to leave? Is this why you all got into politics? You're supposed to be the party of accountability, law, and order, yet here you are blatantly breaking the law to serve your own selfish ends. I'm ashamed that I ever voted GOP.

Caitlin Macklin
Self, homemaker
Austin, TX

I urge the committee to reject this mid-decade redistricting proposal because it is extremely unfair and unjust and call on all those Republican representatives who claim to stand behind the constitution and equal representation to reject it.

Patty Martin
self
Keller, TX

Hello Tx House. I'm writing to let you know I find it disgusting that you would even consider redrawing our districts at this point in time, it's unprecedented. This in no way, shape or form will this represent the people in these districts better.This is a pure and simple just a power grab. I ask each of you: Do you represent your constituents, or do you fall in line and take your marching orders from Abbott, who is bending a knee to Trump? Americans are tired of the political landscape, gerrymandering, and corruption. Do your job and represent Texans.

Elizabeth Santiago, Dr
Self, data scientist
Austin, TX

1. Republicans drew the existing districts, in a census year as you're supposed to
2. Have you seen these districts? Laughable
3. Districts should not need to be drawn like that if they were actually trying to do anything except gerrymander

Deirdre Slaven-Ward
Self
Austin, TX

This Bill that Trump has asked for, is blatantly partisan gerrymandering. I believe it is intended to dilute the voting power of our minority communities (racial gerrymandering which I believe is illegal), and it disregards the interests of our people. I am against this Bill.

Reuben Griffin
DFW Urban League Young Professionals
Garland, TX

Hello, my name is Reuben Griffin, and I am a constituent living in Dallas Fort Worth in zip code 75043.

I'm writing to urge [Senator/Representative Last Name] to strongly oppose Governor Abbott's plan to redraw Texas' congressional districts mid-decade to create five new Republican districts.
This plan is a direct attack on communities of color and coalition districts that reflect the diversity of our state. It targets TX-09, TX-18, TX-29, and TX-33—all of which represent growing, engaged populations that deserve to be heard, not pushed aside for political convenience.

Let's be clear: this isn't about correcting mistakes—it's about diluting voting power. These tactics—cracking and packing voters of color—are rooted in racial discrimination, not data or democratic need. When representation is manipulated, people lose trust in the system. That's what this plan risks.

As a young professional and engaged community member, I want to see a Texas where every vote counts and every voice matters. I call on you to oppose this plan and demand a process rooted in fairness, accuracy, and equity.

Janice Poscovsky

Self - Retired

RICHMOND, TX

Members of the committee:
I urge you to reject the proposed congressional map on the grounds that it is fundamentally unfair, anti-democratic, and legally vulnerable for the following reasons:
1. It Misrepresents Voter Will
Texas is a politically diverse state. According to the most recent estimates, Republicans and Democrats make up roughly equal portions of the electorate—about 7 million each—while millions of others are independent or unaffiliated. Yet this map is engineered to give Republicans control of up to 30 out of 38 congressional seats, or nearly 79%, despite receiving only around 55–60% of the statewide vote.
This is not representative democracy. It is a calculated distortion of the electorate's will, where a minority of voters may find themselves permanently excluded from meaningful congressional representation.
2. It Fails Every Standard of Fairness
Nationally respected redistricting simulation models—such as those from Princeton's Gerrymandering Project and FairVote's ALARM Project—indicate that a fair map would yield Republicans between 21 and 23 seats based on vote share. The proposed map lies far outside these projections. It is a statistical outlier, designed not to reflect the will of the people, but to entrench political power.
These simulations evaluate maps based on competitiveness, compactness, and proportionality. The proposed map fails on all counts.
3. It Dilutes the Political Power of Communities of Color
Over 95% of Texas's population growth over the past decade came from communities of color—particularly Latino, Black, and Asian Texans. Yet this map does not create new majority-minority districts, nor does it reflect this demographic shift. In fact, it further fractures urban and Latino areas, diluting their voting power across multiple heavily Republican districts.
This kind of racial gerrymandering is not only unethical, it invites legal challenge under the Voting Rights Act. Texas has already been sued multiple times for maps that diminish the voting strength of minority voters. Continuing down this path is costly, unnecessary, and unconstitutional.
4. It Undermines Public Trust in the Democratic Process
Fair representation is the cornerstone of any democracy. When voters believe the outcome is predetermined by political maps, they lose faith in the system. This leads to lower turnout, disengagement, and a sense of powerlessness. Gerrymandering is not just a technical issue—it is a moral one.
Accepting this map would:
- Cement disproportionate power for one party,
- Marginalize millions of voters, especially communities of color,
- And invite legal and public backlash that further erodes trust in this body.

You have a duty—not just to party or precedent—but to the people of Texas. I respectfully ask you to reject this map and demand a fairer, more representative alternative.

Tyhler Nelson

Dallas urban league

Dallas, TX

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This proposed redistricting plan raises serious concerns. Making such significant changes outside of the usual census cycle risks undermining public trust and weakening representation—especially in communities like mine. I'm particularly concerned about the impact on diverse districts like TX-09, TX-18, TX-29, and TX-33.
Redistricting should be done fairly, with transparency and meaningful public input. I urge you to reject this proposal and stand for a process that respects every voter's voice.
Thank you for your time and leadership.

Alberto Zerpa
Self
Houston, TX

I am strongly opposed to the redistricting of Texas, as it may result in inaccurate election results that may undermine out democracy. I intend to withold my vote against any representative supporting the redistricting.

Lynette Williams
Self
Richardson, TX

Just stop trying to control the vote. This is bullying at the most disgusting and cowardly level.

Alicia Smith
Common Cause
San Antonio, TX

2025 TEXAS REDISTRICTING AT MIDTERM OF DECADE

HI, MY NAME IS ALICIA SMITH. I LIVE IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, AND AM A CONSTITUENT OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 19. AS A TEXAN I DEMAND THAT THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE FOLLOW THE U.S. CONSTITUTION AND CONDUCT A FAIR AND OPEN REDISTRICTING PROCESS. A SPECIAL CONGRESSIONAL SESSION DOES NOT PROVIDE ENOUGH TIME FOR A FAIR AND OPEN REDISTRICTING PROCESS.

I AM AGAINST REDISTRICING DURING A SPECIAL SESSION. PRESENTLY, TEXAS HAS A REAL EMERGENCY IN DEALING WITH OUR DEEPLY FLAWED FLOOD RESPONSE THAT SHOULD BE RESOLVED. I AM A MEMBER OF COMMON CAUSE, PUBLIC CITIZEN, ACLU, AND INDIVISIBLE.

TEXAS LEADERS HAVE REPEATEDLY CLAIMED THE STATE'S VOTING MAPS ARE RACE BLIND. IN 2021 AND 2019 THE COURTS THAT REVIEWED THOSE MAPS FOUND THAT THOSE MAPS INTENTIONALLY DISCRIMINATED AGAINST PEOPLE OF COLOR. NOW TRUMP'S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE HAS PRESSURED GOVERNOR ABBOTT TO REDISTRICT PREDOMINANTLY BLACK AND HISPANIC DISTRICTS "BECAUSE THEY WERE DRAWN ON THE BASIS OF RACE"! THEIR GOAL IS TO DILUTE MINORITY POWER AND DENY FAIR REPRESENTATION. DIVIDING THOSE DISTRICTS WOULD GIVE REPUBLICANS MORE SEATS AT THE U.S. HOUSE. THIS MOVE BY THE GOVERNOR AND DOJ TO INCREASE REPUBLICAN REPRESENTATION IN THE U.S. HOUSE BY DEPRIVING COMMUNITIES OF COLOR OF THEIR RIGHTFUL REPRESENTATION IS NOT ONLY SHAMEFUL BUT ALSO ILLEGAL.

THEREFORE,
WE DEMAND THAT THE LEGISLATURE:
TAKE PUBLIC INPUT SERIOUSLY AND THAT INPUT BE REFLECTED IN THE MAPS
DOES NOT LIMIT PUBLIC TESTIMONY
PROVIDE THE MAPS
PROVIDE AT LEAST 5 DAYS TO REVIEW THE MAPS
THEREFORE,
WE DEMAND THAT THE LEGISLATURE:

PROVIDE AT LEAST 5 DAYS TO REVIEW PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE MAPS
PROVIDE ANALYSIS OF HOW MAPS IMPACT HISTORICALLY DISENFRANCHISED COMMUNITIES OF COLOR
DOES NOT DESTROY ASPECTS OF LEGISLATURE'S WORK (DATA, COMMUNICATIONS, CONSULATIONS, PROPOSALS). CLAIMS OF LEGISLATIVE PRIVILEGE HAVE NO PLACE IN REDISTRICTING.

THANK YOU FOR THE ATTENTION GIVEN TO THIS MATTER,
ALICIA SMITH

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Collin Mayfield
Self, Fleet Manager
Little Elm, TX

I've been in Texas my whole life, lived all over this state. Our current representation is unfair and you are trying to make it more so. DO NOT SUPPORT THIS BILL, GERRYMANDERING IS WRONG.

Keaven Bailey
myself
Richardson, TX

I strongly oppose this extremely partisan move, it is so obviously unfair and it sets a harmful and counterproductive precedent. You can't treat others who disagree with you so unfairly. We need a two-party system. I served as Republican chair in my former precinct. This and other short-sighted ideals from some of our Republican officials are going to ensure that we get the same kind of underhanded treatment when Democrats hold more elected offices.

Lear Riojas, CPT Ret.
Self/ Sidi Corp Home LLC
El Paso, TX

Subject: Formal Objection to Mid-Decade Redistricting
From: Retired Army Captain Lear Riojas
To: Members of the Texas Legislature, Redistricting Committee; U.S. Representative Veronica Escobar (TX-16)

Gentlepersons:

I write as a retired U.S. Army Captain and longtime resident of El Paso, firmly against the bill attempting to redistrict El Paso, the constitutional amendment proposal to establish a mid-decade Texas Redistricting Commission. While purportedly procedural, this bill is designed to force through a partisan map that would strip Fort?Bliss and related veteran service infrastructure from my congressional district.

From 2019 through 2024, Representative Veronica Escobar, whose district currently encompasses Fort?Bliss, has been instrumental in securing critical funding and support for soldier and veteran initiatives. Her office has worked tirelessly with federal agencies—including the VA and local Veterans Affairs Health Care Center—to provide comprehensive services to our military community. This includes the new VA Health Care Center—funded with $700?million which serves as the sole source for addressing veteran homelessness in our area.

The proposed redistricting plan, pushed through under H.J.R. and urged by Republican leadership and President Trump, would move Fort?Bliss and the VA facility into Texas’s 23rd Congressional District, represented by Republican Tony Gonzales. This catastrophic shift would do the following.

Sever vital continuity in leadership and funding for soldier- and veteran-focused initiatives.
Disenfranchise the majority-Hispanic El?Paso community and strip representation from a district built around strong local advocacy.
Undermine voting power via partisan gerrymandering.
I respectfully urge you to reject H.J.R.?135 in its entirety. Doing so would preserve the integrity of our community’s representation and ensure continued progress on soldier and veteran services in El Paso and Fort Bliss.

Thank you for your time and consideration. to reiterate I am against the current and future attempts to redistrict El Paso , and I remain against it.

Respectfully,
Capt. Lear Riojas (Ret.)
El?Paso, TX

Jessica Porter
Self - Attorney
Houston, TX

Please do not let the demands of a deranged president negatively affect generations of Texans. There is no reason other than political machinations that this bill should move forward or this map be approved.

Naomi Key
Self
Houston, TX

I just want to remind Governor Abbot that everything he is doing that is wrong and unjust, whether it be silencing the votes of millions of minorites, supporting the separation of immigrant children from their parents, or denying women reproductive rights- Everything that you are doing, have done, and even will do is going to come back to haunt you someday... God sees all.

Dennis Andrulis
self semi retiredI
Austin, TX

The proposed Republican redistricting mid-decade is not only virtually unprecedented but would do grave harm to how Austin is represented. It destroys the capacity of individuals like myself, my neighbors and my community to claim they have a voice that speaks for them. I would also say the same for those who live in places like Victoria and San Angelo as what's important to them becomes intermingled with what's important for us. And where is this idea coming from? Not the people of the state, nor initially from our representatives, but from a president who does not live here but is now "suggesting" that those meant to speak for our priorities interject a purely partisan political purpose. With floods, health care needs, and so many other concerns if not emergencies we need our legislators to work together in representing ALL of us to get what needs to be done. Please reject this slicing up of our city and our state.

Ricky Riddle, Cpt
Self
Fort Worth, TX

This is cheating. If Republicans can’t win fairly then just resign and stop stealing from Texans

Tessie Mirazo
Self, educator
El Paso, TX

I have lived in El Paso for 25 years. Although I first moved here as part of a military family, I chose to make El Paso my permanent home. I raised four children here, one of whom is still in high school. I spent 18 years as a public-school educator in this community. My parents rely on Fort Bliss and VA services. Like many El Pasoans, our family uses the El Paso International Airport frequently to stay connected with relatives across the country, including Hawaii, where most of our family lives.
El Paso is not just a dot on the map; it's a vibrant, interdependent border city with unique needs that are different from other areas in Texas. We share cultural, economic, and social ties with our neighbors in Mexico and New Mexico. Our border location shapes nearly every aspect of our lives; from the languages we speak to the businesses we support to the way we interact with federal immigration and border policies. We also have a strong sense of community safety. El Paso has consistently ranked as one of the safest cities in the United States. Unlike other regions of Texas, our needs do not center around increased law enforcement or border militarization; they center around maintaining our interconnected way of life, protecting access to education, healthcare, and infrastructure, and preserving our local voice in federal decisions.
The proposed redistricting map would strip El Paso County of core institutions, Fort Bliss, the El Paso International Airport, and the new VA Health Care Center. It could place them under a representative based over 500 miles away. This is not just a logistical concern; it's a threat to our representation. Consolidating us into a district that spans from San Antonio to the Borderland, across vastly different economies, priorities, and cultures, means El Pasoans would be forced to compete for already limited resources and attention. The new district would include 27 other counties, each with their own needs, many of which conflict with ours. That is not democracy. That is silencing.
A representative unfamiliar with our region could make decisions that have irreversible impacts on our city, on veterans, on families, on students, on jobs, and on infrastructure. This would effectively remove our voice not just in Congress, but in presidential elections where electoral votes are shaped by these maps. El Pasoans deserve to be represented by someone who lives in our community, understands our priorities, and will fight for our future.
I urge the committee to reject this proposed map and protect El Paso's right to fair, local representation. We've fought this fight before, and we'll do it again, because El Paso is worth it.

Jessica McCord
Self
Lumberton, TX

I am a lifelong resident of Texas, and have voted in every election in my district since I was 18. I am 47 now. Redistricting at this time is egregious partisan gerrymandering. It should be a nonpartisan issue. This is just clearly wrong. And by doing this, you leave democrats in states like New York, California, and Maryland with no other option than to do the same. Do you remember when y'all were really loud about Democrats expanding the Supreme Court? That was wrong then, and this is wrong now.

Christopher Jones
self / IT
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose the current effort to redraw Texas's U.S. House districts mid-decade. This move lacks demographic justification and appears driven purely by partisan aims.

1. Unjustified Mid-Decade Redistricting
Redistricting is meant to follow the decennial census, not be revisited two years later to favor one party. This unnecessary action breaks precedent and undermines the publics trust.

2. Targeted Political Manipulation
The plan, reportedly backed by former President Trump and Gov. Abbott, aims to flip multiple Democratic-held seats across Texas, including those of Reps. Casar and Doggett. This is clearly partisan gerrymandering, not fair redistricting.

3. Suppression of Minority Representation
Despite making up a majority of Texas's population growth, communities of color continue to be diluted under these maps. Consolidating Black and Latino voters into fewer districts weakens their voice and risks violating the Voting Rights Act.

4. Lack of Transparency and Public Input
At the July 24 hearing, no maps were released ahead of time—making meaningful public comment impossible. Worse, dissenting voices were silenced: Isaiah Martin was forcibly removed and arrested for speaking out. This chilling effect on public participation is unacceptable.

5. Misplaced Priorities
At a time when Texans are recovering from flooding, struggling with school funding, and seeking property tax relief, this rushed redistricting effort distracts from urgent needs. Lawmakers should be addressing real crises—not redrawing maps for political gain.

6. Legal and Ethical Concerns
Texas has a history of gerrymandering and court intervention (e.g., LULAC v. Perry). This process invites more litigation, wastes taxpayer dollars, and continues a pattern of undermining fair representation.

Recommendations:

- Delay any vote until proposed maps are released to the public with adequate time for review.
- Hold public hearings statewide with real opportunities for testimony.
- Protect existing minority-majority districts.
- Align redistricting efforts with census cycles—not short-term political objectives.
- Encourage, rather than suppress, public engagement in the process.

In conclusion, this redistricting proposal is undemocratic, unnecessary, and discriminatory. Texans deserve fair representation, not political manipulation. I urge the committee to stop this process and return to serving all Texans—not just the politically powerful.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regina Melomo
Self
Austin, TX

Absolutely against redistricting! Show Texas independence and stand by us Texans and let the world we know what’s best for us. Stop bowing down to greed and corruption. Enough!!!!

Cathleen Raymer
Self
Denton, TX

Redistricting is necessary

William Kelly
Self
Rowlett, TX

Cut through all of the histrionics pushed by leftists. Conservatives ought to do what the leftists in Illinois and California already have in previous years: redistrict so that we maximize our power. Virtually every "fact" that the leftists bring out is false: California and Illinois (to pick two examples) already have far more democrat representation in congress by percentage than presidential elections in the past number of years. The new map from Texas wouldn't even approach California's imbalance. In terms of how gerrymandered the Texas map is, it pales in comparison to Illinois' current map. There were talks about redistricting for months and months. It was not in response to Trump's demands. That being said, it's irrelevant anyway.

Republicans ought not to say the truth about the matter: elections have consequences. Redistricting is one of them. This is nothing more than our response to leftist states doing this long ago, and without the opposition from obsequious media. Does anyone think if we fail to act this year, that the democrats, were they ever to gain a majority again in the state legislature, would not redraw maps to do exactly what they're complaining about? Not any sane person.

All of the accusations of racism, following Trump's orders, etc., are just cynical ploys for fundraising and do not reflect the Republicans on the committee in any way. Nobody should worry about their districts, unless they fold to the democrat ravings. We conservatives want this. Stay strong.

Dianne Lyles
Self
Spring, TX

The current move to redraw the CD maps is a power play and STEAL by the republicans to get the democratic seats held by the democrats. The republicans are using this tactic to STEAL CD seats from CD 18, 29, 9, 33 and 7! These districts will lose the ethnic representation of Black and Brown people in these districts. For years, these districts have had historic representation ie, Barbara Jordan, Mickey Leeland, and Sheila Jackson Lee, a rich community of Black and Brown people. The current maps are still in litigation which were deemed illegal and unconstitutional in 2021.The voices of over 800,000 people in these districts will be permanently silenced. The redrawing of these district will pack people into districts where they will not have representation which will be of benefit to them and have their well being in mind and does not care about them and their well being. This will rob them of their voices and the ability to have fair representation by leaders who have their best interest and meet their needs in the community. Robbing them of the opportunities to "Thrive" in their communities. Republicans claim to be "Christians", but this evil, and deceitful actions of the federal administration and the Texas administration does not show the character of being a Christian, when you rob poor people to give to the rich oligards! "NOT CHRIST LIKE" DO NOT VOTE TO IMPLEMENT THE MAPS OF THE REDRAWN DISTRICTS!!

Cynthia Guariguata
Self
Port Aransas, TX

Just one week after devastating floods displaced thousands across Texas, Governor Abbott called a special legislative session—not to address infrastructure, relief, or climate resilience—but to push a partisan agenda aimed at securing long-term Republican control.

Texans are still bailing out their homes and grieving their losses. This is a moment for compassion, unity, and real leadership—not political maneuvering. When the focus shifts from the people’s urgent needs to consolidating power, we all lose.

We deserve a government that shows up for communities when disaster strikes—and not just when power is at stake.

Lauren Osborne
Self
Austin, TX

I am a native Texan (born and raised in Austin) and have lived in Texas my entire life. I have never been so disappointed in the leadership of this state. Mid-decade redistricting (via extreme and undemocratic gerrymandering), without regard to census data or anything other than political maneuvering, is a horrible waste of time and money, and is an attack on the rights of every Texan. HB 4 would accomplish nothing more than to send a signal that Democracy is aggressively being corrupted by the Governor and Republican Legislators of Texas. The only purpose of HB 4 is to steal my right as a United States Citizen to vote and be represented by the Legislator of my choice. Taking this action will lead other states to use the same tactic to countermand Abbott's response to Trump's bidding. HB-4 is bad for Texas and for the entire United States. Our State leadership should focus this special session on addressing the many issues that need attention in our state rather than undertaking a possibly illegal and certainly immoral redistricting effort designed to cheat voters out of fair representation. You were elected by the people of Texas to represent the people of Texas, not to do political favors for a failing president who is afraid he won't have enough support to survive the mid-term elections. As a Legislator sworn to support Democracy, to support our state, and to support our country, do not vote for HB 4 or any mid-decade redistricting measure. Thank You.

Chelsea Durham
Self
Austin, TX

This is obviously a power grab by the GOP and it’s extremely fucked up that you’d do this. Please stop being pieces of shit and start caring about your constituents

Renard Johnson, Mayor of El Paso
City of El Paso, Mayor’s Office
El Paso, TX

Our office has received a significant number of inquiries from El Pasoans concerned about the proposed redistricting at the state level. As your mayor, I want to make it clear: our administration stands firmly with the El Paso’s legislative delegation in opposing these proposed maps.

We believe representation matters — especially when it comes to critical assets like Fort Bliss and the El Paso International Airport. Fort Bliss is not just a military installation — it’s a cornerstone of El Paso’s economy, identity, and future. El Paso’s 150-plus year relationship with Fort Bliss supports thousands of jobs, drives economic development, and strengthens key regional partnerships.

Any effort to remove Fort Bliss and the El Paso Airport from an El Paso-based congressional district raises serious concerns. Our community deserves to have its voice heard and its communities kept whole and not divided for political gain.

We are proud to support our military families, and we remain committed to ensuring that Fort Bliss continues to thrive — here, at home.

I encourage all El Pasoans to stay informed and make their voices heard by reaching out to their state representatives.

David Carter
Self; Coloel, USAF (retired)
Temple, TX

I am David Carter representing myself and speaking "on" HB 4. The language of the U.S. Constitution requires enumeration of population for the purpose of determining the number of Congressional representatives of each state. Race, ethnicity, political party affiliation are not mentioned. Reports in news media allege that some persons have a "goal", in re-drawing the CD maps, of increasing the number of CDs that will likely vote for a "Republican" candidate. To begn my comments: The appelation "Republican" is a meanngless term. Those who fill out the SOS form to apply to be on a Republican Primary election ballot are not required to support or adhere to the bi-annual Republican Party Convention declarations of Principles, Legislative Priorities, and Platform principles and declarations of position on many issues at play in the public arena. Therefore, a majority of so called Republican office holders are only "Alleged Republicans" or "Self-proclaimed Republicans".

To the issue of HB 4 and creation of new CDs: It will be totally unimportant whether the new districts may initially elect aa alleged "Republican". The more important thing for the legislature is the danger of future passage of a bill similar to 89th Legislature's SB 16 by Senator Hughes, written by his State Affairs staffer Chad Ennis, and supported by most "Republicans" in the Senate and House.

This bill, had it passed this year, would have established a legal requirement for county registrars to register "non-citizens" "but only to vote a limited federal ballot", which means the non-citizens, could only vote for federal senators and representative. Given this proposed new electioncode language, then all Satanic Marxist elements that typically support candidates of the Democrat Party would be able to apply to vote, be found "not to have been proven to be citizens", and therefore, be "registered to vote, but only for a limited federal ballot - U.S. senators and representatives.

If 5 new "Republican" CDs are created, and if an SB 16-style-bill were passes next session, then all of the federal senators and representatives elected in Texas will be Democrat - because of the use ofthis new subversive SB 16-style bill.

So, our present agonizing over 89th 1st called session HB 4 is in danger of becoming irrelevant - if"Republicans" do not become informed of the sedititious and subversive SB 16, denounce it and its author and writer, and pass a bill that will explicitely require SOS Elections to register ONLY U.S.citizens. Call or e-mail David Carter if you want to receive his report and analysis of SB 16 and the SOS Elections Division. 409-718-2268, dcarter204040@gmail.com

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Concerned Citizen (Denton County)
Self
Plano, TX

This redistricting proposal resounds a persistent alarm: that influence and representation are reserved for the wealthy and well-connected. When district lines are drawn to secure power rather than share it—when elected officials no longer need to engage with constituents because their seats are politically protected—our communities lose their voice. Our democracy becomes less responsive, less just, and distinctly LESS American.
I urge this committee to reconsider. Not only because this map threatens the electoral strength of communities of color, but because it undermines the values that have long bound us together. I ask this committee, how are we not ashamed to be here – where public servants do not need to meaningfully hear or serve their public? Or where they do not want members who are not their public to have fair representation and a voice? At its best, America gives everyone a seat at the table—regardless of zip code, income, or heritage. We should be moving closer to that ideal, not further away.

Barbara Wilson
Self
Sunset Valley, TX

This move is the absolute definition of one party trying to jerry man votes all in their favor with no consideration of the voters in this area. No consideration of our wants or need or concerns. The Republican party should be totally ashamed of themselves.

Carrie King

Self- stay at home mom and classroom assistant

Austin, TX

This testimony speaks against the proposed congressional redistricting. Texans pride themselves on their legacy of autonomy and of taking care of their own. This political heist of fair Texas elections goes totally against that treasured notion. What we see happening right before our eyes is yet another attempt by the Republican Party to cheat their way into power. This is embarrassing. The whole nation is watching as our elected leaders bend the knee yet again to our current Dictactor WannaBe in the White House. I know I'm just one more voice, just one more drop in this bucket of desperate cries to save our flailing democracy. I have no title nor position of power. But I'm here because I can be, because my family chooses to live off a single income, I have time in my day to be here. I live 20 minutes away from this building, in South Austin. I didn't suffer through the recent horrific floods, which is of course the only thing we should be discussing right now, and though I'm technically biracial, I more or less come off as a white person so I'm not afraid to be out and about in the world like many Latino community members currently are. I'm a middle class, college educated, urban dwelling mother of 3, daughter of a Taiwanese immigrant and a second generation Sicilian/Alsatian. I grew up in the diverse neighborhood of Alief, Texas in Harris County. I've spent most of my adult life here in Austin and am choosing to raise my children here despite being a "bleeding heart" liberal. I've lived through the frustrations of being a Democrat in a Republican state. I know my vote for virtually every national and state level election will be moot. I've made peace with that. What I won't and can't make peace with is this current move to take Texas back to pre-Civil Rights environment. Systemic racism requires institutionalized discrimination and that's exactly what this is. It's common knowledge that people of color are being targeted with this redistricting and the goal is to break up their voting block. Furthermore, what Al Green said. To follow this proposal will be a move to adhere to the extreme authoritarianism sweeping our country.

Maura Powers

Self - retiree

Austin, TX

So disappointed to learn you are making this an issue, when you could be solving Texas' real problems.

Donnie Wisenbaker, Hopkins County GOP County Chairman, & Region 4 Director of TRCCA

Hopkins County Republican Party

Sulphur Springs, TX

I would love to be in Austin to give my humble opinion of this bill and the proposed redistricting map 2308. Since today is my 55th wedding anniversary, the better part of valor is to send this written testimony. I hate being moved to HD3 because I love the Representation I have in HD4. I do feel HD3 will be a good fit for Hopkins County because it puts us with more counties that are rural than the present HD4. The New HD 3 will be a Republican District for many years to come.
You all have my complete support for this plan.
Thanks for all you are doing to better represent Texas.

Eileen Sudela
self
SAN MARCOS, TX

With our State reeling from the tragic loss of so many lives from recent floods, Texans should be seeing caring consideration from their government, not an unjustified congressional redistricting intentionally directed at communities of color. The move to put mid-cycle redistricting on the Special Legislative Session agenda is about increasing the number of Republican districts at the costs of communities of color. This is not about partisanship. This is racial discrimination. The White House has said "jump", and the leaders of Texas are saying "how high?
The current makeup of Texas' congressional delegation does not reflect the diversity of our state, and the proposed mid-cycle redistricting is likely to make it worse. This is not a fight about political parties. It is a fight about political power and who gets to wield it. Government works best to solve the real problems of ordinary people: affordable housing, a living wage, good public schools and accessible quality health care. Our elections should ensure that the voices of all citizens are heard, not just special interests, wealthy donors, and racially polarized extreme partisans.
The historian Carol Anderson has written: "The racial gerrymandering in Texas is so institutionalized that, frankly, it has the aura of the apartheid era's 'white minority rule.' In the Lone Star State, whites are 45% of the state's population, but control 70% of the congressional districts. The disparity is even more obvious in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, where whites are only 20 percent of the population but have 80 percent of the congressional seats." Districts should elect candidates that reflect the diversity of our state.
The State of Texas has opposed redistricting litigation for over four years by claiming its maps were drawn entirely without consideration of race. The new Department of Justice letter contradicts the sworn testimony of Texas's lead map drawers and its elected officials. The State cannot have it both ways and claim to have both disclaimed and relied upon race in the same redistricting. The only consistency is that the State's position will suppress the votes of people of color.
There is no justification for this congressional redistricting. It is unnecessary, confusing to voters and will cause the state to waste time and money on a special session – only to later waste more time and money in litigation over whatever maps are proposed.

Susan Doyle
Personal
Liberty Hill, TX

I support passage of HB4. PLEASE vote in favor.

Felicia Rubio
Self - Teacher
Houston, TX

Please help ensure that Texas has a fair and equitable distracting map that does not suppress minority votes. Illegal gerrymandering has plagued our state for too long and must be stopped at all costs.

Blair Free
Self, cook and researcher
Lufkin, TX

I am strongly opposed to thia plan of redistricting, especially outside of our regular schedule. It comes off as extremely tasteless and desperate for more seats. I have yet to hear a valid argument from the legislature as to the necessity of this change. I also feel as if it is not in the interest of Republicans because and seats we may gain would be vastly shadowed by the threats of redistricting in places like California. I believe it is best to leave this to the regular schedule. Let things die down a little. I spoke to my representative Trent Ashby's aide, James, on the phone yesterday and he says that while Mr. Ashby does not have a stance on it yet, he is 'dedicated to fair representation and districts that represent the people.' If this is truly so, I am certain that Mr. Ashby should vote no on this. Were he not to, he would be betraying his values and his district which overlaps greatly with District 3 which he seeks to be voted into as senator. I hope Mr. Ashby will make the decision that aligns with his and his district's values of fair, apolitical, and unbiased representative districts.

Virginia Holleman, Rev.
Dallas County Democrats
Dallas, TX

I am adamantly opposed to redistricting mid-term! I will lose my representation and will now be "represented" by someone I didn't have a chance to vote for - or for her opponent. If this was the Democrats doing this, the politicians in Washington, including the president, would be having a fit! Please do the right thing for the people of Texas and leave the districts as they are.

Lauren Simpson, Ms.
self (attorney and clinical associate professor, purely in my individual capacity)
Houston, TX

Dear Committee members,

I reside in Congressional District 18. For multiple reasons, the redistricting bill (HB 4), is bad for my district, those in targeted districts, and the people of Texas.

First, it's being rushed in a special session, with miniscule notice. For example, the bill and its proposed maps were filed on July 30, and the sole post-maps House hearing is today, August 1—fewer than 3 days later. There's simply not enough time for the public or experts to evaluate how the proposed redistricting would affect communities of color's ability to elect candidates of their choice or otherwise comply with the Voting Rights Act. Additionally, testimony has been capped at 2 minutes per witness, for just one 10-hour session. And even if all of these shortcomings had been addressed, a short special session just isn't appropriate for this kind of analysis—especially when it's purposefully rushed, with limited testimony and unreasonably short notice.

Second, the regional comment sessions were extremely limited—just 5 hours long, 2 minutes per person, and in only three cities. And most importantly, no proposed maps or analysis had been released, depriving witnesses of the ability to address specifics. It's hard to comment on maps that don't exist—showing these hearings were merely performative.

Third, the current districts being targeted are majority minority, and the proposed remapping will undoubtedly wrest voting power away from at least some communities within them, in apparent racially based gerrymandering.

Fourth, at least one Voting Rights Act challenge to the 2021 redistricting bill is ongoing, making this new effort premature. The timing is also inappropriate because it's disconnected from the 10-year census. The Legislature should not use mid-census redistricting to postpone the current litigation's resolution, to the continued detriment of the communities of color adversely affected. And just like the 2021 gerrymandering, this new round will end up in court, wasting civil servants' time and effort and taxpayer dollars.

Finally, rather than pushing rushed, flawed, and racially discriminatory redistricting maps, the Legislature should instead be devoting this special session to issues that actually help Texas's citizens, like helping those devastated by the Hill Country flooding and ensuring it never happens again.

For all these reasons, I oppose the current effort to redistrict the targeted congressional districts.

Respectfully,
Lauren Simpson, J.D.
(writing in my individual capacity, not on behalf of my employer or any of its affiliates)

Allison Chance
self
AUSTIN, TX

The proposed changes in PlanC2308 would move me from District 37, which currently contains portions of Travis and Williamson counties, into District 17. The new District 17 extends north on I-35 and groups voters who actually live within and nearby Austin city limits to the cities and counties that are, in some instances, 130 miles away, and much closer to the outskirts of Dallas.

Geographically, politically, and culturally, I would be grouped with people who have different interests than me, and I do not understand how the new District 17 would better represent my vote and my voice when I live 20 miles away from the state capitol.

This effort to weaken the connections and power that the voters have in local politics is a shame, a sham, and an intentional misuse of power to suppress the basic components of representative democracy.

This is not what our country, our government, and our people stand for. While we have struggled throughout history as we work towards a "more perfect union," we have made great strides in guaranteeing that all citizens who contribute to our communities have a say in our shared future. These proposed measures are anti-democratic.

Leslie Harper
Self/retired microbiologist
Pflugerville, TX

I oppose the redistricting bill in Texas. This is not a census year, we are not due for redistricting. This is just another way that Trump is cheating, with the assistance of Greg Abbott.

Anne Wharton
Self / Student
El Paso, TX

I oppose the proposed redistricting. El Paso is currently represented by individuals intimately tied to our community and we will not be better served by representatives over 500 miles away.

Fort Bliss and the El Paso International Airport are integral parts of our community here in El Paso and deserve to be prioritized by a representative who understands our needs. Creating a district that forces our community into competition with San Antonio will rob us of resources, strip us of our voices, and put us at conflict with 27 counties across one of the largest states in our union.

We deserve local representation. We deserve a representative who can prioritize our needs. I oppose the proposed redistricting.

Adriana Baber
Self
San antonio, TX

It is an ATROCITY that this is being rolled out in plain sight before Texas constituents. You work FOR THE PEOPLE and we refuse to be silenced with this redistricting. I call all my representatives to put a stop to this as it is their obligation to do what is in the best interest of the people they represent.

Mark Burow
self
Bryan, TX

Redistricting is a mandatory process required by population redistribution. Texas has enjoyed population growth because of the friendly business environment conservative leadership has created. This is validation of the conservative approach and this redistricting initiative should proceed to continue the will of the people.

James Laney
Self
Hurst, TX

I am against redistricting

Jim Nelson
Self. Retired.
Horseshoe Bay, TX

Congressmen and women should put the citizens of Texas ahead of their subservience to someone like Trump. This bill is terrible for the future of Texas. Do the right thing for a change. Vote no.

Lisa Harris, Ms.
self, title examiner
Austin, TX

Please don't do another mid-decade redistricting. It makes sense to redistrict when we have a new census but not to do it mid-decade. What's in Texas's interest conflicts with what the President is asking you to do; please work for the Texans who elected you rather than for out of state special interests.

Christy Taylor
Self
Denton, TX

I'm in favor of the proposed redistricting of the Congressional Districts

Catherine Gibb
Self, retired
Plano, TX

I am in favor of HB4's redistricting plan. Please vote for HB 4.

Misty Matcham
Self
Fort Worth, TX

I strongly oppose the redistricting plan proposed by the Texas House of Representatives through HB4. This new map does not reflect the will of the people and undermines the democratic process. The public voted for fair and transparent representation, yet this proposed plan appears to be crafted with partisan interests in mind, diluting the voices of many communities across the state. It is not just an issue of political fairness; it is a matter of upholding the integrity of our democratic system. This redistricting effort is contrary to the principles of equal representation and should be considered illegal. The people of Texas deserve a process that respects their votes and ensures fair representation in all levels of government.

Jamerson Mayberry
Self
Killeen, TX

It's unfair to change districts this is an attempt to silence the voice of people in efforts to keep certain demographics in power. The districts seem to change whenever a democrat wins or is close to winning them the districts change to help move republicans in office.

Kerry Koths
Personal
Liberty Hill, TX

Please vote in favor of HB4

Halima Foster
Self/self-employed
Austin, TX

Hello, I am writing in opposition to the unprecedented mid census district redrawing. This change, demanded by the DOJ and brought up by Abbott isn't supported by the majority of Texans. Forcing this decision through will hurt your constituents and also your chances of keeping your seat. Voters will show up in historic numbers to demonstrate their will against any member who votes to support this obvious power grab. It is telling that rather than working on legislation to support your constituents, you are just moving the goal posts by picking your voting districts.

Jack McKay
Self
Austin, TX

This bill is unethical and unconstitutional. It’s a plan ordered by Donald Trump, lead by Greg Abbott, and will effectively rid our state of safe and secure elections. The maps should not be changed at this moment. Especially when the proposed maps of this bill are clearly racist and Republican leaning. This bill must be stopped, Texas citizens say so!

Sally Hahn
Self/retired
Austin, TX

I am against redistricting Texas for multiple reasons.
1. This is a directive from a sitting president who cares nothing about Texas. 2. We do not have new census data to justify new maps. 3. We are struggling to recover from a major disaster that occurred less than a month ago. Hurricane season is upon us - and Texas is unprepared. Focus on the issues that matter - redistricting is NOT even on the list for Texans.

Veronica Whitehead
Self/ Mom
Garland, TX

This is a blatant power grab and attempt to dilute the true voices and Will of Texans. For a state who purports minimal federal interference and states rights, having a mid-decade redistricting at the behest of the President and not because it’s what Texans want is an abuse of power and anti- Texan. If the Republican Party is leading in the way Texans want, then leave the maps alone. Furthermore this sets a dangerous prescient for federal interference and influence.

Christopher Talacek
Self
Ft Worth, TX

I oppose this called out of thin air redistricting. If you called a special session it should be to help Texans/Americans! Not help those in their seats try to cheat and steal their way to keeps their seats, when they don't stand for the people they are supposed to represent. And all at the beacon call of a child rapist, that's who some of you are ultimately trying to protect and listen to. That's pretty pathetic. To those of you standing up against this clearly racist bill thank you. Thank you for not running away after these meetings and actually meeting with people, you are the ones who show you care about the people.

Jessica Yee
Self
Cibolo, TX

You already make it difficult to just live, get an id/license, shop, own property, must you do this too. Stop doing things the hard way. I oppose this.

Rick Felkins
Myself
leander, TX

No phony redistricting. We need fair elections free of political manipulation!

Wayne Herbert
PAVE
Houston, TX

I don't understand why this redistricting process is going on. Electoral districts are revised every 10 years after a comprehensive and accurate census. This mid-period redistricting is unwarranted, unjust, and unethical. And now, the proposed maps which have just been released are a sham. What a manipulation of voters. Stop this blatantly political effort now.

Genesis Hernandez
Self
L, TX

I oppose the redistricting that is being imposed on Texans without our approval or consent. I am a constituent that will be affected by this push and it is undemocratic to take away my choice. I want it record to reflect that I am one of the Texans that is largely against this move and emphasize the betrayal this bill represents to all Texans.

Juanita Polasek
Self retired educator
Stephenville, TX

Gerrymandering is disrespectful, non democratic, and cheating. Following President's request to find 5 more Republican seats, is bending the knee bringing us closer to an authoritarian state. The US is supposed to be the shining standard of Democracy! We are who the world looks to for the best representation of Democracy! Gerrymandering destroys democracies. Look at our history. Are you following the Constitution? Are you just enriching yourselves? Are you just ingratiating yourself? Are you just protecting your seat? History will remember you!

James Castagneto, Mr
SELF - retired elementary teacher/ handyman
Dripping Springs, TX

We the people of Texes believe it is not only necessary but imperative that HB 4 is passed. The left wing heretics moving against the will of the majority need to be squashed. To all republican conservative members of the house in Texas, do not sit by idly and give in to these power mongers trying to destroy all the freedoms and rights we hold dear. To those who've given in and allowed these actions in the past "groans backbone" and vote it in.
Sincerely
Jim Castagneto

Virginia Mule, Dr.
Self, Veterinarian
Austin, TX

We demand fair maps that arr designed to truly represent the diversity that exists in Texas.

Ashley Hanks
Self
Benbrook, TX

I'm against this bill. This cycle of redistricting plans is racist, a blatant power grab, and unethical. We, as Texan residents, deserve better FAIR representation!

Mariah Rushing
self
Sachse, TX

Let’s be honest — what’s happening with redistricting in TX-03 isn’t about better representation. It’s about holding onto power.

I live in Collin County. Our district includes growing, vibrant communities like Sachse, Wylie, McKinney, and Greenville — places where families are working hard, building businesses, and showing up for each other. We don’t need our voices stretched thin across seven counties just to serve a political agenda. That’s not democracy — that’s manipulation.

This redistricting push is clearly meant to silence voters, especially in communities that have started organizing and speaking up. And let’s not pretend it’s anything else — it’s about race, power, and fear of losing control.

You can move the lines on a map, but the people aren’t blind. We see what’s going on. If the folks in charge really cared about our state, they’d protect every voice — no matter the ZIP code or skin color.

Redraw the map if you want, but you’re not redrawing the truth. We’re still here. And we’re not done speaking up.

Ted Tarver
Texas CHL-LTC Training, LLC
Richmond, TX

Needs to be cleaned up and redistricted!

Brenda Lunger
Self
Houston, TX

It is anti-American for legislators to select their voters instead of vice versa.

Patricia Giles
Self, Social Worker
Austin, TX

I absolutely and profoundly disagree with this redistricting power grab. It would take votes away from millions! Stop catering to an autocrat! Stop cheating to win all the time! Stand for decency and fairness! Have some integrity and denounce this bill for the outrageous attack on voting rights that it is!

Rita Robles
Self
Houston, TX

This is a strategy that republicans having doing far too often and we the people have caught on!! Shame on the republicans for only thinking of themselves and not the constituents who voted u in ur seat. Republican keeps fighting dirty changing laws and ignoring the peoples cries for help.
We ask to stop breaking the law of changing Redistricting maps. Stop gerrymandering the maps. Stop the land grabs putting g good people out on the streets. Stop insider trading and illegal activities. Arrest and prosecute those who continue to do so and are still in office. If this was a person of color. They would be u see a prison for profit floor, raped tortured bested and unalived. No more BS!!

Charles Whitley, Dr.
self/retired
Austin, TX

What this redistricting effort amounts to is theft. Just because it's (currently) legal doesn't make it ethical.

Kay Tscheyka
Self
Alpine, TX

This should not be allowed to happen to win elections. This is NOT how our democracy works should work. Please note I am opposed to the illegal redistricting in Texas!

Colton Wallek, Midshipman 4/C
Self
Waller, TX

I support this bill.

Ken Booser
Self
Houston, TX

When republicans can’t win, they cheat. Shame on the governor and the republican members of state legislature who support racial discrimination and disenfranchising Texans just so that billionaires can have more money. Republicans are the antithesis of Americans

Sharon Mize
Self
Kyle, TX

Why is the Republican Party drawing up new voter maps now? It has only been 5 years since the last redistricting and their has not been a new census. This is improper when there is still pending litigation regarding the legality of those maps in 2021.
I am very concerned about the lack of transparency and racial discrimination that is happening with these new maps. The redistricting would increase Republican representation by 5 seats while taking away representation from communities of color. Texas consists of 60 percent people of color but only 34 percent of our community delegation is represented by people of color. These maps do not represent the diverse population of Texas.
These hearings have been rushed leaving us voters little time for input and review.
This proposed redistricting is undemocratic The legislature needs to draw up maps that are truly reflective of our diversity in Texas with proper representation

Amy Gurecky
Self
San Antonio, TX

I oppose the gerrymandering map.

Leigh Davis
Self
Austin, TX

I oppose mid-census redistricting. I support compact districts reflecting communities of interest.

Kimberly Parham, M.D.
Self
Fort Worth, TX

I am opposed to the redistricting efforts for several reasons.

To begin, there has not been ample time for public input. The Committee has not traveled to all impacted communities and has significantly limited time for public input.

Second, this is a desperate attempt for Republicans to maintain power. Rather than the people choosing their politicians, Republicans are having politicians choose their people.

Lastly, I urge the Representatives to vote no for the sake of our democracy. To the Republicans on the committee, there is risk with breaking party lines, but people have consistently put their lives on the line for our democracy. From service members to Martin Luther King Jr. and John Lewis, fighting for our democracy has always been a risky but worthy endeavor.

Please vote no on this map and fight for fair maps.

Kelly Elliott, Dr.
Self, parent, agricultural landowner, teacher
Abilene, TX

I vehemently oppose the proposed redistricting map, which is a blatant gerrymandering and a violation of Texans' right to representation. I am disgusted by Governor Abbot and the Texas GOP. You work for Texans, not for Donald Trump. It is overwhelmingly clear that you care nothing for the needs of your constituents. You are ready to sacrifice the good of your state to serve this craven and corrupt president. Shame on you all.

Dona Avery Tabrizi
Self
Austin, TX

Hello Members of the Committee
I recall seeing Rep. Barbara Jordan on television as a child between 10-12 years old; this woman with her powerful voice caught my attention. Rep. Jordan was intelligent and articulate with a commanding presence and voice. I realized a large body of people payed attention to her. Little did I realize that Barbara Jordan was one of my first introductions to politics.
Barbara Jordan had courage, dignity and strength. I looked up to and aspired to be like her. Her legacy lives on represented by her statue at the airport. My inner child gets excited every time I see Barbara Jordan's likeness at Austin Bergstrom International Airport.
I use Barbara Jordan as a real example of the importance of a community electing someone that represents them. I ask you, members of the Redistricting Committee to respect the history, the legacy, and the House District 18 of Representative Barbara Jordan.
I am absolutely against redistricting five years before the next census. It is obvious this is a political power grab, racially targeting historic Hispanic and Black House Districts. I object to my taxes funding any of this racist nonsense.

Sylvia Richards
Self and all Texas Patriots
El Paso, TX

America is on the verge of becoming communist. Texas is on the verge of becoming California. We must protect our Constitutional Rights ??

William Miller
Self Retired
Houston, TX

It's clear that the proposed redistricting map targets racial minorities, and is an attempt to minimize their representation in our democracy. It's disgraceful and is one step further in having Texas become recognized as a state that is out of touch with its citizens, and promotes fascist leaning policies.

Christine Hannon
Self, speech pathologist
Austin, TX

This map silences Austin and many other districts. Gerrymandering is illegal and we are watching and I do not agree with this bill

Leslie Douthit
Self
Caddo Mills, TX

We all know that the job of a Representative, be it in the United States House or the Texas House, is to advocate for the interests of the people who elected them. Districts are meant to be cohesive communities, with similar interests and needs, so that their Representatives can advocate clearly on their behalf.
exas's 3rd District is made up of both Collin County and Hunt County which are rapidly growing, and include ities such as Frisco, Plano, McKinney, Allen, Princeton and Greenville. This new map proposes to unnaturally stretch the district east into far more remote areas, thereby expanding it from two to seven counties, and breaking down the common interests within the District. Each of these counties have their own needs and deserve to be represented with as little dilution or distortion as possible.
By pushing for these new maps, this body is clearly more concerned with appeasing a President who is determined to cheat to win, no matter the cost to our democracy and no matter who gets hurt. We all know why this is even a discussion right now - the President is so worried about losing control of Congress in 2026, due to one reckless, failed and unpopular policy after another, that he's exerting his influence over our State Government. This isn't a debate over constitutional concerns - this is political partisan games at their worst. This is about race and power.
Minority voters in 3rd District have been gaining ground, organizing, and making their voices heard. And what is this body proposing to do in response? They want to crack our communities and scatter our voices.
Mr. Chairman, our democracy should be about making sure every voter, no matter their ethnicity, ZIP code, or skin color - both rural and urban - gets fair representation. I would hope the members of this body would agree.
You can redraw the map, but not the truth. The American voter can see what is being done in this room. We shouldn't let one man in the White House dictate the democratic process in our great State. Cheating is not, and has never been, the way to get ahead in Texas. Let's not forget it."

Brendan Kennedy
Self
Austin, TX

I oppose this shameful attempt to subvert the electoral process for partisan political reasons. This further erodes Texans faith in their government and accountability for elected officials. Shame on you and all who vote for this redistricting effort.

April Burns
Self
Carrollton, TX

As a Texan, I belive wholeheartedly in the privilege of voting and take that civic responsibility very seriously. To see my leaders manipulating my state so that many of our voices will be neutralized is not only offensive, but also mocks the values and standards i was raised to be proud of. The fact that this is a response to a request from a president that consistently violates the constitution and perverts the principles of Christianity is just a disgusting slap in the face to me as a conscientious voter and to my fellow Texans. Please, let out votes count with fidelity. Further gerrymandering our great state in order to promote corruption is not a gesture of goodwill to the current administration, but instead, a message to voters that you would rather see us freeze, starve, or drown than to do your job. Thank you.

Sarah Berel-Harrop
self - chaplain
Farmers Branch, TX

Thank you for the opportunity to express my opposition to this process and HB4. I live in Farmers Branch near Dallas, Congressional District 24, and formerly I was a resident of the historic Congressional District 18.

1/3 of Texans – 10 million people – mostly people of color would be moved into a new congressional district in this plan. That means congressional case work, infrastructure projects would be disrupted. And for what? The only emergency is that President Trump wanted 5 more republicans in Congress. You as house representatives have free choice in this matter – to say enough is enough, and we'd rather take care of the problems of the people of Texas. Rather than that, you are collaborating with this harmful, racist agenda.

You speak like these are maps but these are people and neighborhoods, a whole social fabric. When you design districts that span hundreds of miles, from Austin to the coastal bend, it's harder for residents to get together, to determine what their shared priorities are, and to express their needs and to demand accountability from their elected officials. Even in some of the so-called compact districts, as Congress Member Crockett stated, people from completely new neighborhoods were moved in or out. This means developing new relationships with each other and with elected officials, disrupting existing community power.

It's already expensive to run for Congress, and the cracked / sprawling districts make it more so. As such, it's prohibitively expensive for ordinary ordinary working folks, people who have to choose between paying for electricity or food, to live paycheck to paycheck. Maybe, the bug (disruption of casework & congressmembers working for their districts) is actually a feature. Absentee lairds, with little to no connection to the communities they purport to represent, use their political power to exploit their constituents by pushing through policy that harms and de-resources their communities while their cronies loot the public trough.

But voting is not the only power that the people have. Governments operate only with the consent of the governed. People will always find ways to resist illegitimate governments. I urge you to end this shameful charade right now. Vote no on HB4.

Frank Pratka
Self
Houston, TX

I strongly oppose this trump power-grab. Texas is better than this. Abbott et al are national embarrassments. Please vote NO. Thank you

Marissa Maldonado
Self
Corpus Christi, TX

I am against the vile re-districting that republicans are trying to pass

Cynthia Riddle
Self
Austin, TX

I do not want this redistricting and there's no reason for it. I am against it.

Suzanne Donahue
Self
San Antonio, TX

I am against this unnecessary gerrymandering in order to give the President a hand out his own agenda instead of doing what is best for residents of Texas. This is not a census year, it is unnecessary and messy. Many of those who are leading this great state are Christians. I would like to share this Bible passage, James 4:13-17, “Now listen, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carryon business and make money. Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. Instead, you ought to say, “If it is the Lord’s will, we will live and do this or that.” As it is, you boast in your arrogant schemes. All such boasting is evil. If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn’t do it, it is sin for them.”. Exodus 23:8:
"And thou shalt take no gift: for the gift blindeth the wise, and perverteth the words of the righteous."
Deuteronomy 16:19:
"You shall not pervert justice. You shall not show partiality. And you shall not accept a bribe, for a bribe blinds the eyes of the wise and subverts the cause of the righteous." For a public official to take bribes and not act justly is disgusting. If public officials are partaking in unlawful activities, you will not just be answering to your constituents but also the Lord.

Sean Heller
Self- Educator
Katy, TX

Redistricting to limit the voices is outward attack on democracy. We deserve to have an equal and representative voice. Stop hiding behind a win/loss mentality and actually support your constituents.

Christy Mcnew, Mrs
Self
Southlake, TX

Support bill HB4 redistricting

Susan Daniewicz
self - retired
Austin, TX

I am opposed to this bill. I ask you to recall Texas's commitment to freedom of the individual. This commitment is dependent on each citizen's ability to vote for a representative of his/her choice. This bill will violate that principle. Please stand up for the citizens of Texas and defeat HB4. Thank you.

David Fore
Self
Austin, TX

You don't have to jump when Trump says jump! No registration.

AMERICA TIRADO
self
EL PASO, TX

Hello. I am born and raised in El Paso. My grandfather was born and raised in El Paso. He was also a WWII vet. His grandmother was born and raised on the border. it makes sad that you are creating a map that unfairly represents my community. Please do not add East El Paso to San Antonio. We are not same and do not have the same interests. I do not approve the new map and I want you to say no to it and come up with a better map that represents us and where the process is more transparent.

Jessica Heller
Self
Katy, TX

I adamantly oppose the redistricting being proposed. The decision to redistrict and how it would be redistricted is not a reflection of the people being represented.

emerson trautwein
self
austin, TX

I as a Texan and citizen of the united states am AGAINST this redistricting.

Megan George
self, public school teacher
Arlington, TX

It’s incredibly disappointing to me that our leaders in Texas are not even putting on a veneer of good faith with this redistricting bill. Texans’ voices and are being deliberately silenced. I believe most of you came into politics to make a difference and help your constituents. I hope and pray you will dig deep into that part of yourself and do what is right for Texans. There is no reason to redraw districts before 2030. This is wrong, and you know this is wrong. Please be people of integrity and vote against this bill.

Nadia Barbot
Self
Austin, TX

This Redistricting is being done mid cycle with essentially NO public input. The President is asking for 5 more Republican districts and Abbott is giving it to him. Our legislators should be doing things to HELP Texans. This is a power grab and nothing more. We had hundreds die in the July 4 flooding and that is barely getting covered in this special session. We have many things that should be a priority and get time in this session but instead we are the model of how citizens get overtaken by their government and oppressed. I'm so ashamed for the way our state operates. Carving up the highly populated cities that do not vote the way you want them to, in order to control us, is disgusting. This is a blatant disregard for the civil rights of Black and brown Texans. There is no freedom in Texas.

Haven Barnes
self
Austin, TX

Hey just curious why do the districts become really strangely shaped but only in the densely populated and also wealthy areas?

Thanks fascists! :)

Mary Evans
self
Dallas, TX

I vehemently oppose this illegal gerrymandering which will determine Texas’s representation in the 120th U.S. Congress. Entrusting courts with interpreting legislative intent is a "process" that lacks clear standards and can easily be influenced by politics and/or legal ambiguity.

Shaien White
Self
Austin, TX

Do not restructure the districting lines. We have a voice. It matters.

Chrischeryl McDaniel Chrischeryl McDaniel
Self Associate Pastor
Grand Prairie, TX

This is not in the best interest of the people of Texas. Removing the current district lines only because of an unjust request by those who don't live in the affected areas. This is a clear attempt to disenfranchise the people who live in these districts.

Samantha Stevens
Myself, owner of a real estate development and management small business
AUSTIN, TX

I strongly oppose the proposed mid-decade redistricting plan (HB-4) being rushed through this special session. This effort is not about fair representation—it is a blatant partisan power grab designed to flip up to five Democratic-held U.S. House seats, including diluting the voices of Central Texas communities in Austin.

This map merges two Austin-based Democratic districts—represented by Reps. Greg Casar and Lloyd Doggett—effectively eliminating one voice from our community and consolidating power.

These changes disproportionately target Black and Latino voters in and around Austin, Houston, Dallas, and South Texas—precisely the voters who fueled Texas's population growth over the past decade. This violates both the Voting Rights Act and constitutional principles of equal protection.

Key concerns:

· Mid-decade redistricting is highly unusual and breaks with democratic norms—it inherently prioritizes political gain over public interest

· The compressed timeline—with only a few regional hearings in a state of nearly 30 million people—means many Texans have not had a meaningful opportunity to comment.

· This shift could disrupt constituent services: ongoing cases and relationships with current offices may be severed, harming vulnerable individuals who rely on federal assistance.

I urge lawmakers to:

1. Reject this partisan map and any process that silences public participation.

2. Support an independent redistricting commission or establish clear, non-partisan criteria—including contiguity, communities of interest, compactness, and compliance with the Voting Rights Act.

3. Prioritize urgent public needs, such as flood recovery, instead of partisan political maneuvering during this special session.

Texans deserve representation based on fairness and integrity—not maps drawn to benefit one party. Democracy only thrives when voters choose their representatives, not the other way around.

Thank you for your service and I urge you to honor the voices of all Texans.

Cecilia Garza
Self/paraprofessional
Hereford, TX

Have we reverted to the dark ages?? Maybe the white man will be happy if we start calling him master and pay poll taxes and vote the way we are told to vote. What happened to living in a democracy, not a dictatorship? The governor and the rest of y'all were elected to serve the people of the state, not to blindly obey the racist dictator sitting on the white house. The real presidents (Kennedy, Reagan, Eisenhower, Carter, etc.) are turning in their graves because of the farce our democracy has become. Think for yourself and for the best for the people you represent. That is what you get paid good money to do. Have you no conscience?? I could go on, but my comments are likely falling on deaf ears.

Joshua Behrenbrinker
Self, Software Architect & Engineer
Austin, TX

This bill represents the worst of the worst. Governor Abbot pledging fealty to the federal government - or more specifically, Donald Trump, a convicted felon unworthy of the office of president - is not only illegal under federal laws (52 U.S. Code § 10301 - Denial or abridgement of right to vote on account of race or color through voting qualifications or prerequisites;). This redistricting map clearly displays invidious purpose in its design.

Additionally, if Texans knew the extent of election fraud that occurred in the 2024 General Election, they would recognize that Trump was not elected under free and fair elections - and should immediately raise suspicions regarding complicity of our currently elected statewide officials. This is beyond gerrymandering, this is further eroding the democratic (or democratic republic, if you prefer) ideals that were the foundation of this country, and the first 3 sections of Article 1 of the Texas Constitution. Please review those short paragraphs and explain how this redistricting plan supports ANY of the Texas ideals.

Linda Rudkin
self retired
Lewisville, TX

Please do the ethical thing: DO NOT change districts until after the next census. Or is cheating the only way republicans can win? Prove otherwise.

Alexandra George
Self, teacher
Austin, TX

I’m a mother, a business owner, and a proud Austin resident—and I’m raising the next generation of voters.

I want to say this: I see you. And I see what you are doing today.

I also see that you didn’t ensure an alert system to prevent flooding that killed innocent children. I see that you accept money from the NRA and, in doing so, are practicing child sacrifice with every mass shooting. I see that you have failed Texans with regard to public education in our state. And now, I see that you are trying to redraw maps to erase our voices.

I see that you are merging TX-35 and TX-37, forcing two sitting Democrats into one seat. You call this democracy. But I see your power grab. And I am spreading the word far and wide.

My family has been in this country for six generations. My mother worked for the Department of Defense. My grandfathers fought in World War II. One of my grandfathers is in the national Sports Hall of Fame. We are not newcomers - we are part of the American story. And we will not be distracted by your tactics to keep Americans silent.

Reject this map. Or explain to your grandchildren—and to working Americans across this country—why you chose power over country.

Cynthia Grubb
Self
Dallas, TX

We want you to vote yes on HB 4

Nancy Taylor
Self Retired
Manor, TX

I am in favor on the HB 4 bill

Christa Deamer
Self
Pflugerville, TX

NO GERRYMANDERING!!!

Thomas Brents
Self
Liberty, TX

I urge you to support HB4 and move it favorably out of committee. This proposed Congressional map is a strong step forward for Texas. It respects regional integrity, aligns communities with shared interests, and reflects a fair, geographically coherent structure. The lines are drawn with logic and balance—not political gamesmanship. This map serves the people, not parties, and deserves your support.

Nicole Valdez
self
Austin, TX

I oppose mid-census redistricting. I support compact districts reflecting communities of interest.

Edison Carter, Mr.
self / senior systems administrator
Austin, TX

Hello representatives. This proposed redistricting in the middle of the decade is highly unusual without a court order. There is no urgent, demonstrated, legal or demographic necessity. It violates the Voting Rights Act by diluting the voting strength of minority communities. Please do not consider this proposal at this time. Thank you.

David Craven
self
Austin, TX

I disapprove of the proposed districting changes. The proposed districts are not reasonably contiguous, nor do they fairly or evenly represent constituents. The constitution demands that state legislatures adjust districts to represent approximately the same number of voters per seat in Congress, not to unfairly dilute votes among districts stretched hundreds of miles. This proposal is against the spirit of the Constitution, and un-American.

Mellisa Brown
Self
Killeen, TX

I support this bill. It allows for representation in a more compact space with constituents in like situations.

The concept that this is unfair to any party has been debunked based on prior elections where seats flipped. The concept that it disenfranchises any demographic implies that an entire demographic has the same thoughts and values. I believe that each individual is capable of making their own decisions and voting based on personal thoughts and values. Platforms and candidates determine election outcomes, not district lines.

The important factor is constituents have access to their representative and this redistricting makes that access easier.

Mario Castillo
City Council District H
Houston, TX

Dear Texans,

What's happening in our state today isn't just about lines on a map. It's a test of democracy, justice, and whether political power will serve the people or protect itself.

This redistricting plan comes wrapped in the language of order and efficiency, but its purpose is clear: to divide our communities and concentrate control. It punishes voters, Black, White, Hispanic, Asian, and working-class Texans, for daring to speak up. This isn't democracy at work; it's an attempt to silence dissent by erasing representation. Under this proposed map, District H will be split into four different Congressional districts in an attempt to weaken our voice.

I write not just as a Council Member, but as someone born and raised in Houston who believes in the promise of democracy. We may not share the same politics, but surely we can agree on this: democracy fails when politicians choose their voters instead of voters choosing their representatives.

This plan will fracture neighborhoods and destabilize local government, especially in diverse cities like Houston.

Worse, it sets a dangerous precedent: that the pursuit of permanent power justifies overreach and weakens the foundation of our democracy.

We must do better. That begins with fair representation, not maps that shield power from accountability. It means transparency. It means honoring both the letter and spirit of the Voting Rights Act. And above all, it means defending a democracy where everyone, regardless of race, creed, or ZIP code, has an equal say in shaping our future.

To the lawmakers in Austin: you still have a choice. You can stop this. You can lead, not just your base, but your state, by protecting the integrity of our democracy and honoring the dignity of every constituent, including those who didn't vote for you.

Will you represent the people, or just yourselves?

In solidarity,

Mario Castillo
District H Council Member
Houston City Council

Sara Lyford
Self
Austin, TX

Trump Pawns all of you Republicans . Please stand up for fair maps in Texas

Exodus Pierre
Self /vacation sales
Austin, TX

I oppose this bill and proposed map

Gracie Garza
Self
Canyon Lake, TX

I oppose the new map on redistricting. It is unconscionable that by doing this you are trying to silence our voices.

Jill Tate
self/mom
Colleyville, TX

My comments are my own and I also only represent myself, however I happen to also be the Vice President of Legislation for the Texas Federation of Republican Women. Texas is a republican state that should be represented by republicans. The efforts by TFRW to keep Texas bright red and have gains in historically democrat areas should be reflected by our representatives in congress. Since 2019, TFRW registered over 580,000 new republican voters turning out over 500,000 republican votes. Republicans have retained every statewide seat in Texas and increased our majority in the state house and maintained a 60+% majority in the Texas senate. Just in 2024 alone, TFRW registered 193,000 new republican voters in Texas. Our districts must reflect the work we have done and represent the will of these new voters. Each of the redrawn districts were won by Trump by at least 10 points last year. In addition, each of these districts are solid republican districts with a +3 to +7 R rating. Specifically, this map makes 2 south Texas districts more reflective of the republican shift in this historically democrat area and includes republican seat gains in Dallas, Houston, and San Antonio. According to The Texan's Partisan Index, Texas has moved 4 points to the right since 2020 and is now an R-58%. Our congressional representation is vital to preserving our values and redrawing our state to truly represent the majority republican state is the right thing to do.

Raul Gonzalez
Myself
El paso, TX

Democracy is not supposed to be manipulated. Gerrymandering is antidemoctratic. Don't mess with democracy.

Myrna Cavender
Self
Austin, TX

I am appalled at this whole redistricting issue that is occurring, NOT after a complete census as is usual, but is being done simply at the behest of President Trump and his cohorts, who covet more Republicans to hold US House offices in Washington. They hope to accomplish this by pitting 2 duly elected US House Representatives to either have to run against each other in the next general election OR one of them will have to try to move his home location to another district and run there. This whole gerrymandering is not, or at least it should not, be legal as we are NOT due for redistricting until after the next US census. Both of these US representatives were duly elected, legally live in and represent their districts in the US House and are doing a great job of keeping their constituents apprised of what is going on in the US House and the bills it is considering. Also, our representative, Doggett, continues to keep his constituents apprised of what bills are being considered and what positions he is taking. Furthermore, he writes a short note to each of his constituents at least weekly to let people know what he is doing to represent them AND he also seeks our 'take' on bills coming up for a vote. In addition, Doggett makes frequent trips back to TX to keep eyes on and take the pulse of his constituents and how they want him to vote on particular issues. THIS is what a dedicated public servant does ..... as a matter of course. This is in stark contrast to the previous person whom we had as our US House Representative, who rarely IF ever, contacted his constituents, made few trips for fact-finding and talks with his constituents, etc. IF this district returns to the Republican 'fold,' I fear that, once again, we will have a representative who does NOT consider the needs / wants / desires of his constituents but rather votes the 'party line.' We were ILL SERVED before and IF we lose this seat to a Republican, I fear we will be once again similarly ill served. Myrna Cavender

Leah Bynum, LPC
Self/Licensed Professional Counselor
Spring, TX

There is no need to redistrict for our congressional seats in Texas. At some point Texas has to take a stand for the well-being of all citizens in this state.

David Carter, Dr.
Self
Austin, TX

I'd like to register my opposition to the partisan gerrymandering currently being proposed.

Eric Hartman, Mr.
self, retired
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose HB 4. I urge you to reject this egregious partisan gerrymandering of U.S. congressional districts in Texas that President Trump is asking you to create, which would trample on voting rights and democratic principles for partisan gain. Under this scheme, even more than with the highly skewed current district maps favoring one party, voters' preferences would take a back seat to partisan advantage.
To begin bringing redistricting back from the abyss, I join many of my fellow Texans in calling for the rejection of HB 4 and establishment of a fair and open redistricting process. This means:
1. Show us the maps in timely fashion. Hold public hearings on them with public testimony on proposed maps before they are voted on.
2. Do not discriminate against voters of color. Building an extreme Republican supermajority at the expense of communities of color, as in HB 4, amounts to intentional discrimination.
3. Do not limit public testimony. Texans deserve to have their voices heard, not silenced by an arbitrary limit on total time for public testimony.
4. Provide at least five days for the public to see and analyze any proposed maps before holding hearings and voting on these proposals and any amendments to them.
5. As part of the official bill analysis, provide an analysis of the impact of each proposed map on historically disenfranchised communities of color.
6. Ensure preservation of all written documents, emails, texts, and draft maps, identifying their sources. Afford public access to these materials. Texans deserve full transparency when it comes to redistricting.
A final personal note:
My own neighborhood under this plan, about a mile and a half from the state Capitol, would be moved from District 37 to District 10—ejected from a compact Austin-based district with strong urban communities of interest into a far-flung district that runs through rural Texas from the Houston area deep into the Hill Country west of Austin. This is sheer partisan mischief and must be rejected.

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Teresa Kahan
Self, Compliance Director
Austin, TX

Do not move my address out of District 37, which aligns with where we live, eat, shop, socialize, and seek healthcare just to appease one political party. We have nothing in common with the proposed redistricting to District 27. We are not rural and require urban understanding and representation. Partisan gerrymandering is not acceptable. Do not approve this map and waste of my tax dollars. Leave our community where it is in District 37.

Raquel DONAHUE
self, academic librarian
HOUSTON, TX

This is not a redistricting effort; this is a gerrymandering effort. Republican are wrong to disenfranchise the Black, Brown, and working class communities of Texas at the behest of the most corrupt president in U.S. history. The history books will not be gentle with your legacy. Thank you for reading.

Scott Borders
Self
Austin, TX

HB 4 would further reinforce the Republican leadership philosophy that the roughly 45% of Texans who vote for Democrats just don't count, and that a fair and just democracy is never the goal of modern day Republicans in our state government. As an Austin resident, I deeply oppose any redistricting that slices up and dilutes our local votes for the representation that best reflects our values in this liberal and very successful city.

Larry Buhrman
Self /retired
Austin, TX

I am hereto advocate in favor of House BiI’m here as a concerned Texan who believes in the principles of fairness, individuality, and true equality under the law.

This bill is a necessary step toward ensuring our policies reflect the diverse realities of our state, and I want to address a troubling narrative pushed by its opponents. Those who oppose this bill often claim to speak for communities of color, as if we all think and vote the same way. This assumption is not just wrong—it’s deeply offensive. It reduces millions of Texans—Black, Hispanic, Asian, Native American, and others—to a monolithic caricature, stripping us of our individuality and agency.

I’ve seen firsthand how diverse our communities are. My neighbors, friends, and family members of color hold a wide range of views—politically, culturally, and socially. Some are conservative, others liberal; some prioritize economic opportunity, others focus on cultural heritage. To suggest we all share one mindset is to erase our unique experiences, struggles, and aspirations. It’s a lazy stereotype that undermines the very diversity opponents claim to champion.

This bill recognizes that Texans, regardless of race, are individuals with distinct perspectives. Democrats, Republicans or independence are capable of winning any of these seat. HB4 pushes back against policies that assume uniformity and instead promotes fairness that respects our differences. Opponents’ arguments rely on a patronizing narrative that implies people of color can’t think for ourselves—that we need to be spoken for or guided. That’s not empowerment; it’s condescension.

I urge you to support this bill because it aligns with the truth: Texans of color are not a voting bloc or a single voice. We are individuals with the right to be heard, not assumed. Let’s pass legislation that respects our diversity and rejects the offensive notion that we’re all the same. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Gladys Gonzalez
Self
Uvalde, TX

I am against redistricting our cities. This goes against everything I stand for. We should not politicize it as this will only serve those whose sole purpose is to help the republican party. Stop the madness. Do not redistrict cities.

Jamie Hannan
Self
Kingwood, TX

I oppose this bill.

Lisa Martin
Self
Austin, TX

I am opposed to this redistricting effort, particularly at this time. In my opinion, this is an attempt by the Texas Republican Party to steal our votes and not allow our voices to be heard.

Jennifer Carter
self
Austin, TX

This special session was rightfully called to assess the tragedy that beheld our Texas communities with the July 4th flood. Using it to redraw Texas' already gerrymandered districts is a disgrace. This off-year remapping is a blatant attempt to silence the voices of US/Texas citizens. I am strongly opposed. The Texas government should be focused on real issues that affect Texans and our great state.

Michelle Sloan
Self
Georgetown, TX

This is definitely a desperate move on the part of Texas Republicans. I can only imagine the outrage if this was something the Dems were doing. I oppose this bill so much. We definitely no longer live in a democracy and that is very upsetting to me.

Jeane Burks
self
Austin, TX

Do not redraw the voting maps for the state of Texas. It is blatant partisanship at its worst and will hurt Texans, but most especially Texans of color. The GOP redistricting plans are a direct result of pandering to a lawless president who has been convicted of 34 felonies, is a sexual predator, and recently said he did not have the 'privilege' of ever having been invited to Jeffrey Epstein's island of sexual torture and trafficking. He also said that Epstein 'stole' Virginia Dufray away from employment at Mar a Lago. She was a human being, not an object. To think that Texas lawmakers - lawmakers who pride themselves as Godly and good people - are in fact making choices that are the complete opposite by their support of an immoral president proves what so many of us already know and that is the hypocrisy of their very lives. Where is moral character when it is most needed? Apparently not in the Texas GOP. Step up, stand up, and do the right and moral thing. Stop messing with Texas and stop supporting our own governor and president who want to rule with an iron fist without regard to the greater good. Let's let Russia, North Korea, and China do that. America should be better and we the people deserve better.

Jacob George
Self
Austin, TX

As an independent, I find this mid census redistricting bill concerning. This will not result in a net gain of republican seats. Instead, blue states will follow suit, offset any gains, and everything will become more partisan and less solutions based. I honestly do not understand why any rational person (left or right) would want to serve in the US Congress today given how ideologically extreme it has become due to gerrymandering like this. Please do not do this.

Jason McCormack
Self
Bastrop, TX

This is an absolutely disgusting move by our state government. You're literally taking the voices away from citizens of this country and you know you are. This is complete power grab by the Republican Party and should be illegal to do this. You also know if you put this to a public vote, it would not get the votes. So, with that said, you're obviously not speaking for your constituents. Which is your job. Thats what you get voted in for. You do t work for Donald Trump or Greg Abbott. You work for the people. Let the people's voices be heard and stop trying to take the power of the people away.

Alexandra Reilly
Self
Burleson, TX

I oppose this blatant disregard for democracy and unconstitutional gerrymandering.

Howard Rhoades, Dr.
Self retired
Houston, TX

I oppose this bill.

Amanda Rick
Self
Temple, TX

I oppose the gerrymandering!

Jeffrey Frelack
Self, program manager
Austin, TX

I am not in support of the effort to redistrict our state mid term. There is no need to do this and it will only further dilute the representation of citizens of Austin.

Rivera Hector
Self
Austin, TX

Dear Representatives,

As one of your constituents, I’m writing to urge you to REJECT this corrupt redistricting process and all gerrymandered maps.

Gov. Abbott is letting Trump control him while ignoring the real problems in our lives. Please do everything in your power to fight back and put Texans first!

My voice My vote My Background

I strongly urge you: REJECT this process!

Thank you.

Brittney Hoch
Self
BASTROP, TX

Please do not allow this mid-census redistricting to go through! It is not far to Texans. It is a power grab by Trump and Abbott. No new information about the community has been obtained since the last census. This special session should be focused on flood relief warning system improvements.

Aliana Apodaca, Mrs
Self Consultant
Texas, TX

It is shameful what the Republicans are attempting to pull off. This is NOT representation. I don't need to go into alot of details - you know what you are doing is wrong. Know this - you will live to see the day that it all comes back to haunt you. Karma is a bitch!

gian calaci
self
Austin, TX

Please do not gerrymander our state any further. It is our fierce bipartisanship that made us great in the first place. Your fear of competition only embarrasses you and disenfranchises our neighbors. Everyone here deserves a voice. I'm not scared of my neighbors, why are you scared of yours. Thank you for your time.

Bianca Arvin-Eagle
Self
Lago Vista, TX

I oppose HB 4. The maps drawn for this redistricting attempt are a blatant power grab attempt by Republicans for the Republican president and do not reflect the needs or desires of Texans. OPPOSE HB4

Elizabeth Gonzalez
Self/ psychotherapist
Austin, TX

There is no reason to redraw districts in Texas. This is a waste of my tax payer dollars and this is happening without any transparency or input from the districts. I oppose this bill.

Zeoma Olszewski
self and husband
El Paso, TX

This comment is strongly AGAINST a 2025 change in the composition of voting districts in the State of Texas. Republicans were in charge of the Texas Congress when redistricting was done in 2020 after the last US Census, as required by the Texas Constitution. To redistrict only 5 years later because President Trump wants to ensure control of the US Congress is to disregard Texas law and the concerns of Texans. Both the El Paso Airport and Fort Bliss are situated within the city limits of El Paso. To remove these areas from the El Paso district is clearly a gerrymandering effort, as are the redistricting changes suggested for other parts of the state. This is an insult to every Texas voter, whether Democrat or Republican, and it would be a stain on the proud reputation of Texas.

W.F. DIETERICH
self
SHADY SHORES, TX

I am a 60 year resident of Texas currently living in District 26. I am adamantly opposed to this redistricting plan. In it my north Texas town would be moved into a district that encompasses the entirety of the panhandle. Aside from being Texans, my community has nothing in common with the people of Texline. This cynical plan will most likely backfire on the republican party as states like California and New York have more than sufficient population to retaliate and garner way more seats that the 5 you hope to squeeze out of the already heavily gerrymandered map of Texas. I urge you to drop this silly idea and use this special session on things that will benefit Texans like tax relief, health insurance, education and the Hill Country disaster.

Glenna Beyer, Ms
Self/retired
San Marcos, TX

I do not support Gov Abbott’s push for redrawing the map for the US House districts which will give Republicans unfair advantage. Merging districts 35 and 37 is illegal voter suppression of Black and Latino Central Texans. Additionally, putting this vote before bills addressing the devastating Texas floods which took the lives of over 100 innocent souls is despicable.

Florine Warren., Ms
Democrat
Dallas, TX

Please use any legislative means to stop , Trump takeover of my hard fought vote. The origins of this great country was built on no taxation without representation. Voting matters .Please fight to make my vote count. I Acknowledge that for this republic to survive, we the voters matter. For us to matter our voters should matter. Keep Texas free of voter suppression Fight, Fight and Fight. When you are done Fight some more.

Kyla McKay
self
Pasadena, TX

I am a constituent of CD 29 and I do not want my district destroyed for partisan reasons. My US Representative actually listens to me, unlike my US Senators, and I do not want to lose a person who truly represents our district! Redistricting can, and should, wait until the next census as usual. This is federal overreach and it sets a bad precedent.

Sarah Francis
Self
Austin, TX

I strongly disagree and reject the proposal for Texas's redistricting. Texans deserve fair maps and real solutions. Governor Abbott is using the special session to push Trump's political agenda rather than addressing the real crises Texans are facing. While families recover from the devastating Central Texas floods, lawmakers have been wasting time redrawing voting maps when there are bigger issues to be addressed. I'm a born and raised Texan and am ashamed of our lawmakers agenda that clearly benefits them and not their constituents.

Marisa Gonzalez
self
Shavano Park, TX

This is waste of time and money. The legislature should be focusing on things that will improve the lives of Texans, not on what a capricious president wants.

Lisa Branch, Teacher
ATF
Carrollton, TX

As a Texas AFT member and public school educator in Denton County, I oppose any mid-decade redistricting that reduces minority voting influence. Our communities deserve fair maps, not political manipulation.

Virginia Dreher
Self
El Paso, TX

There should be no Redistricting. El Paso residents should be represented by someone who lives in El Paso. It is unconscionable for the Texas legislature to attempt redistricting to benefit members of the legislature rather than the constituents they are supposed to represent .

Jared Rooker
Self, Architect
Rowlett, TX

I am extremely opposed to the redistributing and further gerrymandering of the Texas House of Representatives. This action would deprive voices across the state and silence accountability for the majority.

Brittany Cordero
Self / HR
Spring, TX

Vote nay

Michael Babcock
Self
College Station, TX

I oppose partisan redistricting. Please do right by all of your constituents and vote no.

Rebecca Riggs
Self/teacher
Conroe, TX

As a teacher in Montgomery County, I oppose any mid-decade redistricting that reduces minority voting influence. Our communities deserve fair maps, not political manipulation.

Ximena Vargas
Self
Houston, TX

As proud residents of Houston, we stand firmly against any redistricting efforts that undermine the representation of our diverse and vibrant communities. Redistricting should not be used as a tool to divide neighborhoods, dilute the voices of minority populations, or disrupt the balance of fair representation in Texas.

We believe in a democratic process where every voice matters and every vote counts equally. The current redistricting proposals threaten to weaken the political power of Houston's residents by carving up districts in a way that does not reflect our shared interests, community ties, or population growth.

We urge lawmakers to prioritize transparency, fairness, and public input in this process. Any changes to district boundaries must uphold the principles of equality and justice, not serve partisan interests.

Houston is stronger when we are united, not divided. We reject any redistricting efforts that ignore the will and welfare of the people who live here.

Sabrina Blackledge
Self
Austin, TX

Committee Chair and Members,

My name is Sabrina Blackledge. I live in Austin, TX. I am a concerned citizen who is a constituent of Rep Hinojosa and of Senator Eckhardt. I hope the committee will trust that this redistricting will be understood by the public simply as a desperate act to stay in power. We know the new maps are not based on data, they are based on how to get Republican vote. I urge the committee to not drown out our voices - it will only make them louder.

Pedro García
Self
Houston, TX

You have no basis for redistricting at this time other than King Trump commanding you to do so. You are pathetic and have made the proud Texas state look as pathetic as you. We are a state who prides itself on being independent and non-conformist to the federal government. What happened to your spine Abbott? What happened to the rest of you cowards in our State Congress. We are not subjects to a dictator nor a king who thinks he can tell us how to run our state. This bill and these "proposed plans" should not pass. There has been no court mandate to redraw our districts, therefore, we should wait until the next census to properly show any changes to our populations. Thank you and may you find the courage to do the right thing.

Keyashia Barkins Grissom
Self
Plano, TX

This bill is an overt attempt to disenfranchise millions of Texas voters in order to further the self serving goals of an administration that has repeatedly proven they do not care about its constituents. Furthermore, this Bill is just proof that Texas representatives are only concerned about staying in the administration’s good graces rather than the catering to the needs of the Texans they claim to represent. Though I have no delusions that these representatives will operate in the best interests of Texans and vote no on this Bill, I hold out hope some level of good still exists in these representatives and they prove me wrong.

Donald Trump
Texas, worker
Austin, TX

This is how you destroy your constituents. I hope your CEO friends know their days are numbered.

Gail Reibenspies, Ms.
Retired, self
Dallas, TX, TX

Why is this different from Trump demanding on a phone call that 11,000 more votes be found for him?

Kimberly Truitt-Turner
self
AUBREY, TX

Special legislative sessions should be about urgent matters. Redistricting is not urgent at this time. It's just a power grab trying to minimize the power of voters in racial minority communities. This does not serve Texans.

Donna Rich
Self
Austin, TX

This bill threatens the rights and protections of our citizens and undermines the values of equality and fairness that Texans hold dear. I urge you to reject this bill and stand on the side of inclusion, freedom and fairness for all Texans.

Joyce Howard, ParaEduactor
ATF Member
Houston, TX

"As a Texas AFT member and public school educator in Harris County I oppose any mid-decade redistricting that reduces minority voting influence. Our communities deserve fair maps, not political manipulation."

Kelly Keating
Self
Austin, TX

I’m writing to express concern about the redistricting process in Texas, which poses a serious threat to democratic integrity and voter representation. This practice not only undermines the democratic principle of one person, one vote—it also diminishes the voice of historically underrepresented communities, many of whom are now carved out of competitive districts in favor of predetermined outcomes. That is not reflective of healthy democracy; it's reflective of partisan manipulation.

The way these maps have been drawn suggests a deliberate effort to concentrate political power rather than to reflect fair and accurate population shifts. Let me be clear: This manipulation of electoral boundaries leads to predetermined outcomes, eroding public trust and minimizing accountability. Texas’s redistricting maps have repeatedly raised concerns—not just because of partisan bias, but because they ignore demographic realities and suppress fair competition.

Democracy thrives when every vote carries weight. Redistricting in its current form betrays that ideal, marginalizing voices and weakening the very foundation of representative government. It’s not just unjustified—it’s a strategic assault on electoral fairness!

YOU owe it to every Texas voter to ensure fairness, transparency, and meaningful representation. I respectfully urge this body to reconsider its approach and uphold the values on which American democracy was built, as well as the enduring spirit of this Great State of Texas—BOLD, FAIR, and FREE! These are not just ideals to admire; they are principles to embody in every decision that shapes our future. Thank you for your time.

Charles Montgomery
Self
La Porte, TX

Redistricting congressional boundaries is not warranted. If anything the state should ask for more districts to represent the increased population and demographics.

Tina Lemaater
Self
El Paso, TX

Let’s put this scenario in reverse. Would you want your predominantly Republican districts to be gerrymandered to facilitate a Democrat, and one that lives up to 500 miles from your district, to represent you?

Julie F
Self, scientist
Houston, TX

There is no reason to redraw the current Houston area voting district maps in 2025 except for explicit political purpose. This agenda has been blatantly stated by the President. While this redistricting may technically be legal, it is not ethical, nor moral, as it disenfranchises those who voted for a particular representative during the last election. I expect higher ethical and moral standards from my public servants. While this redistricting effort may serve personal and political motives, it does not serve the constituents. Please do not vote for blatant gerrymandering.

Hazel Colina
Self, Software Developer
Buda, TX

Dear Texas Representatives,
Ad hoc redistricting to disenfranchise up to 30% of valid Texan voices and votes is absolutely wrong and you know it.
It is abandoning the American values of representative democracy in a bid for greedy and illegitimate control. It would further erode We the People's trust in our government and our election process. It is an abuse of the system that will throw not only Texas, but the U.S. as a whole into chaos as other states rush to do the same wrongdoing. This is not going anywhere good.
Texas Republicans have enjoyed a super-majority for many years. You can and should earn votes the right way instead of using computer tricks to cheat Texans out of their sacred right to vote and be represented.
Stop this deeply corrupt and unethical errand for a deeply corrupt and unethical man.
Texas is better than this.
Don't make us the vanguard for destroying American democracy!
Sincerely,
Hazel Colina

Brenda Shaw
Self
Brownwood, TX

Rage is what I feel when I see the districts proposed by this bill. It would eliminate both Henry Cuellars and Vincent Gonzales seats in the RGV, making them both lean Republican. It would eliminate Congressional Progressive Greg Caesar and pit Julie Johnson and Marc Veasey against each other. And the fatal blow, eliminate Al Greens seat. This is an unlawful proper grab of redistricting ordered by Donald Trump. It is a coordinated attempt to silence millions of voters, especially voters of color and rig the next decades of elections!!

David Tyson
Self/ CEO SALES
DALLAS, TX

I oppose this illegal redistricting proposal by Texas Republicans of the house. Are you looking to start protest in the 32nd and 33rd districts of Texas? Why would you even consider changing the CD MAP now? Please don't let the DOJ BULLY you. We are Texas! Your vote to oppose HB 4 is appreciated.

Jonah Popp
self
Austin, TX

This entire redistricting process is an affront to Texans and to your constituents. The people of Texas have so many other problems that you can be working on, and yet you are instead committed to kissing the feet of Donald Trump. I'm embarrassed that I even have to submit this comment, and you should be ashamed for even considering this.

Mary Chance
self
Houston, TX

Voting to redraw lines means you are a racist. Don't do it.

Myles Cooley
The citizens of Texas
Austin, TX

This blatant gerrymandering and is literally illegal. Why are yall showing the citizens of this state that yall do not care about fair representation of people and only care about gargling trumps cock? Grow a spine and do what right by the citizens and what is lawfully required. Do not gerrymander my state and do not disenfranchise my voice and many other voices in the state. Please do not vote for this bill.

Donna Bryant, Ms
Self
Houston, TX

Fair representation is all that everyone asks. If you can’t win elections without cheating, you’re not representing all your constituents. Fellas, you’re looking at a full-out, liberal/conservative revolt. Even MAGA is realizing what you’re up to. DO THE RIGHT THING, not the RIGHT-WING THING.

Jerica Nolte
Self
Houston, TX

Dear Members of the Texas Legislature,

I am writing to strongly urge you to reject Governor Abbott's proposed redistricting plan.

The foundation of our representative democracy depends on fair and impartial districts that give every Texan an equal voice in our government. Unfortunately, the current proposal appears to prioritize political preservation over the principles of transparency, accountability, and voter trust.

Texans deserve competitive districts that reflect actual communities—not ones drawn behind closed doors to favor one party or protect incumbents. When lines are manipulated to limit voter influence or reduce electoral competition, the result is a government less responsive to its citizens.

This is not a partisan issue—it is a democratic one. Redistricting should be based on geography, community ties, and population growth—not political strategy.

Please do what is right for all Texans and reject this plan in favor of a fair, open, and balanced redistricting process.

Darron Jurajda
self
Cedar Park, TX

Redistricting in Texas has become a tool for politicians to protect themselves—not to ensure fair representation. Every 10 years, after the census, districts are redrawn. In theory, it's about equal population and fair maps. In practice, it's about gerrymandering—manipulating lines to give one party an advantage and silence growing communities.

Nowhere is this clearer than in fast-growing counties like Williamson. Cities like Cedar Park, Round Rock, and Leander have seen explosive growth, driven by young families, diverse communities, and dynamic local economies. But instead of drawing districts that reflect this reality, lawmakers split these cities into multiple legislative and congressional districts—diluting their voices and undermining their ability to advocate for shared priorities like schools, transportation, and public safety.

In Cedar Park, for example, neighborhoods are often divided across two or more districts. This fragmentation isn't accidental—it's engineered. It weakens local representation and makes it harder for voters to hold officials accountable.

The result is a state where elections are increasingly noncompetitive. In 2022, more than half of legislative seats had no challenger in the general election. When politicians draw safe districts for themselves, they stop listening. Voter turnout drops, extremism rises, and the connection between elected officials and their communities erodes.

Worse, the process lacks transparency. Public hearings are often hard to access, and public input is routinely ignored. Instead of listening to Texans, map-drawers prioritize political outcomes over community integrity.

There's a better way. Independent redistricting commissions in other states have shown that fair, transparent, community-driven processes can work. Texans deserve the same: districts that keep communities together, reflect demographic realities, and give every voter an equal voice.

Redistricting isn't just about maps—it's about power. And in Texas, that power should belong to the people—not the politicians.

Peggy Hilburn
League of Women Voters
San Marcos, TX

Spend your time helping your constituents by focusing on our immediate issues such as disaster relief, public education, affordable healthcare & housing! Your craven loyalty to the demands of the convicted felon in the White House is a show of weakness.

Janet Burhoe
Self
Spring, TX

Redistricting is NOT needed! It is time that the legislature represents citizen views not trumps! If you vote for this map we will take you to court and vote you people OUT! You work for US not trump and it is time for you to act like it!

David Arce
Self / Mortgage Lender
BROWNSVILLE, TX

Totally for the redistricting. Great job everyone!

Melissa Miller
self
Austin, TX

I am a 6th-generation Texan. HB 4 is a sign that the Governor and Republican Legislators of Texas are aggressively corrupting Democracy. HB-4's only purpose is to steal my voice and my right as a United States Citizen to vote and be represented by the Legislator of my choice. This will also become a poison pill since it will lead other states to use the same tactic to countermand Abbott's response to Trump's bidding. HB-4 is bad for Texas and awful for the United States. Please, as a Legislator sworn to support Democracy, our state, and our country, do not vote for this bill. Thank You.

Jennifer Groysman
Self
Plano, TX

Dear Committee,
The last redistricting took me out of CD3 and put me in CD4. I live in West Plano and CD4 is just too large geographically for my Congress person. He doesn't have an office any where near Plano. Plano has never been in CD4 until the last redistricting. Please make all of Plano in Collin County CD3.
Thank you
Jennifer Groysman

Megan Venable
Myself
Austin, TX

Texans need you to focus on disaster recovery and prevention of future disasters, not wasting our time with political theater. The proposed changes to Texas district maps are nothing more than a political move to further disenfranchise voters in Texas. Set aside the fact that 2021 maps are already being challenged in court for voter suppression. Governor Abbott approved the 2021 maps. We know what’s happening. This is a blatant power grab to “find 5 more seats” for Trump sycophants. Focus on making life better for everyday Texans and stop cheating your way to power.

Casey Austin
Self
Bastrop, TX

This is blatant voter suppression. If you have to cheat to win, then maybe you need to rethink your position on everything and actually listen to the people you serve. Not the orange pedo in the White House or your corporate donors! You work for the people of Texas, not Donald draft dodger, pedophile, liar and a cheat Trump!

Katie Vignery
self
Austin, TX

Shame on Texas for knuckling under to outside influences and abusing the redistricting process.If this measure passes it will increase voter cynicism about fair elections and trust in governmental institutions.

Kathleen Thompson, Mrs.
self
Dallas, TX

In one week, patriotic Americans will celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Voting Rights Act passed under President and Texan Lyndon Baines Johnson. Racists have been working to overturn it since.
Now, instead of working on emergency items like flash flood mitigation and warning systems, Texas Republicans are focused on stealing our voting power. 60 years later, white guys are still calling each other and saying how Brown and Black citizens can vote.
As a proud Texan who knows we deserve better, I strongly oppose this racist redistricting scheme.

Sherry Johnson
Self
Cedar Park, TX

I am not for the current redistricting plan at all.

Misty Parker
self, professor
Portland, TX

What a cool idea, to try to rig the game in your Fuhrer's favor! Can't wait to watch it fail miserably. When you're unemployed after the next election, I hear Mar-a-Lago employs lots of young girls in their spa whose soothing touch will help melt your troubles away!

Teri Zatopek
Self
Leander, TX

I would like to oppose HB 4 and the mid-decade redistricting called by the Governor. It makes no sense to spend any time on further partisan gerrymandering when we should be 100% focused on disaster prevention and relief.

Anneliese Birdsong
self, Professor, Austin Community College
Westlake Hills, TX

This redistricting has no merit and is based upon zero research supporting an indication that the population in these districts has changed in any significant way. The only reason this is happening is because it has been mandated by a tyrannical President of the United States (who is also a CONVICTED FELON). I urge all Texas representatives to resist the pressure placed upon them by this corrupt President to redistrict and further limit the rights of the people to be FAIRLY represented by the government. Partisan politics aside, this is a significant violation of our state's rights to determine our own voting districts. Texas has always been a state of independent people who are willing to stand up against even the might of the Federal government to do what they believe is right for their state. I am saddened to see how weak and passively the vast majority of our representatives have become and how willing they are to simply bend over and mindlessly allow Donald Trump and his Federal thugs order and manipulate factors that do not belong to the Federal purview. I am asking the Texas legislature to muster a backbone against a bully and not allow this Congressional redistricting. If you allow this and do not resist this kind of pressure from outside, you are setting a disturbing precedent for what is possible in the future. Showing a weakness and willingness to do whatever Donald J Trump wants bodes very poorly for the future of Texas as an independent and sovereign state. Furthermore, it shows a lack of character and leadership that will certainly undermine your own professional authority as legitimate representatives of a population who does NOT agree with your nepharious political motivations.

Terri McCormick
Self - Administrative Assistant
Magnolia, TX

I support this bill for fair representation.

Stephanie Koithan
Self
San Antonio, TX

I oppose this illegal gerrymander which moves around 1/3 of Texans but 2/3rds of communities of color, thus disproportionately affecting them. That is what makes this illegal. You are disenfranchising and silencing black and brown people, violating section 2 of the Voting Rights Act.

Kara Meredith
Self
Keller, TX

This bill is cowardly cheating. Elections should be won fairly, not gerrymandered by corrupt politicians laundering to our president. This lacks serious integrity in the system.

Bonnie Mathias
self
Dallas, TX

I am a community activist and a labor leader and live in CD32 and HD107. That happened in 2021 after the census and subsequent redistricting which is still in litigation. The Republicans have been carving up this state for political gain for quite some time. This is not a red state as some seem to believe, this is a voter suppressed and gerrymandered state. When politicians are allowed to pick their own constituents democracy ceases to exist. This state has been told repeatedly by the same panel of Federal District Court members (2011 & 2019) - the process MUST be fair and open.
I never believed the independent spirit of the Texas GOP would be broken by an autocratic dictator.
I have listened and watched hours of testimony from constituents from all over the state. Many drove hours to make their voices heard. I listened to one person from Arlington, testifying in Arlington, in favor of this plan to, once again, disenfranchise voters of color.
How can you continue to do the bidding of the racist and bigoted executive branch of this State and of this Country? You have heard hours of testimony from all over this state, from people of all walks of life, in different professions, expressing their displeasure with this scheme perpetrated by Washington. I feel certain this committee has received hundreds of written testimonies to compound the feelings of Texans voicing their anger against mid-census redistricting.
This ‘not so special session’ should be focused on the true emergencies in our state. 138 people died in the devastating floods in central Texas just one month ago. Shouldn’t we be focused on the cause and solution so it doesn’t happen again? Texas still leads the nation in percentage of people with no health insurance. One in 4 children in Dallas County do not know where their next meal will come from. Governor Abbott turned down the money from the Feds to feed children during the Summer.
The ‘big bloated bill’ will kick in at the end of 2026. Is Texas prepared for the fall out when Medicaid cuts will devastate rural communities? What will we do when nursing homes and skilled nursing facilities have to close because there is no funding from Medicaid to keep them open?
Shouldn’t these be the issues you are focused on?

Rebecca Gruen
Self, educator
Houston, TX

The people of Texas deserve fair and equitable representation so they can confidently vote for representative that keep their distinct interests at heart. The proposed redistricting works counter to that purpose & will effectively silence the voice of Texans, Texans whose voices have been deemed undesirable by a singular figure and political group. We should reject this proposed redistricting so as not to further disenfranchise Texans.

Ryan Neyland
Self
Austin, TX

I’m reaching out to strongly oppose the current redistricting process in Texas. The use of gerrymandering to draw district lines for partisan gain undermines the core values of representative democracy. It weakens voter influence, reinforces political power structures, and compromises the fairness of our elections. Every Texan, regardless of political affiliation, deserves a redistricting process that is transparent, equitable, and free from manipulation.

It’s also troubling to see any federal executive branch, including the White House, attempting to direct how states manage their redistricting. This kind of intervention steps beyond constitutional limits and risks damaging public trust in what should be an independent process.

At the same time, it's disappointing to see some state leaders, who often advocate for states' rights, supporting measures that sideline local control. Redistricting should reflect the interests of the people, not the priorities of political power. I urge this body to oppose any approach that sacrifices fairness, transparency, or local autonomy.

Albert Highfield
NA
Canyon Lake, TX

Yes, I support this bill!

Adrian Munoz
Self
Ysleta Del Sur Purblo, TX

No gerrymandering

Jill Thrasher, Ms.
Self
Austin, TX

I oppose any mid-decade redistricting that reduces minority voting influence. Our communities deserve fair maps, not political manipulation.

Archie Wilmer
Self, Retired Military and Retired Educator
Fort Worth, TX

I urge the committee to reject the redistricting proposal. As a retired military officer of the U.S. Army and a retired Texas public school educator in Tarrant County, I oppose this unprecedented political manipulation of electoral boundaries and illegal redistricting that reduces minority voting influence. Our communities deserve fair maps, not political manipulation.

Melanie Palmer
Self
Austin, TX

I am not in favor of the bill to re district in a state in which maps are already drawn to favor Republicans. Pandering to Trump will only further endanger all Americans and place hardship on all states. This is NOT democracy. This is not Christian. This is not moral. Shame on those of you supporting an outright power grab that will harm all Texans.

Chris Brooks, Mr.
Self
EL PASO, TX

Please please please move me out of District 16. Veterans have no representation from Escobar. No matter what issue I've needed help with I've never gotten any from her staff. She tells lies in her emails. Please move east El Paso out of District 16. Thank you!

Christine Coons
Self retired
Houston, TX

I am horrified and angered by the attempted redistricting mid decade. Many people turned out at the public hearings over the last weekend to show you how much your constituents do not want this redistricting. Waiting until the hearings were over to file a map was cowardly and disingenuous. This is very clearly a partisan and racist, not to mention cowardly action. I strongly encourage all representatives to vote against this redistricting. You all cannot say in 2021 that the redistricting race blind and then in 2025, with no new data, say that districts are in violation of the voting rights act. It's absurd!

Furthermore, I am hoping that you will have angered and disrespected your constituents so much that they will not only vote you all out of office at first opportunity, but vote against any Republican representatives for Congress. Republicans and Congress are already not representing their constituents honestly. Both in Texas and at the federal level, representative government has gotten away from the people. You all are capitulating to serve one master, Donald Trump. That is not what this country was built on and that is not what the framers had in mind with three branches of government. I am ashamed

Ultimately, I hope that you all realize the terrible president you are setting by this mid decade redistricting, and that you will see fit to vote against it.

Lucia Carter
Self/Veteran
Harker Heights, TX

I am not in favor of gerrymandering my voting district to please the President. I want My Vote to count for whomever I chose. This is my right as an American and Governor you and the Texas GOP should not be leaning into authoritarianism.

Darla Jones
Self
Fort Worth, TX

VOTE NO to this RIDICULOUS proposal. It promotes racism, bias, disenfranchisement, lack of accountability, creates a polarizing political climate (AS IF IT'S ALREADY NOT BAD ENOUGH), and EVERY Republican knows it. Furthermore, it succumbs to the whims of a manipulative madman currently called President. HAVE SOME GUTS to stand up to the madman's lackey governor, HAVE A CONSCIENCE, and do what is RIGHT, what is MORAL, what you have SWORN TO DO, by standing up for the 14th Amendment of the Constitution to represent your constituents with FAIR REPRESENTATION. Anything less is despicable.

David McCardle
self - teacher
Katy, TX

This an egregious power grab at the behest of an unpopular President. You represent the people of Texas, not the person in the White House. Please act accordingly and stop this disenfranchising gerrymander.

Nancy Nichols
Firelight Books LLC
Tyler, TX

Public Comment on Texas Redistricting

I strongly oppose this undemocratic attempt to cling to power through gerrymandered maps that silence the voices of Texans. Our state is one of the most diverse in the nation, yet these proposed maps fail to reflect that reality.

Redistricting should never be about protecting incumbents or one political party—it should be about ensuring that every Texan has an equal voice in their government. I urge the Legislature to reject these unfair maps and instead draw districts that truly reflect the diversity and growth of our communities. Texans deserve representation that is fair, inclusive, and accountable to the people—not maps that are designed to shut them out.

Judith Cochren
Self
Richmond, TX

It's hard to believe we need to have this conversation. It feels like the world has gone absolutely CRAZY. Why do all the decisions favor the wealthy? Does anyone truly think about equality anymore, or is it just about SELF? I hope everyone pauses to see the BIG picture. Can we please focus on doing what's right for everyone, just this once?

Steve Halloway, Mr.
Self
Lakeside City, TX

I rise in opposition to the special session agenda to redraw Texas' Congressional Voting Districts. It's not due at this time and census data was not part of the basis used to propose the new boundaries. Texas' voting districts should not be manipulated to gain additional seats in the House of Representatives (by either party). Stop drinking the Trump coolade and stand tall for Texans!!!

Julia Reed
Self - librarian
McAllen, TX

As a proud Texan and citizen of Hidalgo County, I oppose any mid-decade redistricting that reduces minority voting influence. Our communities deserve fair maps, not political manipulation.

Rebekah Grado, MA
Self
El paso, TX

Why do Texas politicians and republicans at large insist on performing unnecessary interference—treading on their constituents—for the worse? Please go back to being the party and the state of “small government.” We see the lack of ethics, we see the lack of scruples and we see your meddling. I hope your arrogance is your downfall BEFORE we have to suffer your consequences.

Cynthia Guzman
El Paso
EL PASO, TX

Ft Bliss has always been a part of El Paso. It IS El Paso. Leave it as it is.

Lila Vance-Wilson
Self Hairstylist
Austin, TX

I oppose this bill. No more gerrymandering by the Republican Party!

irwin arnstein, mr
self
garland, TX

In the upcoming districting we can see the negative effect it has had upon the state of Texas and its citizens. If you want to consolidate power then try representing the people rather than the people who vote with their resources. The mark of a great people is how it treats the most vulnerable. Your actions will affect the state and the country and everyone involved. Choose wisely because when that big beautiful bill kicks in it will leave many in the lurch who voted for you and this time, they'll remember.

Norma Jost
Self
Austin, TX

PLEASE DRAW Texas legislative districts that keep Austin’s communities of interest INTACT. DO NOT split Travis County neighborhoods across multiple districts just to dilute voters. Prioritize compact, contiguous maps that follow city and neighborhood boundaries, comply with the Voting Rights Act, and protect effective representation for communities of color. PUBLIC TRUST depends on transparency and data-driven criteria—not partisan gerrymandering. Keep Austin-centered districts anchored in Austin, so residents can hold their representatives accountable. Thank you.

Gabrielle Donley
Self
Arlington, TX

This redistricting map is a blatant disregard for the cultural makeup of the state of Texas. Civil liberties are being stripped when the voices of the constituents aren't represented by their legislative bodies. This map is a slight to democracy everywhere and reignites the embers of racism within this country. Vote NO on redistricting

Richard Martinez
Self
El Paso, TX

Only people living in El Paso need to represent El Paso! Not someone from other cities.!

Sandra Herrera
Self
McAllen, TX

This gerrymandering requested by President Trump to Governor Abbott is rediculous! It is an obvious ploy to cheat and win more Republican seats. Thus is the Middle of the decade. The next Census is 2030! Do not change the district compositions. We the People will not forget!

Robin Griffin
self--teacher
Fort Worth, TX

As a public school educator in Tarrant County, I oppose any mid-decade redistricting that reduces minority voting influence. Our communities deserve fair maps, not political manipulation.I urge you to reject this redistricting proposal and instead insist upon fair, equitable districting that does not silence anyone's voice.

Susan Anderson
self/public school teacher
AUSTIN, TX

"As a Texas AFT member and public school educator in Dallas County, I oppose any mid-decade redistricting that reduces minority voting influence. Our communities deserve fair maps, not political manipulation."

As a Texas AFT member and public school educator in Travis County, I oppose any mid-decade redistricting that reduces minority voting influence. Our communities deserve fair maps, not political manipulation.

Billy Hendon
Self -accountant
Lewisville, TX

I disagree with re-districting mid-decade, especially when it is pure political gerrymandering intended to take choice away from people and give it to those in power. Vote NO on redistricting.

Josh Gilbreath
self
Mineola, TX

Thank you for this opportunity. While I respect Representative Hunter's service, I strongly oppose HB 4's mid-decade redistricting as fundamentally harmful to Texas democracy.

Democratic Legitimacy at Stake: Mid-decade redistricting without census justification breaks 200 years of American tradition. When politicians redraw maps solely for partisan advantage, we abandon the core principle that voters choose their representatives, not the other way around.

Texas Families Deserve Better: This proposal targets Democratic districts across Austin, Dallas, Houston, and South Texas, not because the communities have changed, but because Republicans want to secure five more guaranteed seats. That's not governance, that's manipulation of our democratic process.

Legal and Financial Risks: Texas taxpayers will fund inevitable federal lawsuits. Our state's troubled voting rights history means any partisan gerrymander faces expensive court challenges we'll lose. Why waste millions on legally vulnerable maps?

Community Destruction: These maps will slice apart neighborhoods, cities, and regions that share common interests, splitting families and communities solely for political gain.

The Real Impact:
My neighbors and I moved to districts that represent our values and needs. HB 4 would erase our voices to manufacture safe Republican seats. This isn't about party politics, it's about whether Texas respects its voters.

A Better Path Forward:
Wait for 2031's constitutional redistricting. If you must proceed now, hold extensive public hearings, use transparent criteria, and prioritize communities over partisan advantage. Texas deserves districts that reflect our diversity, not partisan calculations.

Bottom Line:

HB 4 tells Texas voters our voices don't matter, only partisan power does. This betrays our democratic values and our state's future. We can do better.

I urge you to reject HB 4 and stand with Texas voters over partisan politics.

Thank you for your service and consideration.
Josh Gilbreath - Mineola, Texas

Akeena McDonald
self
Missouri City, TX

"As a Texas AFT member and public school educator in Harris, I oppose any mid-decade redistricting that reduces minority voting influence. Our communities deserve fair maps, not political manipulation."

David Baldwin
Taxpayer and voter
Cedar Park, TX

Stop the tyranny of scared puppets that can only win through corruption.

Lori Smith, Miss
Self
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose the proposed mid-decade redistricting plan.

These maps do not reflect the will or the diversity of the people of Texas. Communities of color, who have been the backbone of our state's population growth, deserve fair representation — not to be silenced through gerrymandering. Redistricting should be about equal representation, not partisan power grabs.

Texans deserve transparency, fairness, and maps that reflect our true voices — not rushed decisions made behind closed doors.

Please reject these manipulated maps and prioritize the voices of everyday Texans.

Sincerely,
Lori Smith
(A proud and concerned Texan)

Grace Copeland
self
Manor, TX

I am writing to express my strong opposition to partisan gerrymandering and the manipulation of district maps to favor one political party—specifically, the Republican Party—at the expense of fair representation. Redistricting should be a transparent, nonpartisan process that reflects the will of the people, not a tool for any party to entrench power or gain an unfair electoral advantage.
Gerrymandering undermines the fundamental principles of democracy by allowing politicians to choose their voters instead of voters choosing their representatives. This practice leads to distorted districts that silence communities, dilute the voices of voters—especially those from marginalized groups—and erode public trust in our political system.
When maps are drawn to ensure Republican control, regardless of actual voter distribution or public will, it is not only unethical but also dangerous. It breeds polarization, discourages voter participation, and prevents meaningful political competition.
I urge the Committee to adopt fair, nonpartisan redistricting practices and ensure that every voter's voice counts equally—regardless of party affiliation. Our democracy depends on it.

George Lange
Self
Austin, TX

The people of Texas neither need nor want redistricting. Gerrymandering is dishonest and unethical. The people should choose their leaders, not the other way around. Shame on you for even considering this.

Susan Horn
Self
Spicewood, TX

Redirecting mid-decade is cheating. Texas government needs to set an example of fairness for citizens and our children. I am a fifth generation Texan and demand that our leaders support true democracy. Thank you.

Hillary Brindell
Self
Houston, TX

I'm writing to express my deep concern about the proposed redistricting efforts in Texas, which appear aimed at gaining additional Republican seats rather than ensuring fair and representative districts. As your constituent, I strongly oppose any gerrymandering that prioritizes party power over the voices of the people.
Redistricting should be about accurate representation...not manipulation. Every voter, regardless of political affiliation, deserves an equal voice in our democracy. I urge you to reject any partisan redistricting plans and support a transparent, fair process that reflects the true makeup of our communities.
Please stand for democracy and fair representation. Texans are watching.

Pamela Lynch
Self/retired teacher
Austin, TX

Stop the redistricting. Keep Texas fair.

Elizabeth Alanis
Self
Houston, TX

The redrawn maps are not drawn with any consideration of consituents and their representation. Texas' entire administration is made up of Republicans - Trump supported Republicans that don't represent the entire state of Texas. When the current president was elected, Trump won 56% of the votes here. That means that Harris won 42% of the votes. We don't have 42% of Congress that represents that minority vote. And rather than stick to the current maps that offer constituents that favor a democratic republic, the maps are being torn down in favor of giving Trump his "five more" congress people to bend the mid-terms in his favor. Why would someone that questions the integrity of our voting system say the quiet part out loud? Our governor and his administration is indicating that they will do what Trump asks without thinking of the constituents in the state of Texas. Governor Abbott said the maps were being redrawn because of a case that took place in Galveston, but why then is Harris County chopped up into tiny bits? Shame on you for not adhering to the will of the people. Nothing is ever put on a ballot for voters to decide, but rather determined by a biased group of politicians with their own agenda in mind.

Barb Schmidt
Citizen and home owner
Coppell, TX

The redistricting movement is absurd and totally unfair to many of us in this state! Please, please recognize that you are hurting your constituents and are not listening to the people that elected you! This is a shameful attempt to maintain power and blindly look away and not listen to the people you are supposed to represent!

Brenda Shea
Self
AUSTIN, TX

I am adament in my opposition to the redistricting "plan" as laid out in HB 4. The PEOPLE have a constitutional right to have their views expressed through a fair and representative process. WE select our leaders. Leaders do not get to pick their constituents. Why not express policies that a majority can support rather than attempting to rig elections through ludicrous redrawn district maps. Legislators, come back to Earth and support the people. Quit blindly supporting outlandish directives from the federal government. We are TEXANS. We make our own decisions!

Kamryn Leary
self
Austin, TX

fuck you

Marla Ferguson
Self
Cedar Park, TX

Representative, while they have a party affiliation, are elected to represent their constituents. To hastily redistrict with a party affiliation in mind is damaging to the voice of your constituent. Let's slow down and give thought to this topic before rushing in with agendas as the main goal

Jennifer Zarate
Self
Maypearl, TX

I support the map as drawn.

Calista Herbert
Self
Houston, TX

This mid-decade redistricting process is unwarranted, unjust, and unethical. And now the proposed district maps are a sham of equal representation. They are a disgrace to democracy. Stop this redistricting process now.

Lorinda Cockrell
Self
Houston, TX

I'm against the redistricting. We have the right to representation. What the Republicans is atrocious. I want my voice and the voices of the people living in my district to have representation that will listen to us. Not the President who will never see me, not the governor who dies the work of the president and not the people who he was voted in to represent. I say NO to this bill. It gerrymandering at its worse.

Michael Wilkins, Mr
Self - Business Owner
Austin, TX

To the members of the committee: I am opposed to the proposed redistricting plan put forward by Governor Abbot in order to gerrymander our Texas legislature. Not only does this run against our practices, it demonstrates a cynical “any means to an end” approach to politics that corrodes public faith in the democratic processes of government. This is the first time since I first came to Texas in 1971 I have felt a need to speak out against what our state government is proposing. Please don’t let the federal government dictate your actions. Leave our districts alone until after the next census. Let Texans decide who is elected. End partisan gerrymandering!

Elizabeth Schaeffer
Self
Austin, TX

Stop this! Ridiculous overreach! Gerrymandering at its best! Abbot needs to stop being a puppet for trump!

Alma Mendoza
Myself
Duncanville, TX

Do not redistrict! Do not redistrict! Do not redistrict!

Dan Schuhmacher, mr.
self
Austin, TX

This is a power grab and gerrymandering I am against it! One man one vote!

Dorothy O'Neal
Self; Front office specialist
Round Rock, TX

The proposed congressional redistricting is a waste of legislative time and against the will of Texas citizens. Congressional districts should be made to fairly represent the views of their constituents. This is a blatant attempt at gerrymandering to misrepresent the will of our fellow Texans. The United States of America was founded around the rallying cry of "No taxation without representation", but now that one of our leaders wants to remove fair, democratically elected Congresspeople, our legislative body is folding rather than standing up for the rights of the state. Vote NO to this unlawful congressional redistricting proposal, and support the true wishes of the citizens of Texas. Instead, draw maps that represent the fullness of your Texas constituents.

Linda Ricks
Self
Midlothian, TX

Dear Members,

I strongly support the redistricting map as is drawn and think it more accurately represents the voters in these areas.

Thank you,
Linda Ricks
Midlothian

Brittany Thomas
Self
Lewisville, TX

It is not okay to redistrict the state to benefit one party over the other. Gerrymandering should be illegal when it allows one party to benefit itself over the other. ALL Texans should have their voices heard and this silences a large majority of voters voices

Maria Luisa Tirres
Texas resident
El Paso, TX

What a privilege you have been given by Texans who elected you to office. I trust that election to your office was won fairly and without manipulation or force from eternal sources. As you consider this proposal to change congressional districts, I ask you to do the justice to all Texans who deserve your ethical, sincere and just response. Each district has a voice. Please do not drown that voice by heeding to selfish interests, fears or dangerous game playing. Vote against Redistricting.
Respectfully, MLT

Linda Gelfand
Self
Austin, TX

Redistributing mid term to purposely gerrymander and gain seats for the Republicans is wholly undemocratic. Vote down this awful measure. Fair representation is the bedrock of a properly functioning democracy

Lars Stanley
self, voter
Austin, TX

I am totally OPPOSED the proposed Congressional redistricting. It is preposterous and cowardly that any American would propose such illegal and unfair practices. This behavior is cheating and un-American. This behavior is common in communist countries like Russia and China that are run by weak dictators who are afraid of the voters and can't win elections by any other means because they are such horrible leaders. Any one who supports this behavior is basically a traitor to American laws, our constitutional republic and American ideals and should be ashamed. In 73 years as an American I'm shocked at how our own politicians will stoop so low.

Elizabeth Moran, Ms.
Self
San Antonio, TX

I am strongly opposed to the Redistricting of Texas election districts. It is unfair to change it so that Republicans have the advantage.

Sara Haight
self
Hurst, TX

I am commenting is strong opposition to mid decade redistricting. Current maps are still in the courts being litigated against even after the GOP approved them and won on them. Until they are out of courts, until we have additional census information, and until we have a truly non partisan group to convene and draw upon the VRA, the current maps must stand. The current maps are already beyond gerrymandered and any adjustments should come at the behest of the people, not the federal government. If you really want to do this, put it on a ballot in November.

Kristine Reyna
Self
San antonio, TX

Good morning, committee members. My name is Kristine reyna. I am a high school English teacher with Northside ISD. I live in San Antonio, TX, and I am a constituent of senate district 26.

As a Texan, I wish that this legislature was meeting today to work on funding education for all our children in Texas and ensuring efficient emergency systems are in place to protect our most vulnerable communities. Instead, I am here to testify against this immoral attempt to redraw our congressional districts in the middle of the decade.

I'm blessed to share my life, happiness and hardships with family, friends, neighbors and coworkers. When disaster strikes, we support each other. And these are the people I should be sharing a representative with them, not with a neighborhood out in Bastrop I've never stepped foot in.

Texas has a long history of discriminating against communities of color when drawing new maps, such as communities of color in Houston which have seen their voting power diluted for decades. I am concerned that the same thing will happen this time. This legislature should draw more representative opportunity districts for communities of color instead of working to decimate their civic power.

I appreciate the chance to testify virtually from San Antonio. The redistricting process is far-reaching and has implications that surpass our state borders. It's crucial that community input is considered. Our representatives need to be sure that their constituents are educated on voting issues, voting policies and voting rights. These hearings should take months, or at least weeks. Instead, they're being squeezed into only five days. This is unjust at best and conniving at worst. At the very least, we should wait until the court rules on the 2021 maps to redraw again.

As a community member of southwest Texas, I ask this committee to be fair and transparent. We deserve competitive, representative districts.

Thank you.

Melissa Endicott
Self
Houston, TX

As a Texan, I am absolutely disgusted to see our state legislators bending the knee and capitulating to the president's demands to gerrymandering our Texas districts. You are scared you can't win in a fair election so you a trying to grab power that you don't deserve. Shame on you. You need to stand up, use your spine and do what is right for Texas. Do you want to win fairly or cheat your way to keeping power?

Rachel Gunter
self/historian
Anna, TX

Texas already has maps that give the Republican Party an advantage over Democrats. We see this in the AP statistical analysis of our representatives versus our actual voting population. To grossly exaggerate this advantage to the point that Texas's congressional representatives are no longer representative of the state would be a grave error. Our founders rejected a government that taxed them in Parliament without their say in colonial legislatures with their one elected representatives. This map would leave much of the state without accurate representation. We would abandon any principle of representative democracy or legitimate authority in our representatives through such unprincipled maneuverings. When the idea of republicanism began circulating in the colonies, its adherents argued that one should never put more power into government than one would willing hand over to your political enemy. You are creating a system you would never want to be on the other side of. Gerrymandered districts also encourage primary candidates to run further away from the center to capture the nomination. Not only would this map hurt Texas by leaving us without representative elected officials, it would harm the Republican Party leaving more radical and less electable candidates representing them in the general elections. I shouldn't have to tell you that democracy, republicanism, and civics should matter to you.

Stacy Green
Self
Georgetown, TX

Please stop the corrupt practice of gerrymandering and get back to more important topics like helping the flood victims, fixing our failing electric grid, and helping Texans meet their basic needs! I'm sick to death of our states corrupt politician focusing on all the wrong things and none of the right ones!

Patricia (Trish) Koran
Self
Prosper, TX

This bill is a CRIME & I do NOT support it. What a shameful, glaringly apparent way to manipulate an election. So despicable.

Michelle Adler
Self
Austin, TX

As a Texas AFT member and social worker in Travis County, I oppose any mid-decade redistricting that reduces minority voting influence. Our communities deserve fair maps, not political manipulation. We deserve representation that matches the diversity and interests of our communities.

Mayela Sepulveda
Self
El Paso, TX

I am commenting in support of the redistricting of Texas and El Paso Texas. For too long we have had little representation, only the voice of far left democrats is allowed the voices of center democrats or republicans is not allowed at all. I look forward to the redistricting of Texas and for all voices to be heard.

Jay Davis
self Legal Analyst
Austin, TX

The purposed redistricting map will put 5 Democrat seats at risk by cracking them and using geography to more closely pack these into GOP lean seats. It is also deeply unfair to citizens of Hidalgo county

Martha Boethel

Roadrunner study group, a motley crew of citizens concerned about the health of our democracy

Austin, TX

I have seen the proposed redistricting map for Central Texas. I am outraged — and, frankly, astounded — that elected officials who are sworn to represent your constituents and to work for liberty and justice for all citizens, are willing to go to such indefensible lengths. In order to obey a corrupt president who likes to call himself king, are you truly willing to out-and-out steal the voices of millions of Texas citizens? Have you no decency? You have no democratic principles to stand on, no righteous ground — nothing except the sheer will to grab and hold power at any cost.

If you push through this plan, 80 percent of Texans will be represented by Republicans — unless, of course, this steal-the-vote maneuver lights a fire under independents and Democrats who know that, in a democracy, our votes should count, too.

If you push through this plan, dissecting Austin like a frog in biology class, Austinites will be represented by Congressmembers who are based as far away as Victoria, San Angelo and Waco — unless the people of Texas rise up and just say no.

If you push through this plan, Austinites will be represented by four Republicans and one Democrat — unless voters who are fed up with chaos, cowardice and corruption go to the polls next November and just say no.

There’s an excellent chance this gerrymander will turn out to be a “dummymander” — it’s based on dangerously wobbly assumptions about voter turnout and about citizens’ tolerance for the Trump/Abbott agenda. I can promise that I, and everyone I know, will do everything in our power to turn out the vote and defeat every elected official who chooses to kowtow to Donald Trump rather than defend democracy and ensure fair representation for all citizens.

Sharon Bullard, Mrs.

Self

El Paso, TX

Despicable. I wonder just how low the Republicans can go.

Rosalie Paul

Self

El Paso, TX

The redistricting map proposed is outrageously gerrymandered and Abbot and politicians who approve it know it. You are elected to serve us. The people of this state. Not your own selfish agendas.

Antonio Cassagnol, LTC (Ret)
Self
El Paso, TX

Good afternoon TX Legislature! I am opposed to the redistricting on Congresswoman Veronica Escobar's district as proposed by this body for the following reason: And specifically for El Paso, the new map revisits the previous redistricting battle, which cuts out the airport and Fort Bliss from the district.

As Congresswoman Escobar mentioned in her statement:
This means our needs would be handed over to a representative who regularly votes against the interests of El Pasoans (who has voted to cut Medicare, Medicaid, veterans programs, nutrition programs, infrastructure funding, water and wastewater funding, and more), only briefly visits the district when time permits, and who prioritizes assets and needs of constituents who are closer to his home in San Antonio... El Pasoans stood up to demand our community be represented by someone who lives here, not over 500 miles away. The other representative does not support the interests of El Paso, TX, Veterans Vital issues, improving immigration at the border, infrastructure needs of West Texas, improving VA services to Veterans and their families, increase Medicaid and Medicare to our population --- while Congresswoman Escobar does. He is unresponsive to his constituents due to the fact he is 500 miles away. He is very ineffective in supporting his registered voters in Hudspeth and El Paso County TX. Congresswoman Escobar has supported Veterans and US Military at Fort Bliss by securing vital construction funding over the years for new ranges and support structures at and supporting the newly constructed William Beaumont Army Medical Center and the new VA Health Care Center currently under construction. The other representative opposes all the above efforts and has never supported these vital programs and projects. Place Fort bliss entirely in Congresswoman Veronica Escobar's district.

Celia Zamadics
Self
AUSTIN, TX

I am opposed to this map. This map is wrong. It is undemocratic. It is cheating. Why is Abbott and the republicans allowing the Pedo in the White House to bully him? Our democracy is failing because of garbage like this. If democrats did this, republicans would have a fit. It is time to play fair and do the right thing for everyone.

Liza Binkley
Self
Austin, TX

Please stick to your guns and limit your redistricting efforts to the fair and proper frequency of once per decade. To me, a Texas born and raised citizen, it appears to me that you've lost what makes you a true Texas Republican, and you are catering to Trump's demands, which are unfair and discriminatory. In 1989, President George Bush proposed outlawing gerrymandering. I ask that you look within yourself and bring back the honorable mentality of "Let the best person win".

Daniel Meza
self/specialist
Spring, TX

As a lifelong Texas resident and US citizen, I am strongly against any form of mid-year redistricting. Especially while the most recent maps are still in litigation. This is a blatant and bold faced attempt to preemptively rig the districts ahead of the 2026 midterms. Any member of the House who votes in favor of this proposal is an outright embarrassment to our state and an enemy of democracy. If you vote for this proposal, you are bringing shame unto yourselves and into our state capitol. You should try and preserve the little dignity you have left and reject this proposal. Thank you.

Erin Segers
self
Manor, TX

This is a disgusting display of CHEATING to further dismantle what this state and country were founded on: DEMOCRACY. When the government is no longer for the people, we the people must unite to fight against this fascist state. I've never been more disgusted to be a Texan. This country no longer resembles anything I grew up to know it to be, because democracy is dying with every move with the current administration. If you stand for this, you are RESPONSIBLE FOR DESTROYING DEMOCRACY. SHAME SHAME SHAME!

Kathy Eads, Ms.
Self - Public High School Teacher
Pasadena, TX

Just a few years ago Texas was gerrymandered so that the Republican Party would be sure to hold more seats in the state and federal legislatures, which should be illegal. All districts should be drawn so that each district isn't more of one party than another. This redistricting is no more than stealing elections from the people of Texas. Gerrymandering takes away all Texans ability to have the choice of the people who represent them. If you do further gerrymander Texas, you will be on the wrong side of history. Those who vote for gerrymandering will be remembered as people of zero integrity, morals, and values. Stand up for what is right. If you must redraw the districts, do it so that no district is gerrymandered. Thank you.

Richard Lavine
Self
Austin, TX

I object to mid-census redistricting. I particularly object to the lack of compact districts that can best reflect a community of interest.

Jini Berman
Self retired
Wimberley, TX

Please don’t do it. Let our people vote honestly. You can’t win in the long run, by constantly making up new rules and ignoring the thousands of us who want and honest representation. Please!!! Do the right thing. Not the thing that’s gonna protect YOUR job

Heather Aguilar
Indivisible
San Antonio, TX

In the cities we deserve representation that is supportive of our needs . We have not been able to view maps prior . The redistricting that is proposed violates the VRA . I demand representatives that reflects our unique communities .

Yolanda Arroyo
Self
El Paso, TX

Please leave the representation of El Paso as it is, we have struggled for money all the time and now with this bill you are leaving us without a representative that doesn’t know our problems. We need someone who totally understands and knows our problems not someone that lives miles away and doesn’t know our problems

Megan Capshaw
self
Dallas, TX

I am against republican gerrymandering in Texas.

Celisha Drake
Self
Magnolia, TX

I do not want redistricting done

Kortney Martinez
Self
Round Rock, TX

I do not support this redistricting plan. It feels like the Republicans of this legislature are trying to go behind Texans' back on so many issues, especially this one. We are your constituents, whether you like what we have to say or not does not matter - we elected you and your job is to represent US, not any other billionaire or business.

Eric Williams
SELF
AUSTIN, TX

The vile and undemocratic power grab that is the redistricting bill is an absolute travesty, designed solely to disenfranchise citizens and cement minority rule. It is unconscionable and grossly authoritarian, and is an affront to all people who support and love democracy.

Wanda Longoria
self
San Antonio, TX

Texans All have the right and deserve to be represented across all facets of our state. To redistrict and carve out (5) new congressional seats for the GOP goes against our democratic process. We the people of TEXAS have elected our leaders to represent us ALL! By carving out these districts, you are attempting to drown out the voices of Texans of color and grabbing unprecedented power. This is morally wrong and against all our nation proports to be: equal, free, and democratic!

Mark Emerson
Self
Pflugerville, TX

I have been a fierce supporter of President Trump since he came down the golden escalator with Melania a decade ago. Our Republican majority in the US House is dangerously slim. President Trump has just asked the Texas Legislature to move forward with redistricting to INCREASE that Republican majority. I do not know the exact structure of the redistricting proposed by HR 4, but it should MAXIMIZE our majority. The US Constitution provides for a census every decade, which generally requires redistricting thereafter. But it does not prohibit a state from doing additional redistricting between censuses. The Democrats play hardball against us at every turn, and they play CRIMINAL HARDBALL against President Trump. It's time for y'all to play LEGAL HARDBALL on this to increase our US House majority. Thank you, God Bless you, God Bless Texas, and God Bless America.

Lori Payne Benker
Self, therapist
Wylie, TX

I am a native Texan and I am not ok with redistricting in order to give the GOP more seats. It is unethical and not in our state's best interest, especially for our diverse communities. No to redistricting.

Trish Woodall, Ms
Self
Ft Worth, TX

Do not recklessly change the districts just to suit your political gain

Sara VandenBosch
self/teacher
Pasadena, TX

I am against this redistricting plan. Districts should be drawn to represent the people who live in a similar area, with similar needs, not to negate the impact that a group of people could have. The Texas districts would become ridiculous if redrawn.

Alison Westermann
Self, delivery driver
El Paso, TX

The redistricting map for El Paso makes NO logical sense. Why on Earth would you cut it into pieces and then give those pieces to a legislator who won't live anywhere near El Paso?! That makes no sense. Leave Ft. Bliss alone. Stop the gerrymandering! This is a blatant kowtow to a bully in DC - stand up for yourselves, Texans!

Adam Lamont
Self
Dallas, TX

I am strongly opposed to this redistricting which I see as unnecessary and silencing the voices of Texans. It's bad for our democracy to constantly have shifting lines for our districts, and this sets a terrible precedent where congressmen pick their districts, not the districts picking their congressmen.

Sabrina Hunt
self
Austin, TX

This new map is an egregious attempt to disenfranchise minority voters for the sole purpose of keeping Republicans in the majority. This is a blatant and shameful power grab that does nothing to represent all Texans equally. I strongly oppose this map!

Kirk Wright
self
Austin, TX

As a resident of Bee Cave, Texas, I am writing to express my strong opposition to the current redistricting process taking place in the Texas Legislature.

Redistricting outside the normal post-census cycle undermines public trust and democratic norms. This effort—driven by political pressure rather than demographic necessity—appears to be designed solely to entrench partisan power at the expense of fair representation. It is not only premature, but it also defies the precedent of drawing district maps only once every ten years, after the federal census.

The proposed maps are deeply flawed and blatantly disenfranchise communities across Texas, especially in urban centers like Austin. Instead of drawing lines that respect communities of interest and reflect the growing diversity of our state, these maps divide neighborhoods, dilute minority representation, and diminish the power of voters in fast-growing areas.

This kind of partisan gerrymandering is not what Texans deserve. It is an abuse of power and a threat to representative democracy.

I urge you to oppose these maps, stand up for fair representation, and commit to redistricting only when required—after a census and through a transparent, community-driven process.

Respectfully,
Kirk Wright
4305 Adirondack Summit Dr
Bee Cave, TX 78738

Veronica Hernandez, Ms.
Socorro AFT
El Paso, TX

"As a Texas AFT member and public school educator in El Paso County, I oppose any mid-decade redistricting that reduces minority voting influence. Our communities deserve fair maps, not political manipulation."

Susan Smith, Ms.
Self, legal assistant
Houston, TX

Trump's mid-decade push for redistricting is a transparent power-grab. If Texas republican elected officials submit to his orders, they are corrupt and anti-democracy. This is not news, unfortunately. The 2021 redistricting was challenged in court for violating the Voting Rights Act. Republican lawmakers: if you move forward with this redistricting, we will not forgive. We will not forget. We will resist. Even republican voters are outraged by this. Be prepared to lose your jobs and go down in the history books as traitors who used the Constitution as toilet paper.

Mary Crowe
Self- Teacher
Austin, TX

I am an elementary school teacher in Austin. Every year I teach my students about voting, our democracy, and the freedom we have in this country. And how we have a rich and beautiful diversity and unalienable rights and protected voices in this country. That if they help others, work hard, and live honestly they can live a wonderful life here. I have never been especially patriotic, yet I try to inspire hope in my students so they can be that bright new population of empathy and passion that can bring forward progress.

I am begging members of our state government and adjoining branches and organizations to halt this brutal, blatant corruption. We have a chance to actually let the people's voice be heard and it is disgusting that it being brazenly discussed to gerrymander and cheat. And for the benefit of an unfit tyrant who wants to dissolve our homes and lives.

If you described this honestly, factually to any student they would call it dishonest and corrupt. And if a seven year old has the morals to sense when something wrong is happening, then so do you.

Let our votes mean something. Let us have a place and a voice and a power in what happens in our home. Because without that, this isn't even close to the democracy we celebrate it to be. Stop this biased, corrupt, unethical, intentional gerrymandering.

Jake Odom
Self
Palestine, TX

I’m submitting this comment in opposition to House Bill 4, which proposes a mid-decade redistricting of Texas congressional seats. I believe this action is unjustified, untimely, and harmful to public trust in our state’s democratic process.

First and foremost, Texas completed its constitutionally required redistricting after the 2020 census. There has been no new census since then, and no legal or demographic trigger justifying the need to redraw congressional districts at this time. Redistricting is supposed to follow the census, not presidential preferences or political pressure. Attempting to redraw the map now—before the current court challenges to the existing districts are even resolved—sends a troubling message to voters: that power, not fairness or accuracy, is driving our legislative decisions.

House Bill 4 appears designed to create five additional seats favorable to one political party. This kind of partisan redistricting, especially mid-decade and outside the standard census cycle, undermines faith in our elections. It gives the impression that elected officials are choosing their voters instead of voters choosing their representatives. It encourages similar power grabs in other states and escalates a national trend of gerrymandering that erodes democracy for everyone.

Furthermore, these proposed maps raise serious concerns about the dilution of voting power in minority and urban communities—particularly in areas like Austin, Houston, and South Texas. Texas is already facing lawsuits for allegedly violating the Voting Rights Act during the last round of redistricting. Pushing through an even more aggressive map while those legal issues remain unresolved not only disrespects that process but increases the likelihood of prolonged litigation and potential court intervention.

No matter where someone stands politically, voting should be equal and representative. Manipulating districts to sideline entire communities and shift outcomes in advance of an election is not a sustainable or ethical way to govern. It may benefit one side in the short term, but in the long term, it undermines the legitimacy of our institutions.

Texas should be leading with integrity and transparency, not trying to engineer outcomes behind closed doors with maps drawn in backrooms. I urge the Legislature to reject HB 4 and instead prioritize fair, transparent, and census-based redistricting practices that reflect real demographic change—not political expedience.

Thank you.

jessica billeaud
Self
Austin, TX

I am an Austin resident and deeply concerned Texan. I've paid taxes in this state for 15 years. My understanding of State vs Federal government, especially in this proud Lone Star State, is that the State serves its people first and foremost. This bill is clearly utilizing Texas as a tool for the Federal government, for the national Republican party, and for President Trump. How dare you! You are in office to serve us. Do better!

Tamara West-Bray
Self
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose this bill as well as any and all attempts to Redistricting Texas at this time.

Samantha Losoya
SELF
Round Rock, TX

This is outrageous, and every single one of you knows the evil you're choosing to act on. FIGHT FAIR. Yall wanna talk about fairness, and yet you're constantly changing the game. This bill is a betrayal of the citizens of Texas, INCLUDING your supporters who will ultimately pay the highest price in rural counties. There's no way this should pass, and DONALD J TRUMP IS A CRIMINAL. GREG ABBOTT IS A CRIMINAL. KEN PAXTON IS A CRIMINAL. WE WANT REAL REPRESENTATION - YOU WONT WIN. LOVE PREVAILS - ALWAYS.

McKeithan Smith, CSM, Retired US Army
CSM, Retired, US Army
El Paso, TX

This proposed redistricting bill is designed to give Republicans a political ballot advantage by illegally jerrymandering district boundaries. It is a devious attempt at voter dilution and voter suppression by Gov. Abbott and the Republican controlled Texas legislative bodies. Gov. Abbott has conceded the sovereignty of Texas to President Trump. This is an affront to states rights previously supported by Abbott and other red state governments to suppress and disenfranchise thousands of Texas voters. It is a desperate measure that serves only to continue to divide Texas voters along artificially drawn political boundaries. I vehemently oppose such a measure.

Sarah Hatler
Self
Arlington, TX

This blatantly racist gerrymandering should not be allowed. Wait for the proper time at the next census to draw new maps. It's such an embarrassment seeing the lengths our state government goes to to deny its citizens their voting rights and powers. You work for us. Do your job and follow the law.

Gloria Brown, Mrs
Seld
Blanco, TX

Why is redistricting necessary when we do not have new census data? Hearings started before maps were submitted. This whole process is unethical especially when thousands of Texans are still reeling from Central Texas flooding. Flood relief should be TOP of the Texas legislative agenda.

Diana Alaniz
Self
McAllen, TX

"I urge the committee to reject this mid-decade redistricting proposal…"

Corey Pudhorodsky, MR
self
Austin, TX

I am writing to express my deep concern and dismay over the proposed congressional redistricting plan in Texas. While the headlines often frame this as a partisan issue, the reality is far more troubling: this redistricting effort threatens to further entrench power among those who are already privileged, while diminishing the voices of underrepresented and marginalized communities.

Redistricting should be about fair representation for all Texans, not about securing political advantage for those already in power. When district lines are manipulated to favor one group over another, it undermines the very foundation of our democracy. People who are already struggling to be heard stand to lose even more ground.

I urge lawmakers to reconsider this approach and prioritize transparency, fairness, and true representation. Every Texan deserves to have their voice counted equally, regardless of their background or zip code. Our democracy is strongest when everyone has a seat at the table, not just the wealthy and well-connected.

Sergio Trevino
self
Weslaco, TX

As a concerned Texan, I am alarmed by the significant disparity in our state's congressional representation. Non-Hispanic white Texans make up just about 40 percent of the population, yet hold roughly 80 percent of congressional seats. This imbalance reflects the ongoing dilution of Hispanic and Black voting power. These communities represent 40.2 percent and 12.15 percent of the population, respectively, but are drastically underrepresented in political office.

This must be addressed in the 2025 redistricting process. Fair and equitable representation is not only a democratic principle, it is a legal requirement under the Voting Rights Act.

Texas's population has increased by 40 percent since 2000. Over 95 percent of that growth is due to people of color, especially Hispanic communities. Yet in the 2021 redistricting cycle, the number of majority-Hispanic districts dropped from eight to seven, and majority-Black districts were completely eliminated. Only about eight of forty congressional seats reflect majority-minority representation. If representation were proportional, Hispanic Texans alone would hold closer to sixteen seats.

The 2025 mid-decade redistricting, prompted by a Department of Justice letter citing racial gerrymandering concerns in four congressional districts, presents an opportunity for reform. However, current proposals suggest creating up to five new Republican-leaning, likely majority-white districts. This would further entrench the existing imbalance.

Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act prohibits vote dilution. The criteria established by Thornburg v. Gingles are clearly met in Texas. Hispanic and Black voters are numerous and geographically concentrated in areas like Houston, Dallas, and the Rio Grande Valley. They show strong voting cohesion, with 81 percent of Black voters and 53 percent of Hispanic voters supporting candidates like Harris in 2024. White voters, who often support Republican candidates, regularly vote in opposition to these communities' preferences.

The 2021 maps used tactics like "cracking" and "packing" to reduce the influence of communities of color. These maps, backed by the National Republican Redistricting Trust, were designed to secure partisan advantage while undermining multiracial representation. The Department of Justice and civil rights groups, including MALDEF, have filed lawsuits asserting that these maps violate the Voting Rights Act. These claims are supported by the recent Supreme Court ruling in Allen v. Milligan.

I urge the Texas Legislature to:

Comply with the Voting Rights Act and ensure Hispanic and Black voters can elect candidates of their choice

Increase majority-minority districts to reflect demographic growth

Consider independent redistricting commissions to reduce partisan bias

Improve transparency and public participation in the map-drawing process

Texas's diversity is its strength. Our representation should reflect it.

Dustin Blystone
Self / Gospel Ministry
El Paso, TX

I have been an El Paso native for my whole life, born and raised, and I am in full support of the redistricting plan which will hopefully give more conservative and moderate El Pasoans like myself representation which we have not had for decades. It is very frustrating to only have far left Democrats, like Veronica Escobar, to go to with our local representation concerns as she will not represent the voices of a multitude of conservatives and moderates who live in El Paso. El Paso is a very apolitical environment and a very nice community of people who mostly don't like to divide over politics and ideology. There is certainly very few far left individuals here in El Paso, but unfortunately, with El Paso, generationally speaking, being Democrat leaning due to the relatively recent history of the Democratic Party being perceived as the party of the blue-collar worker and the under dog and for the common people which by inertia has carried over from the 80's and 90's to our present day, and that general perception hangs like a dark cloud over many Democrats who would be absolutely appalled and horrified at the actual policies they are voting for when they vote for a Democrat like Veronica Escobar and others; however, due to the general apolitical nature of El Paso they are largely unaware of this. This is why they are largely kept in the dark by legacy media with a general "hate Trump" and all of his affiliates and associates and all Republicans like the plague even though they couldn't iterate their actual positions on policies that benefit family, freedom, and faith. They just "phone in" their vote without doing the research with 80's thinking of voting against Republicans is like voting against "the man", when in fact, Democrats have actually become the very thing they claim to have hated all these decades: they've become "the man." I am pleased that I got the notification from Veronica Escobar to give my feedback to this plan. Even though my blood curdles whenever I get an email from her, it is very good to publicly give my full support of Texas' redistricting plan to give conservative and moderate and generally sane and well-balanced El Pasoans a voice they haven't had for a very long time. If there is any way to include my zip code in the redistricting plan, even better! Unless and until the Democrat Party repents for its wicked, godless, and despicable policies, practices, lies, deceit, perversions, injustices, woke ideologies, and the like, they deserve to have every chastening possible come upon them. Please proceed with Texas redistricting with my FULL support! (And yes, I USED TO vote Democrat.)

Kathleen Fowler, Mrs.
Self
Lubbock, TX

I’m tired of you not representing your constituents. Yet again, your ears are on Trump and not on what your constituents want. Your redistricting plan is following Trump as he destroys our country with racism, authoritarianism, and thinking he’s above the law. Say no to your gerrymandering! Allow all those who don’t agree with you to have a voice. As a lifelong republican, I’m done with your kind of politics. You pander to a horrific person who shows his true colors every time he speaks or makes an ‘almighty’ decision which apparently are your true colors, too, if you support him. Everyone deserves to have their votes matter and your gerrymandering will take voices away.

Sarah Lewis
Self
Kerrville, TX

I am writing to express my disappointment in this whole effort to steal more seats, and would urge you all to vote no.

Daira Becerra
Self/LULAC
Dallas, TX

HB 4 goes against fair and just democracy; it allows for corruption. How can a representative in a horseshoe district fairly represent its constituents, especially when the district covers different area codes or municipalities? Unfortunately Texas follows gerrymandering to gain certain political seats for a particular party instead of fairly representing the political party that represents its people. So far the states has ignored the will of the people especially during election time or for certain policies being voted on. This is also an act of cowardice otherwise this bill wouldn't have been created. I believe that sponsors of this bill don't want the state to have the possibility of changing party control. This seems like a last ditch effort to maintain certain people in power for as long as possible because the tides are changing(or there is a possibility). Democratic leaders are fighting for our rights and that scares the other party. What would happen if we don't this? Will the tides change or will it stay the same? Either way, by not changing the composition of existing districts,will make Texas constituents have more trust in the Texan government. While republicans are focused on this issue and other nonsense, democrats have been mobilizing community support efforts. Does this government want to continue to go down in history as one that doesn't care about its people?

Megan Raby
self
Austin, TX

As a proud Texan and resident of Austin, I urge the committee to reject this mid-decade redistricting proposal in the strongest possible terms. This proposal is undemocratic and blatantly partisan. Voters should select our leaders, not the other way around. Every citizen has a constitutional right to be heard.

Rudy Preciado
Self
Amarillo, TX

I am against redistricting just to steal the election from the Democrats and get more seats for Republicans. You know it's a power grab this is not to make it more evenly divided it's Jerry mandarin at its worst you're trying to steal an election.

Jennifer Mata, Ms.
Self
Austin, TX

Redistricting to win votes proves you are without a backbone. We are watching you cheat and what's worse is you can no longer be trusted.

Kendall Thatcher
Self- Dyslexia Specialist
Saginaw, TX

Stop trying to take away our voices! We have voted. The people have spoken and chosen OUR representatives! Trust our decisions!

Barbara Fuhrman, Dr
Self
Austin, TX

I strongly disagree with this bill. Redistricting should not be allowed until after the next census is taken.

Lynn Campaigne
Individual
Seguin, TX

We need real representation. Abbott is scamming the people.

Hilarie Benedetto
Self/Paraprofessional
Grapevine, TX

As a Texas AFT & UEA member and public school paraprofessional in Tarrant County, I oppose any mid-decade redistricting that reduces minority voting influence. Our communities deserve fair maps, not political manipulation."

Trina Martinez
Seld
Wimberley, TX

What are you guys thinking?!! How is this a fair representation of the people of Texas. Texans deserve better than this

JK vaughan, Dr
Self
Bedford, TX

This is a ridiculous and unnecessary redistricting. It is clearly unfair and unconstitutional and does not represent the districts fairly. I am completely opposed to this blatant abuse of power to try and maintain a horrible false representation of these communities

Lisa Cage
self/ minister
Northlake, TX

As a Texas AFT member and as licensed and ordained minister in Denton County, I oppose any mid-decade redistricting that reduces minority voting influence. Our communities deserve fair maps, not political manipulation. I urge you to STOP this madness and do the job you were voted in to do which is to represent the wants and needs of the PEOPLE, Not take orders from a want to be KING. My father fought in wwll and I am SO glad he is not here to relive the Natzi take over of our great nation! Thank you for doing the right thing, which is NOT redistricting!

Alayne Jurgens
Self
Georgetown, TX

Unbelievable how crooked those of you voting for “Redistricting” are! What does Trump have on you? This is not the Texas I have lived in for over 40 years. Get some balls and get it right. Christianity is not cruelty!!

Donna Birdwell, Dr.
Self and my son and grandkids. (Retired.)
Austin, TX

I OPPOSE mid-decade redistricting. I especially oppose mid-decade redistricting that is being done just because the Federal Government told Texas to do it. Let's have a fair fight here and let the voters decide things on the basis of currently constituted districts. Look, I've been shifted from pillar to post already and I've had enough. Let's just live with what we've got for the time being. TEXAS DOES NOT BOW TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

Billy Stone
Self
Cleburne, TX

I am against redistricting election zones at this time.

Erin Fahrer
Myself
Austin, TX

This is a disgusting attempt by the president to own this state and its people. It will silence citizens and show just how many cowards we have sitting in the Texas senate and house right now, should they vote in favor of something SO unpopular and downright contemptive of the people who they are meant to serve. When I moved to Texas 13 years ago, I always associated state pride and self-determination as wonderful qualities the people of this state show. I never thought our governing bodies would become lap dogs to a wannabe tyrant. Shame on you for wasting our time with this ridiculous bill, and pulling attention away from the flood reform that is desperately needed. REJECT THIS BILL!

Marina Roberts
self, Grant Writer
Austin, TX

The effort to use a special session and seize on the grief of families who lost little children in the July 4th floods to redraw district maps in a racist gerrymandered way is shameful. The only reason yall have power is because you're dishonest. This transparently immoral power grab shows how little regard yall have for fairness, justice, good government, democracy, and actually doing what the people of Texas need you to do. This degree of naked self-interest should be criminal and in fact it is; if you get away with it it will only be because your party has worked tirelessly for decades to ensure that the law means whatever you want it to mean. The maps released today reflect an attempt at redistricting which is a direct attack on democracy and the right to elect representatives fairly in our state, a slap in the face to civil rights organizers who put their lives on the line to win the right to vote in free and fair elections, a vicious shank in the back of the people who elected you and trusted you to use the power we gave you justly. Anyone who supports such blatantly illegal maps is a traitor to this country and to the people of Texas. Shame on you.

Amanda Grubb
Self, educator
Prosper, TX

As a Texas AFT member and public school educator in Collin County, I oppose any mid-decade redistricting that reduces minority voting influence. Our communities deserve fair maps, not political manipulation.

Laura Veach
Self
Leander, TX

Cheating for the pedopresident is not a good look for the author of this bill, the Rethuglikkklan party, or the lickspittles trying desperately to hold on to a way of life that's passed on. The voters disenfranchised by such action include every woman under the age of 60, who grew up believing our voices would help shape a better world for our sons and daughters. A better world does not include ignorance ruling over common sense because of economic violence. Please allow this bill to die and do not take up a similar action until the next regular census period. Focus instead on listening to the constituents who are not over represented in lobby groups.

Jennifer Gandin Le
Self, writer
Austin, TX

This plan to re-draw the voting maps is outrageous and will do nothing to support the lives of ordinary Texas citizens. Texans have very real challenges facing us—most recently, the horrific climate disasters like the floods in the Hill Country—and deserve lawmakers who will stand up for us against the political games being played by the current administration. I oppose this Congressional redistricting whole-heartedly.

Luke Taliaferro
Self, nurse
San Antonio, TX

If you have any fear of God, take this chance to put gerrymandering in the past. Become a legend, a hero of the people. Pass legislature declaring districts must be squares and only squares of equal size, everywhere, except where non-Texas borders prohibit. Showcase the bold righteousness of Texas representing those people fairly forever.
If you wanted 10 Commandments posted, consider this:
18 Appoint judges and officials for each of your tribes in every town the Lord your God is giving you, and they shall judge the people fairly. 19Do not pervert justice or show partiality. Do not accept a bribe, for a bribe blinds the eyes of the wise and twists the words of the innocent. 20Follow justice and justice alone, so that you may live and possess the land the Lord your God is giving you.

Paul Lewandowski
Self
Pflugerville, TX

If this redistricting passes, it will make Texas less representative than the "legislature" of Vladimir Putin's Russia. It will move Texas further away from America's founding principle of representative democracy, and closer to one party states like Russia, China, and North Korea

Sarah Dickerson
self - Educator
Austin, TX

I firmly believe that this redistributing was done in a way to make our elections less free and less fair but instead takes voting power away from the lower/middle class, non-white, non-Republicans constituents in Texas.

Our current map already disenfranchises minorities in the state and this new map is even worse.

If you as politicians want to win over more voters, you could easily stand up against this redistricting and prioritize what’s right for the great good, not what serves you and your party.

The people want to rally behind a politician who stands up for them, who shows true strength and backbone, not distractions and performance. Voters will back you if you fight this fight for what’s right. You’re losing republicans left and right with this current administration, and many of those could be won back if you simply step out of line and speak up. You might even win the votes of democrats if you prove that you are a good selfless politician, not a power- and money-hungry. The people lining your pockets might not give you the money you're used to, but the people will repay you ten-fold if you just listen to your conscience and act.

Voters just want a voice and if you give them that voice, more will back you.

Houston Eaves
self
San Antonio, TX

opposed

Madelyn Carlson
Self
Austin, TX

Please do not redistrict, it will not do anyone any good, nor will it let people of color have the power to use their voices.

Leigh Ann Rowlands
self
New Braunfels, TX

please pass the redistricting! Thank you

SM Medrano
Self and family
Kyle, TX

Approval to redistrict

Brittany Boldt
Self, parent
Carrollton, TX

The blatantly gerrymandered proposed map is a slap in the face to Texans. If Republicans cannot win elections fair and square, they should have to deal with the consequences. This is a deliberate attempt to consolidate power and kowtow to a dictatorial demand. Shame on you.

Shawn O'Donnell
Socorro AFT
EL PASO, TX

Stop gerrymandering our state!

Ligia Pesquera-Leismer, Ms
self
Houston, TX

This gerrymandering mid decade is unconscionable nothing but a power grab for the republican majority. My district was democratic and in the last gerrymandering they made sure to flip it to republican. This is wrong, illegal, and unconstitutional. That you feel no shame when you work to silence the voices of the people demonstrates just how far this republican majority has fallen from the principle of governance of the people by the people. How is it you feel no shame that the only way you can win elections is by cheating and suppressing the citizens ability to vote? NO REDISTRICTING MID DECADE!!

megan Field
self
Austin, TX

How dare you do this! How dare you disenfranchise thousands of voters of color by carving up urban areas for Donal Trump. You are not a public servant. You are a bootlicker. You all should be removed from office for absconding your duty to defend, protect and represent Texans. History will not look favorably on you - you will be in a cast of characters who rolled out the red carpet for a fascist dictator to seize absolute power. You have betrayed us but we will not forget. When you tell your grandchildren what you did in 2025, you'll be telling them that you were complicit and that you FAILED them.

diane blastic
Self
Austin, TX

Pls consider what is best for each area of TEXAS. Not what serves an elite group who go to DC. It does not serve me to have a rep that lives in a different area. Nerds are different in this vast state. Pls consider the ppl voting for you as you make these decisions.

Marc Bizer
self, professor
Austin, TX

This is a cynical power grab in accordance with the President's wishes, one that actually diminishes the ability of the electorate to choose their representative. It is antidemocratic.

Tami Marron, Voter
Blue Action South Central Austin
Austin, TX

Representative Hunter. Vote AGAINST HB4. Do NOT add 5 new districts to the Texas District Map per the personal order of Donald Trump. I am a Voter in Texas and very active in Blue Action South Central Austin, a member of Texas Impact, and a very vocal woman who will NOT forget the actions taken by the 89th Session and Special Session Legislators who genuflect to a twelve year old in Washington. Since when do we take orders from the federal government??? Stop being lap dogs of the White House. As I tell my children be a Leader NOT a follower. Stand up for the people of Texas even if it means sacrificing your own political career. There may come a time in the very near future when your own vote in the Texas Legislature is worthless because your previous actions allowed for all power to be consolidated / given to the Executive Branch in Washington. Vote Against HB 4 or my next campaign will be to broadcast to ALL Texas voters the necessity of TERM LIMITS. Tami Marron 216 Fletcher St. Austin Texas

James Hallamek
Texas State Teachers Association
Austin, TX

HB 4: Congressional Redistricting

Texas educators and parents deserve to have a representative democracy that responds to their needs. This gerrymander push is a waste of time and a display of misguided priorities. This special session is an opportunity to put in the work for Texans, in education policy we have TRS retirees struggling with the cost of living on a fixed income, insurance and housing for our educators is becoming increasingly unaffordable, and we have a flawed accountability system that is punishing schools.

Our public schools are integral to our public democracy, but our current march towards increased privatization, state takeover, and now a surprise gerrymander, shows a blatant lack of concern for both democracy and public education.

The HB 4 gerrymander divides communities and dilutes the voting power of black and brown communities. Further stretching out districts across hundreds of miles will disenfranchise voters, make constituent communication less responsive, and break the connection between citizens and their representatives.

Right now, we have representatives that are doing the work of listening to their communities and addressing their needs in Congress, there is no need to fracture this work with a rushed mid-decade redistricting that nobody voted for.

Everybody can tell that this gerrymander is a threatening mandate from the President and Texas leaders should not be kneeling down to the Trump administration, an administration that has withheld school funding, passed a nationwide voucher scheme, cut the Department of Education, has waged attacks on immigrant families, and has bullied the federal workforce. Just this last month the Trump administration failed working class Texans by pushing through a budget that will remove people from their healthcare and let students go hungry. Leaving people sick and starving does not reflect Texan values. This moment needs to be for empowering Texans, not Trump.

Dock Jackson, Chair
Bastrop County Democratic Party
Bastrop, TX

Texas Redistricting Presentation

I am Dock Jackson, the Bastrop County Democratic Party Chair. I come to you today representing my community to oppose the redistricting proposal that is being discussed currently. My community is adamantly appalled at the Committee's effort to disenfranchise the citizens of Texas. The redistricting traditionally occurs every ten years. We are concerned about the way this redistricting has been proposed and think our legislature has more pressing issues to devote their time and efforts toward. The recent disastrous flooding and devastation in our state demands our immediate attention and NOT this effort. In actuality this is a power grab to take over our state legislature by the Republican Party at the request of President Donald Trump. Please listen to the voters who are assembled here today representing millions of voters from across the state.

This current effort is NOT redistricting, but another effort at gerrymandering our districts and taking away the voting rights of many voters, especially minority voters. This effort is not led by leaders in our state but is a directive from the Trump administration.

I ask that you as our elected officials listen to the voices of the many Texans that oppose this redistricting proposal and vote against it. In closing I ask that the legislature provide maps that reflect all Texans, a transparent process with community input and create an independent redistricting commission.

Thank you for allowing me to speak today.

Dock Jackson, Chair
Bastrop County Democratic Party

Jaime Mardis
Self. Retired teacher
Houston, TX

Please allow districts to remain in place. I live in Clear Lake by NASA and Woodville Texas 90 miles north of here is included. Gerrymandering needs to stop. Help the poor as Jesus asked us to do. Not the rich. Jaime Mardis

Mary McMillan
Self retired
Cedar Creek, TX

Texas Republicans are rushing this bill through because they know it's unpopular and it's likely illegal. Ken Paxton has sworn in Court that these maps are legally drawn and race-neutral; so what basis does Greg Abbott have for redrawing them when no new data has been presented and when the maps have been upheld in court? Who is lying? Republicans also told Texans and the world on Monday that no map had been drawn. So how did the map appear on Wednesday? Who drew it? What data was it based on? And who directed its creation? Who all saw it before it was released to the public? When was it given to members of the House and senate? Why are you only allowing public comment for one day after the public release of the map? Texans deserve answers; instead we're given secrecy. Flood relief was supposed to be the focus of the special session, under auspices of Greg Abbott. But Republicans have had seven (7) hearings about redistricting. Where is flood relief? I urge Democrats to break quorum if your Republican colleagues refuse to do their jobs. They have let someone else draw a map they haven't seen or researched for more than 72 hours. And they want us to trust it, but they can't or won't tell us who has drawn it, why, and what data they used. There are more than 30 million Texans and they're only allowing public testimony for several hours on one week day, during business hours in the work week, in one city. They have no idea what the real problems are that Texans are facing because all they do is take lobby money and parrot their talking points. A sweet gig, if you can get it. But the rest of us have to work for a living. Which is why there aren't more people at the Capitol today.
This map is disgraceful, and an obvious attempt to cheat at the direction of our felonious president. Greg Abbott and his cronies are a bunch of crooks themselves. I am adamantly opposed to the new redistricting. Republicans should be ashamed of themselves although, as we know, they have demonstrated that there is no shame and no low that they will not sink to.

Maria Person
Self, Director
Austin, TX

I live in Austin, Travis County, in US Congressional District 37. The county population is over 1.3 million which is almost enough for 2 congressional districts. While District 37 is contained in the county boundaries of the proposed map, there are 3 other Congressional Districts, 10, 11, and 27, that take a sliver of the population and then stretch hundreds of miles in different directions, and do not represent communities of interest. The proposed map is the result of racial gerrymandering and does not serve Texans. Because of distorted maps, we have a US Congress that passed a spending bill which transfers wealth from the lowest 20% of Americans to billionaires and big corporations. It adds trillions to the deficit. This congress, elected from distorted maps, further harms our children by withholding the Epstein files, protecting those who sexually exploit minors from public accountability. It harms them by ignoring climate change while extreme rainfall causes floods that kill dozens of innocent victims. The young people I know cannot buy homes or afford to raise children, so please think of them and the grim future without a next generation when you look at this map and its likely consequences. We need fair maps that will restore our broken state.

Kelli Wolf
Self - data analyst
Houston, TX

Please do not move forward with this criminal bill. You will be stripping the voices of so many Texans. I do not agree with how this state is choosing to move to the far right. I deserve to have someone at the capital speaking for me, as do so many other Texans in this state. I beg you, please do not move forward. You have already taken enough.

Teri Zadnichek
Self
Temple, TX

I am for redistricting. The state of Texas needs this for better opportunities of representation.

Diane Flicker
self
The Woodlands, TX

“I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.”

Abraham Neiswinter
Self
Austin, TX

The Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines a republic as, “a government in which the power belongs to a body of citizens entitled to vote and is exercised by the leaders and representatives elected by those citizens to govern according to law”

By definition a republic requires its citizens to be entitled to vote. Yet the people who claim to represent the values of the republic are the same ones seeking to remove the ability for millions of Texans to have their vote represented. If the voices of citizens are silenced, how can we claim to be a democratic republic. With this bill we, the citizens of Texas, are further restrained by the chains of autocracy. The people of Texas are tired of living in the long shadow of oppression and disenfranchisement cast by those wishing to silence our voices. We seek the eternal sunshine of freedom, liberty, and equity that we have been promised by this great state and this great nation. I urge the committee to vote against House Bill 4. We must continue to be stewards of liberty and self determination and halt our march toward a more restrictive and oppressive society. We cannot call ourselves the leaders of the “free” world when our own citizens are not free to determine their own destiny’s.

Stephen Montoya
Self
Austin, TX

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the current redistricting efforts in Texas, which are a clear example of partisan gerrymandering designed to entrench Republican power at the expense of fair representation.

This practice violates the democratic principle of "one person, one vote" established by Reynolds v. Sims (1964), and it undermines the Voting Rights Act of 1965, which was designed to protect minority voting power from precisely this kind of manipulation.

Partisan gerrymandering is not only undemocratic…it is un-American. As President James Madison warned, “The public good is disregarded in the conflicts of rival parties.” When elected officials choose their voters, rather than voters choosing their representatives, our republic suffers.

There are proven, nonpartisan alternatives. Independent redistricting commissions, used successfully in states like California and Arizona, have demonstrated that fair maps can be drawn without political interference. Texas should adopt a similar model to ensure our districts reflect our communities, not the ambitions of partisan operatives.

I urge you to reject the current proposed maps and commit to a redistricting process that respects constitutional principles, promotes competitive elections, and upholds the integrity of our democracy.

ROBERT GLENN
Self
AUSTIN, TX

This bill is inherently Political and Racist. The current boundaries were a result of the 2020 census going back again and redistricting just to provide Trump Republican votes in the House is an affront to the voters of Texas and to democracy itself.

Susan Wetmore
Self. Retired elementary school teacher
Austin, TX

I am opposed to HB 4. It combines sosme of the worst aspects of both cracking and packing current HOuse districts to layer another gerrymandered map onto an already horrifically gerrymandered map...one that, I should note, is currently under litigation. I do not bieve that a new map should be instituted while the currently one is being litigated. I do not believe that the new map is in any way fair: this new map will allow 40% of the Texas population--white-- to then get 80% of the seats congressional seats. Districts have been drawn to take away the voices of brown and black people, and Democrats. And the motivation for this rushed, last-minute, jam-it-down-your-throat HB 4 is TERRIBLE: for no reason except to do the bidding of Donald J Trump, to allow him to control our state electoral process in order to try to cement his own power over the legislative process in Washington, DC. Given the increase in Texas population over the last five years, and the fact that the increase is due in very large part to more Hispanic voters, the TX legislature should be planning for drawing maps to fairly reflect this increase. These maps shouldn't be drawn now--now we are in the middle of the decade. The fiar and honest thing to do is to follow precedent of the last many decades--redraw maps FAIRLY after the next census and as a result of the demographics then, not in response to a president who wants to stack the deck in his favor. Come on. Let's be fair and honest and treat the good people of Texas with the respect they deserve, not as pawns of the wanna-be king in Washington, DC. VOTE THIS BILL DOWN. IT IS BAD FOR TEXAS AND BAD FOR OUR DEMOCRACY.

Catherine Cogburn
Self
Austin, TX

If you are of any moral character, you will stop this bill. It is unfair when either side does it. Do you approve of fraud, scamming, bullying? This is evil.

Gail Krieger
Self
Westlake, TX

I oppose the redistricting.

Arissa Utemark
Self
Fort Worth, TX

I am vehemently opposed to this proposed legislation. At a time when Texans are struggling, it's shameful to propose this blatant power grab when we're in need of real leadership. Do not do this. This voter incredibly opposed.

Byron Henry
Chairman, Collin County Republican Party
Prosper, TX

Thank you for the opportunity to provide public comment on HB 4 related to the redistricting of Texas's congressional districts.

HB 4 is vital to keeping pace with the continued growth of our great State along with its partisan make up. It is fundamental to representative democracy in a constitutional republic that the legislature ensure that districts comply with federal law and provide for representation in Congress commensurate with the values of its voters as reflected by partisan breakdown.

It is beyond dispute that the districts at issue were drawn with race playing a substantial factor. The Trump administration and the Supreme Court of the United States agree.

Additionally, legislatures have the ability and the right to draw districts based on valid factors, including population growth and identification based on political party.

All communities, rural, urban, and suburban, deserve a fair and accurate map. Currently, the Texas map is constitutionally suspect and does not accurately and fairly reflect the demographics and values of the communities at issue.

With respect, this Committee should pursue Constitutional maps that command a majority of the Texas Legislature and the Governor. To that end, I urge the Committee to support and pass HB 4 by Rep. Todd Hunter.

Amy Jordan
Self
Austin, TX

I am a native Texan and a mother, and I strongly oppose House Bill 4. These redistricting maps do not reflect the true makeup of Texas — they're a blatant attempt to secure more Republican seats, just as President Trump has demanded. This is not representation; it's manipulation.

Texas is a majority-minority state, with a majority of recent population growth coming from communities of color. Yet HB 4 fails to give those communities a fair voice. Instead, it cracks and packs diverse areas to weaken their influence, while protecting partisan power. That's textbook gerrymandering.

We, the citizens of Texas, are not stupid. We see through this. HB 4 is a transparent, self-serving power grab disguised as redistricting. It insults the intelligence of Texas voters and undermines the core principles of democracy. Districts should be drawn to represent people, not political parties.

I urge you to reject HB 4 and draw fair, representative maps. Texans deserve elections where voters choose their leaders — not the other way around.

Mackenzie Augspurger
self, Assistant
Austin, TX

Our voices as American people are not being heard. This redistricting is not something that the majority of Texans approve of or agree with. Please don’t let Trump take over 5 new congressional seats.

Katherine Lerma
Self
Lancaster, TX

This is ridiculous!

Nicole Ellis
self, social care worker
Houston, TX

I am opposed to HB 4. This bill would undermine all democratic efforts for all Texans, especially those that live in the affected areas. I believe that Texas legislature has a duty to serve Texans and protect their human rights, whether you agree with them or not. For those who profess to be Christans, you cannot serve Christ and someone who operates as an antichrist simultaneously. Redistricting is not the will of the Texans who elected you.

Heather Coffey, Ms
Self, student
Austin, TX

The proposed Congressional redistricting maps put for by Texas Republicans is an obvious attempt at a power grab. I am writing to urge the members if this body to refuse this and to submit district maps that honor the diversity of this State. There was no new Census done, so this redistricting seems unnecessary. Please listen to the thousands of Texans that have attempted to speak before this body, and honor their pleas for a just and fair representation of the Texas political landscape. Redrawing maps to give the Republican party a stronger grasp of the intense gerrymandering effecting this State would be devastating and detrimental to the future of our hreat State. Thank you for your time.

Bethany Montoya
Self
Lancaster, TX

Unlawful

Roxanne Elder
Myelf and future generations of Texas voters
Austin, TX

I am a 68-year-old, 4th Generation Texan who is appalled at the power grab that some Texas Legislators are apparently allowing President Trump to make by filing HB 4's illegal redistricting map that disenfranchises millions of Texas voters. I have served as staff member in the Office of the Texas Governor and have experience and knowledge of seeing how the legal and correct way our state is supposed to consider redistricting when new information on the population and demographics of Texas is revealed after the Federal Census is performed every 10 years. This is not that. History will remember and Texas voters for generations will remember every one you who vote to send HB 4 out of committee today for consideration and vote on the floor of the Texas House.
I want to thank Vice Chair Rosenthal for his comments and moral leadership at all three public hearings. I was particularly moved by his calling upon those of us who look like him to speak out publicly against this bill. I am one of those white Texans, as I believe many of you are who serve on this committee and like myself, have a special moral obligation and duty to publicly speak out against HB 4 which will disenfranchise the voting rights of millions of people of color in our state. I don't know if any members of the committee are familiar with anvil firing? Historically it was used a rally cry that there is an imminent danger and calls the community to gather as soon as possible at redesignated location. It is where you take two anvils and place gun powder in between the two and light it which causes one of the anvils fly 100 or more feet into the air creating a very loud sound that can be heard far and away in a local community. In the late 1800's my great-grandfather was the local blacksmith in Cheapside, TX which today is in northern DeWitt county. Historically he would do an anvil firing at both times of celebration and in times of imminent danger to alert neighbors to the need to gather at the schoolhouse to rally make plans to respond and protect the community. If HB 4 passes, it will set off a wave of voter rights activism across this state and, and like the deafening sound of those flying anvils, in times long ago, alert all Texans of the dangers to our right to equal representation under the law and implore all Texans to vote out every single member of the Texas Legislature who votes in favor to illegally disenfranchise millions of voters in our state. I implore you to vote against HB 4 to both save the integrity of Texas elections and save millions of our tax dollars that will be spent on the inevitable lawsuits that will be filed against your illegal maps.

Linda Patton
Myself
Georgetown, TX

Here's my note if you'd like to use it:

Dear Members of the Redistricting Committee,

I strongly oppose the proposed redistricting plans in Texas due to serious concerns about fairness, representation, and democratic integrity.

The maps appear to be drawn to manipulate election outcomes rather than reflect voter intent. This undermines democracy by allowing politicians to choose their voters, and it dilutes the voting power of communities of color through tactics like "packing" and "cracking."

The redistricting also fragments communities of interest, weakening their ability to elect representatives who understand their needs. Splitting neighborhoods across districts reduces accountability and can limit access to essential services and resources.

Additionally, the process has lacked transparency and meaningful public input. I urge the adoption of an independent redistricting commission and nonpartisan criteria to ensure fairness. There are also concerns that the maps may violate the Voting Rights Act and Equal Protection Clause.

I respectfully urge you to reconsider these maps and prioritize a fair, transparent, and representative process.

Sincerely,
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Linda L Patton

Zachary Harter
Self
San Antonio, TX

OPPOSED. This redistricting bill will create districts that are directly NON-REPRESENTATIVE of the values and views of the citizens that they claim to represent!

Kimberley Kissoyan
Self, freelance writer
Austin, TX

As a voting, tax-paying, civically engaged resident of the state of Texas, I strongly oppose the proposed redistricting. This is so clearly gerrymandering -- you're not even trying to hide it! And yes, you have the power to do it. Right now. But you may not always be in power, and you're not in power in states like California and New York, who will consider their own gerrymandering in the event you go through with this. You will disenfranchise your own voters, and likely cost yourselves seats in the long run. Yes, this is cheating, but it's also sort-sighted. Don't do it.

Brianna Relyea
Self, customer service manager
Fort Worth, TX

I vehemently oppose this out of cycle redistricting plan/map, which is not based on any legitimate census data but is instead a blatant power grab. Texans deserve fair representation, as do all Americans, and these proposed new maps do not accomplish that in the slightest. I would encourage you as lawmakers to consider why you went into public service to begin with - I want to believe it's because you wanted to do good and drive positive change for your communities; however, it seems many of you have lost sight of that and have sunk into desperate scrambles to obtain/retain/build power. Instead of focusing on the real needs of your communities (top of mind: flood relief and natural disaster impact mitigation), you are trying to please powerful people in DC while throwing Texans under the bus. Your communities deserve better - we deserve leaders who actually care about their constituents as well as truly fair and equal representation. We both know that this redistricting is wrong, so I am demanding that you stand up and fight it.

Ian Fund
Self
Pflugerville, TX

A redistricting should not be considered mid decade. This is a blatant attempt of a power grab that should not be allowed to waste our representatives time and efforts.

Melanie Copeland
myself
Plano, TX

Texas should not be redistricted because this is an unfair manipulation of electoral power, misrepresentation of a diverse electorate and this damages trust in the democratic processes which is already at an all time low. The goal of redistricting should be ensure fair, competitive and representative districts--not to entrench political power.

Eric Jackson
Self
Buda, TX

There is NO LEGAL REASON OR CITIZEN NEED for this REDISTRICTING. This is blatant gerrymandering and racism. The Texas Governor and GOP legislators are acting as pawns for Donald Trump instead of advocates for the citizens of Texas. Texans deserve REAL REPRESENTATION; not the legacy of boondoggles, greed and flat out corruption. This GOP REDISTRICTING effort is a FAILURE to Texans on every level and needs to be stopped immediately.

Mattie Sweeney, Mrs
Self
Crowley, TX

I am FOR the redistricting of the US House of Representatives of Texas. And I would like for my state reps vote in favor of this bill.

Janet Dewey
self, attorney
Austin, TX

I oppose the redistricting plan that is being proposed. It's reckless and unnecessary gerrymandering that doesn't serve a purpose other than suppressing the votes of people of color. The previous redistricting plan is still being litigated. At least wait until that plan is finalized before changing and embarking on more litigation. This is a waste of time for this legislative body. Thank you for your consideration.

Teri Buchowski
Self
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose redistricting again, we have redistricted after the census. This is not in the best interest of the citizens of Texas.

Andrew Van Dalsem
self Animator
Cedar Park, TX

I am in favor of the proposed redistricting map. It's time to correctly represent Texas constituents. The gerrymandering that's been allowed to exist is blatantly obvious in the way the existing map is drawn. People are tired of all the tricks and games politicians play to rig the system. Texas is majority Republican and it's time our representation actually reflected that fact.

Megan Dion
Self - fundraiser
Austin, TX

I am against HB 4. I do not want politicians deciding who represents me which would undermine our democracy. Our founding principles of our country do not align with this bill and attempt by our president to cushion his party’s votes. This mid decade and unplanned redistricting is unnecessary, unfounded and uninformed. I hope our elected officials will do their job and listen to their constituents and vote against this anti-American bill.

Henry Cunningham
Self, marketer
Austin, TX

Dear Committee,

I am firmly opposed to this redistricting proposal. It’s unacceptable to watch our state leaders follow the orders of a reckless president instead of respecting the will of the people of Texas.

If this goes through, I — along with many others — will lose fair and effective representation. This mid-decade redistricting is a transparent attempt to cling to power at the expense of Texans’ voices.

You were elected to serve the people of this state — not a political agenda. I urge you to reject this plan and do what’s right.

Sincerely,
Henry

Amelia Lopez, Texan

My self and the future of my daughter

Austin, TX

STOP DISENFRANCHISING US JUST BECAUSE Y'ALL ONLY CARE ABOUT YOUR BILLIONAIRE CHRISTO FASCIST DONORS AND NOT ACUAL TEXANS. You people think that you can jerk the blue cities along, taking away any local control, gerrymandering us into tiny little slivers of red districts and get away with it? Guess what: your voters don't want school vouchers either, they want the freedom to use harmless THC for recreation- NOT more alcohol, your voters don't want any of the bs you are are schilling and they are waking up. If you can't win without CHEATING then maybe your positions are BAD maybe you should think about your legacy and stop trashing our planet and democracy. It's not only hypocrisy it's gross and cowardly. 42% of voters voted for Kamala- you can't just sh*t on us because Donald can't win. Be for real.

Kathy Davenport

None

Fort Worth, TX

I am FOR the redistricting of the US House of Representatives of Texas. And I would like for my state reps vote in favor of this bill.

Lauren Gambill, Dr.

Self

Austin, TX

I am very concerned about this bill and urge the committee to recommend against it moving forward. Redistricting through this atypical process is a dangerous precedent and one that will cause harm for generations to come. We need to maintain the integrity of our democracy, not dismantle it.

Mike Baynard

self, Maintenance Technician

Austin, TX

Gerrymandering is wrong. The way Texas is gerrymandering the distrcts is illegal

Robin Peeples
Self, software designer
Temple, TX

Thank you to the committee for this opportunity. My name is Robin Peeples, and I also attended the hearing here last Thursday. I live in Temple, Texas.

I'm currently a constituent of TX-31, which is set to be split right through the middle of Bell County, pushing me and my Temple neighbors into TX-17 and dividing us from our family, friends, and community in Belton, Salado, Killeen, and West Temple.

There are so many disgraceful facets to this redistricting process that it's hard to know where to start when speaking about it — the prioritization of politics above flood response, the costs to tax-payers from both the special session an overhaul of the congressional map, the discriminatory fracturing of communities on racial bases, the fact that I haven't heard one Texas official put up an argument directly in favor of redistricting… the list goes on.

But I've listened to dozens of far better speakers than me at these recent hearings — elected officials, lawyers, organizers — share their expertise on the points I'd want to make, mainly to be met with silence from its Republican members. What, then, could any constituent say hoping to break through that wall of disinterest?

So what I'll say instead is that I expect better from my elected officials than I am seeing from the Republican members of this committee. I expect respect for constituents, engagement in the process (including listening to feedback) that your own party is pushing, and a baseline commitment to the good of all Texans. It's not a high bar.

I'll add how grateful and encouraged I am by the engagement and diligence of the Democratic members of this committee.

Thank you for your time.

Alerys Ortiz-Amador
Self
San Antonio, TX

Oppose

Navid Aghili
self
Austin, TX

Todd Hunter openly states he doesn't know where the data came from that the law firm Butler Snow gave him and used to redraw the maps behind closed doors. He also brazenly claims this clear case of gerrymandering shouldn't be an issue whether you're democrat or republican because "anyone can still win." It is shameless to try to appeal to this sort of neutrality while he, along with his new map, is purely operating under corrupt partisanship and political self-service at the expense of the representation of citizens.

Peggy Howe
self/restaurant owner
San Antonio, TX

This will not be forgotten! You are stealing my vote!

Brittney Payne
Self
Dallas, TX

This is a blatant attempt at a power grab with a goal of silencing certain Texas communities. It is shameful and abhorrent behavior from the powers that be. Voters should pick their representatives. Representatives should not pick their voters. History will not be kind to this consistent corruption.

Victoria Harber, Physician assistant
Self
Haslet, TX

Completely against this. How can you just completely disregard your population by cheating them out of representation?

Linda Paterson
Self
Austin, TX

Why is this even being discussed?

Redistricting should only happen after a census, and never solely to dilute Democrat and minority votes.

This racist power grab must be stopped.

Olivia Bruce
Self
Austin, TX

I wanted to say first that I believe gerrymandering is undemocratic. The proposed districts will be splitting up largely democratic districts, giving unjust power to republican parties. As a teacher here in Texas, I worry for the future of my students education. Trump's ideals do not favor towards those who are underprivileged. Creating five more seats for people who have his agenda will only cause more stress in a community already facing so much hostility.

Justin Finn
Self
Denton, TX

I do not support this effort. Republican policies are not favorable among the electorate, so you are forcing the majority by silencing the voice of the minority party.

Janna Bona
Self/Small Business Owner
Round Rock, TX

I am submitting this public comment to express my strong opposition to the proposed redistricting bill. Governor Abbott is using the special session to push Trump's political agenda. This is a blatant power grab meant to dilute the voices of Texas's rapidly growing minority communities and progressive voters. This redistricting bill is bad for our democracy. It's not about fair representation; it's about rigging elections for political power. Redistricting usually happens every ten years after the census. Doing it now, in the middle of the decade, is driven by political reasons, not by real population changes. These new maps would lead to less competitive elections. When districts are drawn to guarantee a certain partisan outcome, it reduces voter choice and discourages civic participation. Texas deserves a transparent, non-partisan redistricting process that genuinely reflects our state's incredible growth and diversity. This bill represents the exact opposite. I urge you to reject this dangerous legislation and uphold

KATHLEEN REEVES
Self
Austin, TX

After Trump is discredited, and the country begins to recover from the damage he's done, Texans will not look kindly on those who colluded with him in his thoroughly corrupt schemes. I oppose this Trump-backed redistricting plan.

Margot Bradle
self
Houston, TX

I am writing to express my outrage and disgust at the shameless gerrymandering currently underway in Texas—an obvious, desperate attempt to rig the system for more Republican seats under pressure from Trump. This blatant manipulation is a cowardly betrayal of the people you are supposed to represent. You should be ashamed of undermining the very foundation of our democracy by silencing the voices of millions of Texans.

Redistricting is not a game to be rigged for partisan gain. It is supposed to ensure fair and accurate representation for every voter, regardless of political affiliation. Instead, you have chosen to prioritize political power over the will of the people, eroding trust and damaging the democratic process.

Make no mistake: Texans will remember this betrayal when the midterms come. Those who support or enable this blatant theft of our voices will be held accountable at the ballot box.

I demand that you reject these corrupt redistricting efforts and commit to a transparent, fair, and honest process that truly reflects the diverse makeup of Texas. The eyes of Texans—and the country—are watching. History will remember those who sided with democracy and those who chose cowardice and manipulation.

Stand up for the people. Stand up for democracy.

Vickie Lewis
Self
Kyle, TX

I oppose the redistricting. You are trying to dilute the vote. You are not taking care of the people of Texas. You are bowing to a 34 time convicted felon who only wants to stay in power to keep himself out of jail. He is not a king. You should be worrying about the victims of the floods and preparing for the upcoming hurricane season and any other weather related disaster. Stop disenfranchising and working against the people of the state and start working FOR them. By trying to gerrymander these maps I can only assume you're afraid of the voters and think the only way to win is to lie and cheat. You should be ashamed.

IRMA BILLETTE
Self, retired educator
Houston, TX

What a shame that our politicians are taking away the voice of our people. What is happening to our democracy. Are we not allowed to elect whom we want to represent us? Stop the grab for power and do the right thing.

Catherine Warren
Self retired
Austin, TX

This could come back to bite you, Republican legislators. Or your children or grandchildren. You don't think that after Trump has gotten what he wants from you, that he'll kick you to the curb and move on?! You really think you're safe now?! That he asks for five seats and you try to give him five seats and then it's over and done with? So gullible. Sad.

Sandra Wittliff
Self
Mc Gregor, TX

The Republicans of Texas are in full swing to take the voices for all Democrats in the state. Democracy is NOT autracacy which is what your plans are. Unfortunately the Republicans for Texas have decided that we the people do not exist and we the Republicans will have all say so. That sirs is an autocracy but taking it further we are becoming a theocracy that does not respect all people. There was ZERO meaning to redo the maps. You were told by the DOJ which is Trump's mouth piece to do it -- The DOJ has no spine and will do as the fuhrer says -- then all of you kiss the ring. Additionally as I have told my reps here -- your are scared that Texas will turn purple or even blue and then your secrets of how you have stolen from the state to line your pockets will become known-- plain and simple.

sharon gillespie, ms.
self/retired
austin, TX

I am imploring you not to take away the votes of Texans through gerrymandering--which, quite frankly, seems like the Republican intent. It's been a long time since I believed most Republican politicians had integrity, but this is certainly a new low! You can't win honestly, so you cheat. This prolonged period in Texas history will go down as a debacle and those who support a congressional map that deprives the citizenry of Texas of rights guaranteed by the State and US constitutions will go down as the villains that you are--not that you care. It requires decency to care. Please prove me wrong and show decency and honor. Go home without a new map! Let the people decide our elections.

Mary Thomson
Representing myself | Occupation: Sales
Trophy Club, TX

I strongly urge the committee to reject this mid-decade redistricting proposal. It is a blatant attempt to manipulate voting patterns and undermine the integrity of our democratic process here in Texas. We are better than this - as representatives, and as Texans. I call on you to earn our votes through fair and open competition, not by rigging the system out of fear of losing it. If you are doing right by your constituents, you should feel confident in the election, with no need to be underhanded in this way. It is not a good look. Thank you,

Rachel DiMasi
Self - LMSW
AUSTIN, TX

To Members of the Texas House Redistricting Committee:

My name is Rachel DiMasi, and I am a resident of Williamson County in Austin, Texas. I am submitting this testimony to strongly oppose the current proposed redistricting maps because they are unconstitutional, discriminatory, and undermine the principles of representative democracy.

Redistricting is supposed to ensure fair and equal representation for all Texans. Instead, the proposed maps do the opposite: they dilute the voting power of communities of color, entrench partisan power, and ignore the unprecedented population growth in diverse urban, suburban, and rural communities. According to the 2020 U.S. Census, 95% of Texas' population growth over the last decade has come from communities of color, yet these proposed maps actually reduce the number of districts where voters of color can meaningfully elect candidates of their choice. This is not only deeply unjust but also violates both the Voting Rights Act and the Fourteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

The maps rely on "packing" and "cracking" strategies that split cohesive minority communities into multiple districts or pack them into a single district to weaken their influence. For example, large Latino and Black communities in growing metropolitan areas such as Harris County, Dallas County, Travis County, and Bexar County are sliced apart to preserve partisan advantage. These tactics erase the political voice of the very Texans whose growth fueled the state's new congressional seat.

The discriminatory impact is clear: these maps fail to create new opportunity districts for Latino, Black, and Asian American voters, despite overwhelming evidence that these populations now make up the majority of growth in Texas. By doing so, the maps intentionally and illegally suppress representation for entire communities, denying them the ability to hold their leaders accountable.

Beyond their legal flaws, these maps also erode public trust. Redistricting should be conducted transparently and in good faith, yet this process has been rushed, opaque, and deliberately designed to minimize input from the public. Communities of interest have been ignored, and the resulting maps favor politicians over voters. This type of gerrymandering further alienates Texans from their government.

I call on this committee to reject the current maps and return to the drawing board. We need a process that prioritizes fairness, transparency, and compliance with the Voting Rights Act. District lines must reflect actual population shifts and ensure that every Texan—regardless of race, ethnicity, or political affiliation—has an equal opportunity to elect candidates of their choice. Anything less violates the the spirit of our democracy and the letter of the law.

I urge you to do what is right for all Texans. Reject these discriminatory maps and adopt fair, legal districts that reflect the true diversity and growth of our great state.

Ricardo Vilardell, Mr.
Self
El Paso, TX

As a retired teacher, husband of a retired teacher and father of two educators, I protest against this cowardly power grab by gerrymandering voting districts and the actual process of redefining districts years before they are due. How is rigging elections, that is what gerrymandering is, a fair and democratic process that represents the will of the majority of the state? Are those that control the process too afraid of losing this next election cycle that they are willing to cheat and lie to retain their seats? Is there no honor in our government's representatives? Realize something that you may already know. Trump is playing you. Vance is playing you. Abbott is playing you. There will come a time that when they will rule absolutely and discard you when they no longer need you. There is a saying, "There is no honor among thieves". When you go home and tell your family your accomplishments, make sure that you include how you took the vote away from those that are trying to follow the rules and hope for equal and fair representation.

Amy Catching
Self - CPA
Pearland, TX

Considering redistricting at the President's request is unconscionable. Texans are famous for being honest and independent. Redistricting in the middle of the decade shows a lack of integrity & and an unprecedented attempt at ingratiating ourselves with the President.

Jeremy Hendricks
LIUNA Southwest Laborers
Austin, TX

To: House Redistricting Committee
From: Jeremy Hendricks, Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA)
RE: Written Comments Opposing Proposed Redistricting Plan

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the proposed redistricting effort.

My name is Jeremy Hendricks, and I represent LIUNA—the Laborers' International Union of North America. We are the men and women who build Texas from the ground up. Our members dig the trenches, lay the pipes, clean up debris, pave highways, construct bridges, and rebuild neighborhoods after natural disasters. We weather the heat, the storms, and the long hours—because the work we do is essential. We are proud of it. And we are proud of who we are: Black, brown, white, immigrant, rural, urban—Texans united by labor, dignity, and purpose.

This is why we are speaking out clearly and unequivocally: We do not want new maps. This proposed redistricting plan is not rooted in necessity. It is fueled by political maneuvering, designed to serve partisan interests rather than the people who actually live, work, and raise families in the districts being reshaped.
Redistricting should be done rarely, and only when it serves the public good. Yet here we are, with a proposal that lacks community input, ignores the will of working people, and threatens to dilute the voices of those most affected by the policies shaped in these chambers.

Every time district lines are redrawn without transparency, it weakens trust. It divides communities that have spent years organizing, advocating, and building coalitions for meaningful change. The proposed maps risk fragmenting our neighborhoods, separating residents from representatives who understand them, and dismantling the very networks that make democracy work.

Texas families are struggling—rising costs, failing infrastructure, the erosion of public services. These are the issues that need urgent attention. Yet instead, this proposal sows confusion and undermines representation. It's a distraction from the real work Texans demand from their elected officials.

We urge this committee: Reject these maps. Halt this process. Listen to the people who live in these districts—not the operatives who redraw them from afar.

Let's rebuild trust. Rebuild infrastructure. Rebuild opportunity. Rebuild communities.

But do not remap them.

Respectfully,
Jeremy Hendricks
Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA)

Carol Peters, Ms
Self
Fort Worth, TX

Redistricting mid cycle is unnecessary, unsupported by data, and a cynical attempt to silence minority voters. We see you. We see your corruption and extremism. Republicans have no relationship with the truth or voters any more. Redistricting now is a sleazy power grab. Trump says jump, you say how high. Why bother showing up at all? Just sign over your soul for good. No to redistricting before a census.

Emily Gerson
Self, nonprofit communications
Austin, TX

As a life-long Texan and lover of democracy and freedom, I am deeply concerned by and opposed to HB 4, an unnecessary and harmful effort that is attracting national attention, and not in a good way. Please, for the sake of democracy, Texans, and all our state supposedly stands for, do not approve this redistricting that was NOT done as the result of a Census and NOT done due to public demand.

In 2024, nearly 5 million Texans voted for Democrats. This was the second highest total in the country. Why disenfranchise valid voters? I am proudly represented by Rep. Lloyd Doggett, a Democrat who has actually helped and listened to my LGBTQ+ military family when I've had issues. It is a very blue area (Austin) and it makes all the sense in the world that this area would be represented by those with shared values. Cutting up existing districts in the name of gerrymandering is a massive disservice to millions of Texans and would force voters to be represented by people who do not share their desires, needs, or values. There is a reason urban areas lean blue and more rural areas lean red. It isn't right to cut up districts to impact the balance of power in Washington; it's cynical and morally and legally questionable.

It is incredibly obvious and shameful that Texas Republicans are simply scared of losing power, and enabled by the president to make undemocratic, likely illegal power grabs. They are going out of their way to silence millions of Texans simply because they don’t agree with them. Texans do not look kindly on their lawmakers making these types of decisions for them. It is not their job to do this out of cycle for no apparent reason besides wanting to further bend our country in a dangerous, far-right direction. As a queer Jewish woman, I no longer feel safe living in Texas. Is that what you want?

There is no way they would allow Democrats to do this if the shoe was on the other foot. Stop the hypocrisy, stop the unethical pursuit of more power, and stop subjecting this freedom-loving state to your narrow worldview. The people of Texas do not want to be ruled by force. Allow voters the freedom to decide who represents them as the Constitution demands.

Gaylyn DeVine
Self/Business Owner
Pearland, TX

Thank you for recognizing the need to draw maps representing voting constituents. Every vote must count, and voices are being drowned out by coalition districts, which are unconstitutional and just wrong. All Americans who vote just want their vote to count and have Legislators who represent our values. In order for Texas to remain a strong Republic, we must be willing to make hard decisions, and redistricting is one of those defining moments. Thank you for your work on this important legislation.

Steph Adler
self
Austin, TX

As a Texan and social service worker in Travis County, I oppose any mid-decade redistricting that reduces minority voting influence. Our communities deserve fair maps, and an equitable opportunity for their voices and votes to count. We deserve representation that reflects the diversity and needs of our communities.

Karen Sterling
Self
Cedar Creek, TX

This is an OUTRAGE! Texans deserve fair representation not influenced by a Washington marching order!

Ruben Garza, Mr
Retired Steelworker
San Angelo, TX

Redistricting is racist and unnecessary at this time.

James Ryon
self and spouse - musician/professor
Corinth, TX

Texas is already gerrymandered in a way to dilute the votes of people who don't agree with the MAGA agenda and the destruction of the Rule of Law. Changing Texas districts mid-census to order to insure an increase in MAGA/Republican representation in Congress is yet another step our sad journey away from the Constitution.

Diane Fernandez
self
CORINTH, TX

As a constituent I am against any redistricting of our state at this time. This move is nothing more than a power play and strips Texans of their representation. We are against gerrymandering and we are watching. Stop this unfair, immoral and wretched plan. We are better than this and the entire country is appalled at this joke of a government for the people.

Alexandra Authier
Self
Austin, TX

I am an Austin resident and deeply concerned Texan. I've paid taxes in this state for 15 years. My understanding of State vs Federal government, especially in this proud Lone Star State, is that the State serves its people first and foremost. This bill is clearly utilizing Texas as a tool for the Federal government, for the national Republican party, and for President Trump. How dare you! You are in office to serve us. Do better!”

Bridget Swahlen
Self
Canutillo, TX

El Paso County and Fort Bliss are unique in that they are hundreds of miles from any other large city in Texas. We need to be represented by someone that is from the local area and know what our needs are, and someone that will fight for what we need not just push us aside or place us in the same category as San Antonio or Austin. We deserve to have a district that represents us and leadership that focuses on our needs. The mid-term redistricting should not change the current districting for El Paso County. In my mind this is a purely political move and not intended to help or benefit the residents of our county.

Berny Killingsworth
Self personal trainer
Mansfield, TX

As a Texan I find it unacceptable that y'all are using gerrymandering to change the districts to get more Republican seats to win the US House in 2026. Instead of using the will of the people, y'all are using the will of the President. Because y'all know if you don't do this, you will for sure lose the house because of the discontent in this country over the way things are going. Just remember that God sees all. And no matter how you justify this in your own mind. God knows what's in your heart and what y'all are doing is ugly. The fact that y'all feel you need to do this to manipulate the midterms, reflects the fact that this is not the will of the people. So none of you can tell me that you are not aware of that. We all
pay a price in life when we do ugly things. None of us are
exempt. What goes around comes around. Actions have consequences and especially deliberate evil ones. God sees all! If y'all call yourselves representatives of the people, and then you do not do the will of the people, you are not representing the people. Being a representative of the people means all of the people in Texas not just a select few. Understand that in the end y'all will have to live with the decisions you have made, and you will not be able to undo them. May God have mercy on your souls.

Alexander Chastain, Mr.
Self
Austin, TX

To whom it may concern,

My name is Alexander W. Chastain & I have lived in Texas my whole life. This plan to redraw the districts for the election of members of the United States House of Representatives from the State of Texas seems hastily concocted at best & does not seem to abide by the norms of legislative processes. Long has Texas been gerrymandered &, yet again, it seems that the legislature of Texas is trying to slam three meetings over the course of a few days in a few select cities to further disenfranchise Texans from the Democratic process.

I strongly urge all Texans, regardless of party, to appeal to their better natures and propose fair and just legislation to provide equal representation for all Texans that truly reflect in the demographics of these areas & the will of the people.

Please reconsider this bill and the impact it will have on the Democratic process in Texas.

Thank you.

Courtney Shaw
Self
Pearland, TX

This matter should be voted on at the next election rather than done with impunity to influence the next election. Do NOT support!

Joanie Pikl
Self, retired
Mckinney, TX

Please vote for the redistricting maps! We need this to reflect our population correctly!

diana gorham
self
Austin, TX

As most of you claim to be guided by your Christian faith, remember this:
"Whoever walks in integrity walks securely, but whoever takes crooked paths will be found out." – Proverbs 10:9
Your crooked path to silence the voices of millions through your redistricting scheme is blatantly found out. Show integrity that your elected position of representation of ALL of Texas demands.

Claire davis
Self
Austin, TX

Please do not submit this bill. It puts young and new voters like myself in danger and keeps our voices from being heard. As someone who plans on being a mother and living in Texas for the rest of my life, I want my voice and the voice of my children to be heard.

Joeylynn Mesaros
Self
New Braunfels, TX

I am in FAVOR of redistricting

Willow Dalehite
self, student
Austin, TX

I urge you to REJECT this proposal, which egregiously gerrymanders our districts beyond recognition and erodes our rights to representation under the constitution.

Denise Pierce, Rev.
Self
Austin, TX

Members,

I am writing in opposition to the maps presented by Representative Hunter and I urge you to vote "no". I am a resident of Southwest Austin. I have lived in my home nearly 30 years. In this time, my family and I have enjoyed the stability of our neighborhood, the certainly of the Austin ISD school district feeder pattern, the steady economic growth in our sector, and our firm assignments to Austin City Council District 8 and Travis County Commissioners District 4. This stability has allowed us to participate intelligently in local elections and to build relationships with our elected officials. We have not enjoyed such stability with our U.S. congressional district assignment, however. Over the years, we have been tossed between District 37 (Congressman Doggett's district) and District 21 (Congressman Chip Roy's district). Under the HB4 map, we are proposed to be moved yet again. The proposal is to move our neighborhood to District 10 (Congressman McCaul's district). The constant tussling puts my husband and me at a disadvantage as voters and as citizens. If this map is approved, we will be required to learn a new district, create alliances with new voters, and seek to build a relationship with yet a new elected official. I understand the source of the constant shuffling - the effort to stamp out the voting strength of Democrats in Travis County and to maximize Republican voting strength in Texas, but the negative impact on independent citizen voters like me and my neighbors is often overlooked. We need stability for our assigned districts so that we are in position to offer and receive support from our elected officials over a sustained period of time without the threat of constant, intentional change. Please contact me if you'd like to discuss my concerns further. I urge you to vote no. Doing so will affirm your commitment to
a stable democratic process that permits citizens to participate fully and effectively in their government.

Richa Prasad
Self
Austin, TX

AGAINST

Tyler Lengal
myself
Austin, TX

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the current redistricting efforts in Texas, which are a clear example of partisan gerrymandering designed to entrench Republican power at the expense of fair representation.
This practice violates the democratic principle of "one person, one vote" established by Reynolds v. Sims (1964), and it undermines the Voting Rights Act of 1965, which was designed to protect minority voting power from precisely this kind of manipulation.
Partisan gerrymandering is not only undemocratic…it is un-American. As President James Madison warned, “The public good is disregarded in the conflicts of rival parties.” When elected officials choose their voters, rather than voters choosing their representatives, our republic suffers.
There are proven, nonpartisan alternatives. Independent redistricting commissions, used successfully in states like California and Arizona, have demonstrated that fair maps can be drawn without political interference. Texas should adopt a similar model to ensure our districts reflect our communities, not the ambitions of partisan operatives.
I urge you to reject the current proposed maps and commit to a redistricting process that respects constitutional principles, promotes competitive elections, and upholds the integrity of our democracy.

Margaret Schwarten
self/ retired
Katy, TX

Redistricting to give advantage to one political party is unfair and should not be done. Redrawing Congressional districts was done after the last census. Redrawing lines because the President wants his party to hold the House of Representatives is disgraceful.

Omar Valerio, Dr.
self
San Antonio, TX

I oppose the current attempt by the Texas legislature to redraw the state's congressional districts in order to ensure that Republicans obtain five more additional seats. Various news reports have explained that Trump directed Abbott to redraw the congressional districts to make sure that Republicans obtain more congressional representatives. This is a blatant power grab and is not democratic. I oppose this bill and will work to oppose the election of any Texas legislator that supports this bill.

Tylon McBride
Self
Mansfield, TX

We don't want redistricting! The disenfranchisement this would bring is monumental. Our voices are meant to be heard, not blatantly ignored. Don't water down our votes like its cheap saloon swill.

Toni Fabry
Self
Tyler, TX

Please vote this very critical Bill out of Committee quickly. We must preserve GOP control of Congress in order to advance the Trump America First Agenda. Republicans need to continue to get our country back on the track to prosperity.
Thank You!

Leah Campbell
Myself
Houston, TX

I oppose any redirecting at this point in time. Our 2021 districting is still being litigated. Our government needs to fairly represent our citizens. By giving into pressure from the administration, you are being complicit to the will & needs of Texans.

Kathryn Jones, Ms.
Self
Austin, TX

I am a retired citizen and live in House District 37. My neighborhood is a diverse mix of individuals and families.

We deserve fair maps that reflect our communities and values. The new congressional map that has been proposed at the insistence of national republicans represents one of the most extreme partisan gerrymanders in the nation. Texans deserve a fair map that represents the diversity of our state, not one that silences our voices.

This map does not represent the Texas I’m from.

Do your job in advocating for your constituents rather than bending a knee to DonaldTrump and national GOP

Steven Brokaw
Self
Austin, TX

I am against Redistricting. Stop spending my money to disenfranchise me.

Norman Harris
self
Fort Worth, TX

I oppose this!

Meagan Lavender
Self- Childcare provider
San Marcos, TX

The new redistricting map does not represent the people of Texas fairly. How it has been divided up will make it impossible for representatives to respond to the local needs of Texans. A representative of one town should not also be a representative of a town hours away. Please stop this misuse of power. You will ultimately lose the trust of Texans in the end. Do what is right and draw the maps in a way that makes sense for our democracy.

Emma Sursa
Self
Pflugerville, TX

Hi my name is Emma sursa and I am a Texan I wanted to come here today to voice my concern about what is happening in this Council concerning the redistricting map. I am stuck in a district already where any democratic votes are diluted reaching to the hill country from pass college Station.

The Republicans in this committee have released a further gerrymandered districting map that Waters down any kind of community that has predominantly democratic or people of color in it to continue suppressing votes. The audacity that the Republicans show today that what they try to do is any thing other than corruption is egregious . To try to justify rigging an election to make sure a political party stays in power because the president gave you orders is mind blowing. Texans do not bow down, and that is why you have seen hundreds of Texans coming in front of you telling you how this sham this is. You passed the map you are trying to change 4 years ago! The Republicans have been the ones for decades making these maps to make sure you stay in majority power. Why we do not have an independent commission with little partisan regulation to set up free and fair elections is the real question here. How does my suburban austin community have the same local preferences of rural Texas or even Lakeway. If this map works out with what Trump has told yall to do and give him 30 seats out of the 38 to Republicans that math is 78% of our representation in the house would be Republicans. The last election for 2024 presidency the stats were 54% of voters voted for trump and there were more people who didn't vote than voted. Our representation now in texas doesn't hit that target that the polls showed a year ago. Instead you are moving the goal post so Republicans can try to keep control of the house for the mid term elections. This is pushing us towards autocracy and you sit up there in silence. This system is broken, this government is broken and has been for awhile. So I put it to you the democrats, fight! Cause I will not stop and I expect yall to do everything you can to stop this. I call you to break quorum. Thank you.

Peter Gilbreath
Self
Austin, TX

The proposed redistricting maps clearly are being done in order to favor the election of republican representatives. It is an unfair proposal, and will lead to people being elected that do not represent my beliefs, values, or priorities for our community. Texas is further suppressing the voice of its citizens through this proposal, and in the end will only hurt our state. I urge you to not pass this bill.

Danielle Lopez
Self
Fort Worth, TX

No to redistricting

Samantha Lengal
Self
Austin, TX

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the current redistricting efforts in Texas, which are a clear example of partisan gerrymandering designed to entrench Republican power at the expense of fair representation.

This practice violates the democratic principle of "one person, one vote" established by Reynolds v. Sims (1964), and it undermines the Voting Rights Act of 1965, which was designed to protect minority voting power from precisely this kind of manipulation.

Partisan gerrymandering is not only undemocratic…it is un-American. As President James Madison warned, “The public good is disregarded in the conflicts of rival parties.” When elected officials choose their voters, rather than voters choosing their representatives, our republic suffers.

There are proven, nonpartisan alternatives. Independent redistricting commissions, used successfully in states like California and Arizona, have demonstrated that fair maps can be drawn without political interference. Texas should adopt a similar model to ensure our districts reflect our communities, not the ambitions of partisan operatives.

I urge you to reject the current proposed maps and commit to a redistricting process that respects constitutional principles, promotes competitive elections, and upholds the integrity of our democracy.

Aaron Madison
Self
Austin, TX

I’m strongly opposed to HB4. It’s very clear that this is a brazen power grab by Republicans.

President Trump has openly stated that by redrawing the map they will pick up five more seats.

Republicans claim they are fixing racial gerrymandering, but they previously testified that the 2021 maps were not drawn with race in mind.

That is a contradiction that cannot be reconciled.

Redrawing the district lines right now is only going to further disenfranchise Texans.

Partisan gerrymandering is apparently legal. Racial gerrymandering is not. There’s strong evidence that there were racial motivations involved in this effort.

Whether this is legal or not, there is still right and wrong. Just because you can do something doesn’t mean you should.

If you go through with this, it will set off an arms race of more gerrymandering across the country, further dividing us into red and blue.

Do the right thing, and don’t go forward with this. Choose your country over your party.

Hugh Schneider
Hugh & Susan Schneider / 12509 Tierra Cuervo Drive. El Paso, Texas 79938-4756
El Paso, TX

I am in direct opposition to any attempt to redistrict the congressional representation of El Paso. My congress person has always faithfully, and satisfactorily represented me and my interests and I oppose any effort, or intent to redraw and / or gerrymander the existing parameters of my congressional district for purposes of political expediency.

Robert R. Feuille
myself
EL PASO, TX

I support redistricting

Jennifer Smith-Castro
Self
League City, TX

Oppose Unfair Redistricting in Texas
I strongly oppose the proposed redistricting maps in Texas. Redistricting should reflect population growth and ensure fair representation, not manipulate district lines for partisan advantage. These proposed maps silence communities of color, dilute their voting power, and undermine democracy. Texans deserve maps that reflect our diversity—not ones drawn behind closed doors to protect incumbents or serve a political agenda. I urge you to reject these unfair maps and adopt a transparent, community-driven redistricting process.
Redistricting Must Not Be Used to Suppress Voters
Redistricting should not be a tool for voter suppression, but that is exactly what these maps represent. Despite people of color making up 95% of Texas's population growth in the last decade, the new maps reduce their ability to elect candidates of their choice. That's not just unfair—it's undemocratic. The state must comply with the Voting Rights Act and ensure that communities of interest are empowered, not divided. These maps are unacceptable.
Protect Texas Communities, Not Political Power
Communities of interest—those with shared economic, cultural, or geographic interests—must be kept whole to ensure effective representation. By dividing our neighborhoods, this plan weakens our voice and ignores our shared concerns. I ask that you revise the maps to keep communities intact and reject partisan gerrymandering.
Demand a Transparent and Fair Redistricting Process
Redistricting should be done with the public, not in spite of the public. Yet Texans were given minimal time, few hearings, and little access to data or draft maps. This lack of transparency erodes public trust and invites corruption. We deserve an open process where citizens can meaningfully participate in shaping their representation. I call on you to delay the redistricting vote and allow for more public input.
These Maps Violate Federal Law
The redistricting maps proposed by the Texas Legislature likely violate Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act. The dilution of Black and Latino voting power is not only unethical—it's illegal. Courts have struck down similar maps in the past, and if these go forward, they will likely face the same fate. Stop wasting taxpayer money defending discriminatory maps and start drawing ones that uphold the Constitution and the law.

Ally Bresnahan
Self and citizens of Texas
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose the Texas redistricting bill. This is a blatant power grab designed to silence urban voters and undermine local control. It strips cities of fair representation and redraws districts to entrench partisan dominance, not to serve the people. This bill is anti-democratic, unjust, and an attack on the voice of millions of Texans. We must reject it unequivocally.

Elizabeth Chennell

Self - Parent

Austin, TX

Texas has always done what's best for Texans. We stand alone in this nation; as Davy Crockett said "you may all go to hell, and I will go to Texas."
Now, when someone who barely has even seen our great state, asks us to jump, we ask how high? Apparently 5 seats high.
No. Nope. Nuh-uh.
This is not how we do business in Texas.
We are, have always, and will always be for our people. We don't let anyone tell us how to be and we certainly aren't here to do the federal government's bidding.
This gerrymandering ploy that's being rushed through does not serve the people of Texas, and it's despicable that our leaders would stoop so low.
Say no to this outrageous scheme and show the world that Texas is not for sale.

Calvin McKee

Self

Austin, TX

I'm an Austin resident, native Texas who has lived in Brownfield, Memphis, Bowie Cleburne, McAllen, and Austin over the past 76 years, and I'm firmly against this redistricting attempt. It is, plain and simply, a power grab attempt to give its sponsors the votes they want for the candidates they support rather than allowing voters to have the democratically elected representatives they wish. We have more tha enough in office in both Austin and Texas trying to grab power away from the common person. Do not pass this redistricting map.

David Russell

Self

Wylie, TX

I am in favor of redistricting and ask my representative, Candy Noble to vote for this bill!

Jennifer Snowden

Self

Hurst, TX

Redistricting is not supposed to be partisan, but doing it in an off-census year is clear racial gerrymandering. The desperation shown in this attempt to pander to the far right, facist agenda to add more republican seats to the House proves that those who vote yes on this bill KNOW they do NOT represent the people of Texas. If this redistricting moves forward, it WILL backfire and the attempt to disenfranchise our minority populations in Texas will fail miserably because Texans - of all colors and ethnicities - will stand up and vote every single one of the racist power grabbers OUT. Vote NO on racist gerrymandering!

Joseph Comerford

Myself

Elgin, TX

This is completely wrong and should not be tolerated

Helena Dobay, Ms
semi-retired
San Antonio, TX

I am upset and disappointed that the Texas Republican majority members in this special session are trying to add additional Republican majority seats when it is not time to make redistricting changes and the previous map has been under lawsuit for violating the Voting Rights Act. Adding even one Republican seat means worsening a map considered among the worst racial and political gerrymanders in the country. The lopsided 25R-13D Republican advantage (66%) is far out of proportion to statewide political results and the racial makeup of Texas. This would also cause confusion among Texans and problems for candidates. It is unnecessary, unfair, counterproductive, unlawful, and unjustified. Instead, increase funding for storm preparedness & the Ike Dike, as well as hospitals, public schools, infrastructure, green energy, and increase the state's minimum wage. Texas ranks at the bottom of the country in healthcare, education, keeping Texans safe from gun violence and disasters, caring for foster kids and kids with disabilities, mental health, and other measures. Please do not tamper with the Congressional Districts, unless you provide better districting for the majority of Texans who live in big cities. Texans deserve to be able to vote without having over a million voter registrations rejected for frivolous reasons (like married women who change their names), keep countywide voting and early voting, allow mail in ballots for anyone who is a senior, is disabled, or will be unable to vote on election day. With excessive federal funding cuts, a TX budget surplus, a $30 Billion Rainy Day Fund (stabilization funds), there is no excuse not to improve the lives of all Texans rather than line the pockets of the large corporations and the billionaires. Texans deserve much better.

Lauren Meents
Self/Histotechnician
Houston, TX

This is 2025, not 2030. There has not been a new census to base redistricting from. Do not misuse power by redistricting congressional districts mid-decade. There is power in numbers - it’s quite apparent Greg Abbott and Donald Trump are aware of this and are trying to dilute our power.

The people are what make a democracy great. They are trying to dismantle and take control of Texans’ voting power. We know where our power lies - with our neighbors, NOT with you. You will lose.

Lisa Brown
Self/mom
San Antonio, TX

As a Texas resident and voter, I ask that you do not pass this current redistricting bill. It does not serve the people of the state of Texas. It serves the lawmakers, billionaires, and fascists. There is a process for making sure the people’s voices are heard, and this is not it. The new maps will just be Greg Abbott and MAGA Republicans showing allegiance to Donald J. Trump, because he asked them to realign the districts so her can get 5 more Republican seats. This is not in service to the people of Texas, but is in service to the dear leader. It is a shameful authoritarian move and power grab. Y’all need to stop bowing down to billionaires and remember you serve the people of Texas. There is NO legitimate reason to draw these new district lines. If you pass this bill, it will do my best to get every one of you voted out the next time you are up for election. Please do the right legal, constitutional thing and STOP GERRYMANDERING!

Carol Hickey, Ms
Self
Austin, TX

I want to go on record as opposing the political redistricting of Austin! This underhanded move by the great State of Texas to appease Trump and grab political power for the Republicans is further undermining our wonderful democracy and the will of the people.

Lauren Cooke
Self, Creative Director
Austin, TX

My name is Lauren Cooke, and I am writing in strong opposition to HB 4.

This bill fails to provide fair and representative congressional maps for the people of Texas. Instead of reflecting the true makeup of our state—one that has grown more diverse, especially among Latino, Black, and Asian communities—HB 4 appears designed to preserve political power through partisan and racial gerrymandering.

The proposed maps diminish the voting strength of communities of color by cracking and packing them into districts that dilute their influence. This is not only unethical—it potentially violates the Voting Rights Act.

Texans deserve a transparent, inclusive redistricting process. But HB 4 was drawn behind closed doors, without meaningful public input, and with little explanation of how the lines were determined. It disregards the needs and voices of everyday Texans.

I urge the committee to reject this bill and instead pursue a fair process that puts people over politics. Congressional maps should reflect the real Texas—not just serve the interests of those already in power.

Sincerely,
Lauren Cooke
Austin, Travis County

Cathy Campbell, Ms
Self
Lago Vista, TX

I am completely a
Opposed to this bill. This is a way to dilute democrat support and the districts in Texas are so gerrymandered against democratic representation that they are illegal. The Texas legislature needs to focus on rural healthcare, mental health care, infrastructure, adequately funding schools, and the viability of the electric grid. Do your jobs and stop cheating to win.

Anita Roberts
self
Austin, TX

To the Texas Legislature and Redistricting Committees:

As a Black American citizen, a proud Texan, a mother of two African American sons, and a combat veteran who served this state and nation with honor, I write to express my deep outrage and disappointment over the blatant attempt to disenfranchise Black and Brown voters in this state.

What is being proposed under the guise of redistricting is not only unjust and immoral—it is illegal. It is a continuation of a long and shameful history of white supremacy in Texas, a state that once fought to deny freedom to Black Americans and now seeks to deny us our democratic voice.

Let me be clear: this is a modern-day political lynching of our voting rights.

It is appalling that elected officials would allow themselves to be influenced; directed by those who hold racist ideologies, rather than uphold the values of fairness, equity, and the Constitution they swore to protect. The proposed redistricting plan—if enacted—will silence communities of color, undermine the Voting Rights Act, and stain the legacy of every Texan who believes in true democracy.

We are not asking for special treatment—we are demanding equal representation. As someone who wore the uniform of this country, I fought for freedoms abroad that are now under attack at home. My sons, and every child of color in Texas, deserve a future where their voices are not manipulated out of existence through blatantly racially-motivated maps.

This plan must be rejected. Not modified—killed.

You have a moral, legal, and civic duty to protect the democratic rights of every Texan—not just those who look like you or vote like you. If you stand by and allow this redistricting effort to move forward, you are complicit in the continued erosion of civil rights in Texas. You are reviving the racist tropes and ideologies of our past and sending a dangerous message to our children: that they are not worthy of full citizenship in a state their forefathers were enslaved in and helped to build.

Do the right thing. Protect Veterans. Protect all of Texas citizens. Protect our votes. Protect our voices. Protect our democracy.

Sincerely,
Anita C. Roberts
Texas Veteran
Combat U.S. Veteran
Mother
Concerned Citizen

Leonard Torres, Mr
Self - Retired
League City, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map

Katie Carnahan
Self, Retired
Austin, TX

I'm strongly against the passage of HB4. This legislation, if passed, would be a profound setback for democratic representation in Texas. It is not just a matter of political disagreement; it is an attack on the fundamental principle of fair and equal representation. I stand against HB4 for three primary reasons: it is a mid-decade power grab, it systematically silences communities of color, and it is a blatant act of racial gerrymandering that leads to further voter disenfranchisement.

First, the very process by which we are here today is an affront to the democratic process. This is a last-minute, mid-decade redistricting effort, a move that is unusual and, frankly, unnecessary. When we draw new maps once every ten years, it is to account for population changes shown in the census. A mid-decade re-drawing of the maps serves no such purpose. Instead, it appears to be a clear attempt to subvert the will of the voters and lock in political power for one party. It reduces the importance of voter participation and diminishes the ability of ordinary citizens to elect representatives of their choice, making it less likely that the problems ordinary working people really care about will be addressed.

Additionally, this bill adversely and overwhelmingly impacts communities of color in our state. The maps proposed in HB4 appear to be designed to dilute the voting strength of our state's growing and diverse population. This is not how a representative democracy should function. As a state where 60% of our population are people of color, we deserve to have representatives that reflect our experiences and advocate for our needs. The government should be accountable to its constituents, but these maps only ensure a lack of accountability by silencing the voices of a significant portion of our communities.

Finally, the maps proposed in HB4 are racial gerrymandering disguised as partisan gerrymandering, and those who support this should be ashamed. When districts are drawn to intentionally weaken the voting power of communities, it is a clear violation of the spirit, if not the letter, of our nation's voting rights laws. It sends a message that the votes of some Texans matter more than others—which is patently false. This isn't just about party politics; it is about ensuring every citizen has a voice.

I urge you to consider the long-term damage this bill will do to the trust that Texans have in our government. We need maps that are fair, transparent, and that truly represent the people of this state. We need maps that empower communities, not silence them. I ask you to vote "no" on HB4 and to send a clear message that Texas will not tolerate racial or partisan gerrymandering.

Stacey Hill
Self
San Antonio, TX

Allowing the agenda of one party to influence the voting outcomes in Texas is a dictatorship not democracy. Where is the backbone of our leaders in that they feel the need to cheat rather than protecting the voting process. This is an outrage!

Terri Raridon
self
Austin, TX

As a citizen of Texas and specifically Williamson County/Austin Texas I am writing to express my concern and outrage over what is an obvious power grab by our President and the Republican Party to maintain control of the US House. Drawing a new map outside of the usual timeline -usually every 10 years post census, sets a dangerous precedent for any party in power to do so, at will again in future. The current map already underrepresents a large portion of our Texas citizens. The citizens should choose their elected officials, not elected officials choosing the voters and this misguided gerrymander, if passed, would be a blatant disregard for the rights of all Texas citizens regardless of party affiliation. I urge you to show some grit and integrity, do not allow this body to be strongarmed into an action that will have negative consequences, potentially for the entire nation and open a pandoras box for future abuse of the process.
Sincerely,
Terri Lynn Raridon

Kiran Gupta
Self home maker
Plano, TX

Dear Governor Abbott, Lt. Governor Patrick, and Speaker Burrows,
As members of the South Asian American community across Texas, we write to express our unequivocal opposition to the mid-decade congressional redistricting plan currently before the Legislature.
South Asian Texans are one of the fastest-growing populations in this state. We run businesses, drive innovation, advance medicine, and enrich the cultural and civic life of Texas. We also vote, organize, and contribute to the democratic process.
But this redistricting proposal is not about improving representation — it is about manipulating it. These maps are being redrawn to break up strong, diverse voting blocs and weaken the collective voice of communities of color, including South Asians, who are becoming an undeniable force in Texas politics.
In major metropolitan counties where South Asians live and work — Harris, Fort Bend, Dallas, Collin, Tarrant, Travis, and Bexar — cohesive neighborhoods are being fractured and stitched together with distant rural counties. These artificial districts have nothing to do with shared interests and everything to do with diluting the political power of growing populations.
This is not representation. This is an intentional strategy to silence voters and undermine democracy.
What does a tech executive in Plano have in common with a farmer hundreds of miles away? What shared vision for Texas can come from districts designed to split communities apart rather than bring them together?
Texas should stand as a model of democratic integrity, where representation reflects the people who call this state home. Instead, this process dismantles the very pillars of democracy — fairness, accountability, and trust.
When maps are drawn for partisan gain, they don’t just distort election outcomes — they tell entire communities their voices don’t matter.
We stand with Texans in Fort Bend, Collin, Dallas, Harris, Travis, Williamson, Bexar, El Paso, Denton, and Tarrant Counties who are seeing their voting power diluted and their representation sacrificed for political advantage.
We urge you to withdraw this plan and commit instead to drawing fair maps that keep communities whole, reflect where people actually live and work, and protect every Texan’s right to representation.
Democracy only works when every vote counts and every voice is heard. These maps break that promise. Texans — all Texans — deserve better.
Sincerely,

Melody Paasch
True Texas Project
Frisco, TX

“I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.”

Claire Krebs
self, attorney
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose the mid-decade redistricting that would redraw my district, the 35th, which would illegally pack voters of a certain political party into a single district to disenfranchise ordinary citizens from representation of their views in Congress. This is a transparent power grab by one political party (Republicans) against another (Democrats) and destroys our faith in government by the people for the people. Shame on the politicians at the state level (Greg Abbott & his supporters) and at the federal level (the President & his followers) for this blatantly illegal attack on our principles of democracy. Districts should not be gerrymandered for any reason, and I'm strongly against this redistricting.

Richard Reese
Self
Fort Davis, TX

No to redistricting. It's wrong & doesn't represent the Texas public

Hayden Claborn
self
Pflugerville, TX

I am firmly against this. We should be focusing on the real problems facing Texas, like rising prices on basic goods or investing in better disaster prevention.

Maryann Eastman
self
Fort Davis, TX

This is an abomination and should be blocked immediately.

Crysta Brantley
self, engineer
McKinney, TX

It is not normal to consider redistricting mid-decade. It is clear there is an ulterior motive to submitting this bill. This is a calculated, anti-democratic (the process, not the party) attempt to take power away from targeted individuals by diluting their voice and vote in our state, and thus weakening their representation in our government. Texans deserve a fair and transparent process with district maps that reflect all Texans. I am opposed to this bill and I encourage all representatives to vote against it. Texas legislators should ENCOURAGE all those with the right to vote to actually cast their vote, not make it harder for them to do so, or weaken the impact of their vote with this subversive re-districting plan.

Rose Pace
self
Georgetown, TX

THIS IS GERRYMANDERING AT ITS WORSE. Changing the district lines to benefit republican candidates is illegal under the Voters Rights Act of 1965. Texas republicans are following the Trump rules and orders like puppets! We voters are planning on working our hardest to prevent your re-election if you continue to follow the authoritarian government Trump and his Republican congress are forcing on the American public. Don't become a past-tense legislator. STAND UP FOR WHAT IS RIGHT AND JUST.

Whitney Roebel
Self
Austin, TX

Redistricting should be done every 10 years, after the census. This current proposal is not justified by the data and has not been requested by your constituents. The President demanded it and Texas Republicans caved in. Our representatives must show the courage to stand up to bullies and to represent the people of Texas. Please vote NO.

Rachel Lund
self
Taylor, TX

I am AGAINST the proposed redistricting. These changes clearly favor diluting representation of voters of color and also being more favorable to Republican candidates.

Bar Rice Morales
Self
San Antonio, TX

This is NOT my father's Republican Party or country he fought for in WWII. Shame on you AGAIN illegally redrawing the voting maps in Texas. Shame, shame, shame. Do you have any?? We will fight you legally and protest every day until you STOP this fascist takeover

Mae Reed
Self
Austin, TX

The redistricting maps recently approved in this state are not just flawed—they are a deliberate attack on representative democracy. Let's call it what it is: a power grab designed to secure seats, silence communities of color, and rig outcomes before a single vote is cast.

This is not about fairness. This is not about population growth. This is about manipulating the system to protect incumbents and suppress the political power of millions of Texans. We are one of the most diverse and fastest-growing states in the country. Yet somehow, that growth is not reflected in our representation. That's not an accident. It's by design.

These lines fracture communities, dilute voices, and send a clear message to voters like me: your voice only matters when it benefits those already in power.

I'm not just disappointed—I'm furious. We are failing the people of Texas. We need a redistricting process that is transparent, nonpartisan, and accountable. Anything less is a betrayal to the public, the state, and the offices you hold.

Do better. Because this is not it.

Donna Haschke, Mrs.
Self—retired educator
Buda, TX

TX has a bad reputation for passing discriminatory election laws and racial gerrymandered maps. This only perpetuates the pattern.
You should be concentrating on the safety of our citizens in the wake of the devastating recent floods. Maps were redrawn in 2021; they should be redrawn in 2031, not now when they will not reflect the true diversity and the needs of communities.
Please think of the needs of our state and do not acquiesce to the demands of Donald Trump to have 5 more districts to ensure his majority! You represent your constituents and not Trump.

Anthony Maniche
Self
DALLAS, TX

Plain and simple, this is wrong, partisan, and not looking out for the citizens. Not even the right time for redrawing these districts which shows how shady this really is! Bad, bad Republicans!

Rachel Mendrek
self
Austin, TX

I am firmly against ALL proposed redistricting in Texas! Texans deserve equal representation under the current maps - not this Trump map. You work for the people of Texas, not for Trump. Please keep communities together and vote against PLANC2308, which will divide communities and remove their representation.

Tim Kirby
Self
Dallas, TX

As a citizen, a representative should represent the community I live in and not some gerrymandered district that doesn't represent me and my neighborhood. Manipulating districts to elect a certain political party goes against this and in my view,also goes against the goals of of both the Texas nd US constitution. It is my hope the enough of our elected officials will stand up for the constitution and not be a slave to President Trump.

Deborah Chavez
myself
Buda, TX

My name is Deborah Chavez. I live in Buda in US House District 35. I am outraged and sickened by the proposed redistricting map. It is nothing more than a blatant power grab and an effort to deny representation to millions of Texans. In the 2024 Presidential Election Kamala Harris received 42.46% of the vote; Donald Trump 56.14%. If the makeup of our US House members was fairly distributed, the Republican Party should have at most 22 of the 38 House members. Our current contingent in the House is already skewed with 25 Republicans. This proposed map would make this imbalance even more pronounced yielding as many as 30 Republicans. There is absolutely no reason to draw a new map at this time since redistricting was done just 4 years ago. Stand up for what is right and fair. Vote no on redistricting.

Richard Hensley
Self
Boerne, TX

Once again Republicans are attempting to gerrymander the state so that you supposedly can’t lose seats for your leader Trumpty Dumpty. You all are political cowards. Your doing this under the guise of race issues is bullsit and you know it. Instead all you are doing is boot licking for your Heir Leader, a raptust, liar and convicted criminal. I vehemently oppose this BS. You clearly no longer care about representing ALL the people of this state, only your special interests. The governor, attorney general and the rest of you are cowards and not worthy of your offices. You can and will be voted out sooner than later because of your behavior. Shame on you and the rest of you Trumpty Dumpty sycophants. Why not spend out tax dollars on finding better solutions to flash flooding that killed all those people, even if Kerr County residents don’t want it.

Mary Kahle
self, historian
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose efforts to redraw the Congressional map because it will illegally disenfranchise millions of Texas voters. Have you no decency?

Gretchen Brosch
Self
Irving, TX

Please vote AGAINST redistricting just so tge republicans can get more districts. It is unfair to minorities and races

Jeremy Conway
Self
Austin, TX

To the Members of the Texas House Redistricting Committee:

I submit this comment in firm opposition to the proposed mid-decade congressional redistricting map currently under consideration.

The proposal represents a dangerous and undemocratic attempt to entrench partisan control at the expense of fair representation. Texas has a long tradition—across parties and generations—of redrawing maps once per decade, guided by new census data and grounded in principles of equal representation. This extraordinary mid-cycle effort breaks with that precedent and serves no legitimate redistricting need. It is clearly engineered to dilute the voting power of entire communities.

The proposed map would increase Republican-held districts to as many as 30 of 38, despite statewide Democratic vote shares consistently approaching or exceeding 45%. This is not the result of demographic changes—it is the result of extreme gerrymandering tactics. Voters in major urban and suburban areas—Austin, Dallas-Fort Worth, Houston, San Antonio, and the Rio Grande Valley—are being "cracked" or "packed" to suppress their voice.

Some of the districts now under consideration stretch across multiple counties and regions, severing communities of interest and creating nonsensical shapes that bear no relationship to geography, culture, or economy. In some cases, two Democratic incumbents are drawn into the same district, clearly to eliminate representation. These designs do not reflect the Texas electorate—they subvert it.

Moreover, this map raises serious legal concerns. It undermines the representational strength of Black, Latino, and Asian American voters and potentially violates the Voting Rights Act. Texas has been rebuked by federal courts for discriminatory redistricting in the past, including in the 2006 LULAC v. Perry case and again in Abbott v. Perez (2018). The current proposal may well invite further litigation—and deservedly so.

Finally, rushing such a consequential and disruptive change during a summer special session—without a compelling rationale or broad public input—undermines the public trust in this process.

I urge the committee to reject this proposed map. Uphold the democratic principles that Texans of all backgrounds deserve: fair maps, drawn transparently, that reflect our real communities and ensure all voices are heard. Do not let partisan strategy override representative government.

Respectfully,
Jeremy Conway
District 37
July 31, 2025

Julia Belles
Self, retired
El Paso, TX

The proposed redistricting maps or nothing more than a blatant attempt to dilute and discourage voting in Texas. It is not, as our governor claims, to address racial bias. The Attorney General and the Republicans clearly stated in 2021 that our existing districts are racially neutral. If the Republicans are so afraid by voters, they need to do their jobs and start listening to the voters instead of doing Trump‘s bidding.

The proposed map does not in any manner allow for El Paso to have a meaningful voice and adequate representation.

Mellanease Green
Self
Houston, TX

I oppose and urge the committee to reject this mid decade redistricting proposal that reduces minority voting influence. Our communities deserve fair maps and fair representation not political manipulation.

Bonnie McManners, Ms.
Self
Austin, TX

I am writing to strongly oppose the rushed effort to redraw Texas congressional maps in this mid-decade redistricting process. Texas already redrew its maps in 2021 based on the Census. This new attempt is not driven by population changes—it is a calculated, anti-democratic power grab designed to entrench political power while ignoring the will of Texas voters.

Governor Abbott's decision to call a special session just one week after devastating floods impacted our communities shows a clear prioritization of political manipulation over real relief for Texans in need. This process is being rushed through in 30 days, with no meaningful requirement for transparency, public input, or fair representation.

Redistricting should reflect the diversity of our state, not partisan interests. I urge you to reject this undemocratic maneuver and commit to a process that is open, fair, and accountable to the people of Texas.

Sincerely,
Bonnie McManners
Austin, TX 78702

Bridgette Findley
Self
New Braunfels, TX

If any of you have any interest in representing the people of *Texas* fairly, do not vote in favor of this redistricting map. You know full well how partisanship is hurting our state and our country. Manipulating districts to support the party in power and cut out those who disagree is not going to make it better. Your primary motivation should be fairly portioning our districts for the state of Texas for the foreseeable future, not changing things for us to serve one man's agenda at the national level. Quit letting Trump hold us all hostage because you think staying in power requires, or is worth, agreeing with every word he says.

Stephanie Cale, LMSW
Self, social worker
Austin, TX

Please do NOT redistrict Texas! The districting should represent how people are voting in our state, not what outside interests (Washington DC, I'm looking over my glasses at you) are trying to dictate to Texans. Hard-working Texans are going to lose their representation if Texas is redistricted, and the districts will not represent the amazing diversity of people that is one of Texas's most valuable assets. Please do not redistrict! Thank you.

Diane Wilson
self / retired commercial fisherwoman
seadrift, TX

I cannot believe how outrageous this is. I feel that the government of Texas is working against its citizens and our governor and some very cowardly elected officials are cowering to the desires of Donald Trump. Texas, what has happened to you! We see you and will not forget!

Bart Jennings
self
Austin, TX

I am 66 years old, a U.S. citizen, and have voted in the past for Democrats and Republicans. I oppose HB 4 and any consideration of redistricting at this time. I do NOT believe it is ethical to consider a map solely to trying to improve control of the US Congress by the Republican party as requested by President Trump. This action should only be taken by an independent panel. A power play at this point only exacerbates polarization, and gerrymandering is an abuse of the right to fair elections and your power. You are seeking an unearned advantage by not honoring people's votes and skewing how districts are mapped. Fair representation is what should be held sacrosanct. Please table HB 4 and any related bills.

Lisa Kienle
Myself
Leander, TX, TX

Strongly opposed to redistricting

Elizabeth Yow, Ms.
League of Women Voters Houston
Houston, TX

I am concerned about the congressional redistricting occurring now here in Texas.

With our State reeling from the tragic loss of so many lives from recent floods,
Texans should be seeing caring consideration from their government, not an
unjustified congressional redistricting.

This untimely redistricting is intentionally directed at disenfranchising communities of color, i.e. African Americans, Latino, and Asian Americans.

Appointing an independent redistricting commission would be a solution to ensure all Texans get fair representation in the electoral process.

SueAnn Chandler
Self
Georgetown, TX

Absolutely against redistricting to gerrymander for more Republicans. This should be illegal. The Republican party has lost it conscience and hopefully feels some shame! Stand up to Trump and unite to get him out of office!!!

James Johnson
Self, Small Business Owner
Austin, TX

I want to express a strong opposition to the proposed congressional redistricting plan currently under consideration. The 4 main reasons I oppose this are:

Fair Representation is Essential: Redistricting should ensure fair and accurate representation for all Texans, not manipulating district lines to achieve partisan advantage.

Upholding the Voting Rights Act: The proposed plan appears to violate the spirit and intent of the Voting Rights Act by undermining the ability of voters to elect their preferred candidates.

Mid-Decade Redistricting is Unnecessary: The state is currently operating under maps drawn after the 2020 census, and a mid-decade redraw is a blatant attempt to consolidate power and circumvent the will of the voters to benefit a certain party. If the roles were reversed, you would not want this to occur.

The people's voices matter including mine.

Sincerely,

James, a long time Texas resident.

Robert Adams, Mr.
Self/ Emergency Services
Gatesville, TX

I support the Republicans with this redistricting effort.

Chuck Naeve, PE
Self, Professional Engineer
Austin, TX

I wish to state my opposition to this plan that does not represent fair treatment of the citizens of the State of Texas. This plan, as publicly stated by President Trump, has the sole purpose of providing an unfair representation of the Republican Party in the US Congress. This is not a democratic principal and should not be considered and not passed by the Texas Legislature if your purpose is to serve fairly all the people of Texas. Those voting for passage clearly show that they value the Republican Party over the people of this great state.

Nancy Feldt, Mrs
Self retired letter carrier NALC
San Antonio, TX

Moving boundaries during midterm at the whim of the president is dishonest just so you have more republican leaders. It’s a crooked game you play. Please do not change our boundaries now.

Joan Cunningham, Ms
self - retired
San Antonio, TX

This bill to create five new and overtly gerrymandered districts is a VERY BAD IDEA. This mid-decade redistricting effort is blatantly political, aiming to disenfranchise voters who do not support President Trump. It seeks to rig the upcoming mid-term and all subsequent federal elections, having the express purpose of eliminating Democratic representatives from the House and rendering the will of the people unknowable. It is so contrary to foundational constitutional principles, that I cannot but conclude that the supporters of this bill have lost all integrity and backbone. If this bill is passed, fair and free elections in Texas will be but a figment of past goals, instead of the paramount objective. DO NOT SUPPORT THIS BILL.

Persephone Saavedra
Self
El Paso, TX

It is an undemocratic effort to redistrict the state prior to another 10-year US census. This mid-decade attempt to redraw districts will take away the weight of the average constituent's vote. Legislators are supposed to draw the maps with equal populations and without discrimination. Districts are meant to be representative, not suppressive, and not sudden—based on the GOP's bias. I oppose this attempt at gerrymandering our state, this is not about current districts being drawn at "racial lines"—rather it is an attempt at voter suppression because of this process occurring well before the next US Census.

Kelly Hayes
personal
Austinaustin, TX

I'd like to express my concern about this bill and would like the politicians representing me to vote NO.

Wendell TAYLOR
Self, Retired
Austin, TX

I support fair redistricting once every 20 years after each census. What is being proposed isn't fair, equitable and only serves naked partisanship. Carving up districts in such a way only serves to turn the notion of "citizen legislator" on its head. How will a representative whose district spans hundreds of miles represent effectively a population center like Travis County. I urge you to vote against this partisan plan, and wait until after the 2030 Census to re-district. In the meantime, work on a non-partisan Redistricting Commission, which I would support.

Ben Sadun
Self
Austin, TX

As an Austinite I am against these maps and midterm redistricting. It sadden me. I can walk from one side of the capitol and be in one District and then exit on the other side and be in another District. There are stretches of downtown that you could walk with a child before they get tired in these new maps. I've been imagining teaching children often these days…When we do midterm redistricting I'm imagining trying to teach my future child a love of civics when a brain is developing how are they going to keep up with the changes? How do I explain the extenuating circumstances of just "5 more districts" quoted by Trump. I'll find a way to teach my kids. But I'm just hoping you're still listening and maybe could turn this whole ship around.

Joan Kaim
self
Austin, TX

Leave the composition of the districts alone!

Annalisa Blackham
Self, social worker
Dallas, TX

The proposed map negatively impacts communities by unfairly limiting the voice and representation of those of us living in certain areas. Someone living in very urban Dallas neighborhood like me being redistricted into a new district that includes Mineola or Gilmer?.... How do we even have any common concerns at a local level? This redistricting reduces the voice and representation of people like me by putting us in the same area as people living/experiencing a completely different life than our neighborhood.....

Wil Jeudy, Dr.
Self - Physician
Houston, TX

This is going too far. This is absolutely unAmerican and will be a stain on Texas history. Please keep the districts where they are and re-do as is customary every 10 years.

Deborah Rupp
Self - retired
Austin, TX

This special session's priorities are all out of whack! 130+ Texans recently perished due to flooding that could have been predicted earlier, thus saving lives, yet the GOP is pushing the nakedly partisan issue of mid-term redistricting to cement the GOP's stranglehold on Texans. TEXANS SHOULD CHOOSE THEIR POLITICIANS, NOT THE OTHER WAY AROUND! I am disgusted that our GOP elected officials are bowing so deeply to the Trump administration's demands. I wish you all would show some courage and stand up to Trump's efforts to turn us into a one-party (himself) rule country.

Alison Beam
Self
San Antonio, TX

The proposed redistricting maps aim to silence the voice of Texas voters and are a violation both of the Voting Rights Act and Governor Abbott’s oath to faithfully execute his duties and to defend the laws. Governor Abbott has blatantly prioritized the whims of Donald Trump over the most fundamental right of Texans — the right to vote in a fair election.
To ensure electoral integrity, all states must play by the same rules and demand Independent Redistricting Committees become a federal requirement — Texas should lead the way to make this a reality.
If Republicans in the Texas Legislature and the Governor are so confident that their policies and legislation are what the majority of Texans want, then they should have no fear of an Independent Redistricting Committee. Hiding behind a partisan, gerrymandered map is a clear indicator that they realize how unpopular their intentions are and they must cheat to win.
When you have a district carved up to literally look like a tilde accent mark (Bexar County District 20), it’s obvious that this map serves no purpose but to disenfranchise voters. Texans deserve better.

Margaret Thomas-Barry
Self
Horseshoe Bay, TX

I am opposed to the re-drawing of district maps because this process is gerrymandering and dilutes the will of the people. Representatives should be chosen by voters and not by politicians. This map - if redrawn -gives favor to the election of one political party over the other and goes against the democratic process. I urge you to deny the request by the Republican Party to redraw district lines.
Sincerely
Margaret Ann Thomas-Barry

Regina Mack
self
Austin, TX

Withdraw these unfair maps and focus on what you were elected to do: improving the lives of Texans.

Menaca R Padakandla
self/retired
Carrollton, TX

I am a Texas voter, and I oppose any mid-decade redistricting, especially while the current maps are still being challenged in court. Furthermore, I oppose any redistricting that does not result in fair representation for all Texans. Texas has a long history of racial gerrymandering and discriminatory voting practices, so I urge you to prevent communities of color from being deliberately divided, thereby weakening their political voice.

Texans have the right to fair and equal representation that's achieved through a thoughtful, transparent process that allows meaningful public input. Lawmakers should have the necessary information to create legally compliant district maps, protect minority voting rights, and respect county lines, city boundaries, and communities of interest. A rushed 30-day special session packed with unrelated agenda items is not the way to achieve this.

Texans deserve to have a redistricting process that is fair, transparent, and results in equal representation for all, not this rushed and deeply flawed process. Flood recovery efforts and the safety of Texans should be the top priority, not redrawing political maps.

Thanks for responding to this urgent need.

Your constituent,
Menaca Padakandla

Maria Popova
Self
Cypress, TX

I strongly support HB4 and the redistricting map, I also strongly support President Trump's legislative agenda by adding 5 Texas-held Republican US House seats since there have been lawful previous mid-decade revisions.

Susan Hunter
Self
Austin, TX

I am opposed to any and all efforts to reform the composition of the districts of the US House of Representatives in Texas.

Pamela Peck, Ms.
self, retired federal worker
San Antonio, TX

I oppose midterm redistricting. This is a disgusting political power grab. Midterm redistricting should only occurs to equalize representation among districts where there has been documented population growth resulting in inequitable representation. There is no evidence that this is the current situation. Furthermore, redistricting should never be done at the behest of a power-hungry President.

It is particularly despicable that the Governor has refused to call elections in vacant Democratic districts, although the vacancies occurred more than a year and half before the midterms, and that the Texas Legislature has failed to call him out on this clearly partisan and unfair decision, choosing to totally ignore the interests of the unrepresented constituents in these districts. We all know that if the vacancy had occurred in a Republican district, a prompt reelection would have been scheduled.
Your failure to advocate and insist on fairness for unrepresented Texas constituents demonstrates that every one of you has breached the public trust placed in your position to act in the best interests of all Texans, no matter their political affiliation.
The gross partisan circus you are currently presiding over is shameful. The recently proposed maps are clearly gerrymandered, racist, and corrupt. They represent a direct attack on democracy and the political power of working people that don’t have money to buy political influence with lobbyists and bribes. It is a clear attempt to silence Texas constituents by rigging election outcomes before they even get to the ballot box. A plague upon those who lack the courage and integrity to put party loyalty above impartial law and justice, and yes, equity for all Texas constituents.

Writtika Roy
Self
Frisco, TX

RE: Opposition to Mid-Decade Congressional Redistricting – A Statement from South Asian Texans
Dear Governor Abbott, Lt. Governor Patrick, and Speaker Burrows,
As members of the South Asian American community across Texas, we write to express our unequivocal opposition to the mid-decade congressional redistricting plan currently before the Legislature.
South Asian Texans are one of the fastest-growing populations in this state. We run businesses, drive innovation, advance medicine, and enrich the cultural and civic life of Texas. We also vote, organize, and contribute to the democratic process.
But this redistricting proposal is not about improving representation — it is about manipulating it. These maps are being redrawn to break up strong, diverse voting blocs and weaken the collective voice of communities of color, including South Asians, who are becoming an undeniable force in Texas politics.
In major metropolitan counties where South Asians live and work — Harris, Fort Bend, Dallas, Collin, Tarrant, Travis, and Bexar — cohesive neighborhoods are being fractured and stitched together with distant rural counties. These artificial districts have nothing to do with shared interests and everything to do with diluting the political power of growing populations.
This is not representation. This is an intentional strategy to silence voters and undermine democracy.
What does a tech executive in Plano have in common with a farmer hundreds of miles away? What shared vision for Texas can come from districts designed to split communities apart rather than bring them together?
Texas should stand as a model of democratic integrity, where representation reflects the people who call this state home. Instead, this process dismantles the very pillars of democracy — fairness, accountability, and trust.
When maps are drawn for partisan gain, they don’t just distort election outcomes — they tell entire communities their voices don’t matter.
We stand with Texans in Fort Bend, Collin, Dallas, Harris, Travis, Williamson, Bexar, El Paso, Denton, and Tarrant Counties who are seeing their voting power diluted and their representation sacrificed for political advantage.
We urge you to withdraw this plan and commit instead to drawing fair maps that keep communities whole, reflect where people actually live and work, and protect every Texan’s right to representation.
Democracy only works when every vote counts and every voice is heard. These maps break that promise. Texans — all Texans — deserve better.
Sincerely,
Writtika Roy
Frisco, Texas

Katherine Shaw
self, Project Manager
San Marcos, TX

I reject his proposed redistricting map and House Bill 4. Texans deserve fair maps! This proposed map is gerrymandering, a political move designed to take representation away from Texans and serve those in power. My congressional district in Hays County will be negatively impacted by the redrawn lines. Across Texas, communities will lose meaningful representation, and districts will be redrawn to take power away from communities of color. You shouldn't even be redrawing the maps now - the last set of gerrymandered maps are still facing law suits for the way they were drawn. Governor Abbott is using the special session to push Trump’s political agenda rather than addressing the real crises Texans are facing. While families recover from the devastating Central Texas floods, lawmakers have been wasting time redrawing voting maps behind closed doors to cling to power.

Kindra Porter
Self
Desoto, TX

Hi, my name is Kindra Porter, and I am a constituent in zip code 75115. I am calling/writing to demand my representative oppose HB4. This is not right.

George Bradley, Rev.
Self
San Antonio, TX

Even addressing Redistricting seems to me to be out of order. It is IN ORDER following national census data are collected, and that is five years in the future. Stop this process. Stop stealing representation from BIPOC folks!

Olivia Lawson
Self
Austin, TX

I oppose the redistricting being forced by President Trump. It is an illegal map and does not represent my rights nor my area.

ROBIN FORGE
SELF
DALLAS, TX

I am writing to categorically reject House Bill 4 and the redistricting proposal it represents. This plan is a blatant attempt to undermine fair representation in Texas and silence the voices of minority communities that form the backbone of our state.

As a proud resident of Congressional District 30 in the 75224 area code, I am outraged that the newly proposed maps carve out the residence of my elected representative, Jasmine Crockett. This is not a coincidence—it is a calculated move to weaken our district's political power and erase our voice from the conversation.

This proposal does not serve my community. It serves partisan interests. Redistricting should be a chance to strengthen representation for the communities that have long been marginalized. Instead, HB 4 doubles down on exclusion, pushing through a map that dilutes minority voting strength and consolidates power for the few. This is not democracy—it's manipulation.

Texans are not pawns. We will not be moved around on a political chessboard to satisfy a power grab. I call on our state leaders to reject this proposal, uphold the Constitution, and protect the integrity of our electoral system. Do not rush this process. Do not ignore the people you were elected to serve.

Reject HB 4. Do better by Texans. Honor the diversity that defines this state.

Sincerely Registered Voter

Molly King
Self - manager
AUSTIN, TX

This is unconstitutional, unconscionable, and just plain wrong

Katherine Harrington
Self; director of marketing
AUSTIN, TX

I strongly oppose this bill.

Carly Berry
self
pflugerville, TX

I oppose HB 4 redistricting

Brittany Schwerin
Self
Wylie, TX

I support HB 4

Kelly Perez
Self
Round Rock, TX

Stop the votere steal. Corruption needs to stop.

Doug Gower
Private citizen
Austin, TX

I strongly object to this undisguised power grab. Since when do Texans submit to a New Yorker named Trump BOSS then around? A Republican state legislature rigs congressional districts with no rationale except they fear they cannot hold onto power any other way? Think before you take an irrevocable action. The law of unintended consequences cannot be repealed. You may very well be creating districts with thinner Republican margins that a Blue Wave might swamp, when that's probably impossible with the current gerrymandering. You will also be starting a political arms race where Blue states may very well redistrict. Don't assume this cleverness will end well. STOP THE REDISTRICTING NOW!

Gloria Smith
N/A
Lantana, TX

This is wrong. You know it is wrong. Most of you profess to be a Christian….Act like it.Who are you afraid of? Trump,or Abbott. You should be afraid of God and. Want to. Do the right thing. I need give no facts, you have heard them all in ALL of the hearings. I waited 8 hours in Arlington and. Never got to testify.. James 4:17 says that whoever knows the right. Thing to do and fails. To do it , for him it is sin.You do have a choice, tbut he choice that YOU as an individual makes will say a lot about who you serve…Man or God.

David Clark, MSgt
Retired Geospatial Scientist
San Marcos, TX

I understand President Trump received approximately 56% of the Texas popular vote in the 2024 presidential election. If so, it is my belief that Texas Republican members of the U.S. House of Representatives should comprise approximately 56% of the Texas congressional delegation. Thank you.

Gail MacCartney
Self
Lago Vista, TX

I'm against redistricting at this time as it is not legally time to redistrict, which is supposed to done every ten years. I also feel like the Texas citizens should have a say in this. Adding 5 new republican seats is blatantly obvious for republicans to take over the country politically without the representation of all the people in this country.

Sue Thomesen
Self
Abilene,, TX

You all are failing Texas if you vote to redirect. This is falling to your knees for Trump. Texans will revolt over this.

Elaine Stokes
Self
Hutto, TX

Hello. My name is Elaine Margaret Stokes, and I am here to testify in opposition to HB 4 by Rep. Hunter.

Both parties gerrymander. I do not pretend otherwise. In addition to the ethical dilemma gerrymandering poses, my concerns today with respect to this particular map are far beyond gerrymandering.

First, congressional redistricting is done by the state representatives. On July 16th, President Trump announced to reporters that he intended to pick up 5 seats in Texas. Like marionettes, it seems, you have drawn a map that does just that. This has the outward appearance that the President dictated how the map should be redrawn – something that I believe is an overreach of his power and infringes on the rights of the states.

Second, as you all know the redistricting during this session is allegedly due to the unconstitutionality of the racial gerrymandering that may have occurred when districts 9, 18, 29, and 33 were drawn. However, I would argue that the proposed map is also unconstitutional for similar reasons. For example, it packs black voters from district 9 into district 18 which already has a long history of black representation. And downtown Austin is merged into District 10 that almost reaches Nacogdoches, greatly diluting the Hispanic representation. These are just two examples of how minority voices are silenced across the state. Diversity is our greatest advantage. With diverse backgrounds come diverse opinions which encourage debate that challenges our leaders to create policies that help all of our communities.

Finally, the cracking done in the new map – like with District 10 combines rural and urban communities that have extremely different concerns. With both communities' interests represented by the same individual, it has the potential to place that representative in a difficult position when the rural and urban interests are contradictory.

Thank you for your consideration of my testimony, and I encourage you to oppose HB 4.

Michelle Venegas-Matula
Texas Unitarian Universalist Justice Ministry
Austin, TX

My name is Michelle Venegas-Matula. I serve as the Congregational Organizer and Acting Director for the Texas Unitarian Universalist Justice Ministry (TXUUJM), a statewide, faith-rooted network representing Unitarian Universalists and our allies from cities, suburbs, and rural communities across Texas who are committed to equity, democracy, and justice for all.

We come before you today with profound disappointment and disgust. The congressional maps released under HB 4 confirm our worst fears and are even more egregiously gerrymandered than expected. This is not a good-faith effort at representation; it is a blatant exercise in political extremism, driven by a national political agenda.

These maps are a textbook example of "cracking" and "packing." They systematically slice apart Black, Latino, and Asian communities to dilute their power, while cramming others into districts to waste their votes. This is a direct attack on the Voting Rights Act. I say this not just as an advocate, but as a citizen who is being carved out of my own community in Congressional District 35, my voice intentionally silenced by a map designed in Washington, D.C. As people of faith, we believe politicians should not pick their voters; voters must be able to choose their politicians.

And what makes this political gamesmanship so morally indefensible is the profound neglect of real human suffering it represents. Your priorities are so misplaced that just yesterday, victims of devastating floods—including some from Sandy Creek right here in Travis County who have received zero help—had to travel for hours to a hearing in Kerrville simply to beg for a recovery you have not prioritized. While Texans are grieving, still finding body parts on their properties, fighting for their lives and livelihoods, this legislature is spending our tax dollars to fight for political power. Instead of saving lives, you are focused on saving seats.

This is not leadership. It is a betrayal of the people you serve. Our Unitarian Universalist values call on us to respect the inherent worth and dignity of every person and to affirm the democratic process. These maps do neither. They are an affront to the people of Texas and the values we hold dear.

We demand you reject HB 4. We demand a fair and transparent process, ideally through an independent redistricting commission that reflects the dignity and diversity of all Texans.

We are watching, we are organizing, and we will not be silent.

Esteban Guadarrama
Self
Round Rock, TX

My wife and I are vehemently opposed to this corrupt attempt at manipulating the voting population to skew results towards the GOP, effectively disenfranchising any opposing viewpoints. The point of Conservative Small Government is to keep matters, and Representatives, local. This turns that fundamental conservative principle on its head, and is a cheap and embarrassing tactic to avoid putting forth legislation that appeals to the population as a whole. Stop kowtowing to the criminal and pedophile protecting Donald Trump, and start being brave enough to let Texas districts stand.

Adrianna Ivory, Dr.
Houston Lawyers Association
Houston, TX

At the request of the DOJ, Abbott and the Republican Legislature have focused on silencing the voices of Texans in districts across the state in a shameful act of unconstitutional racism. This is a violation of the Hatch Act and presents a complete contradiction to Abbott and Paxton's own arguments in favor of the current map.
In May, the State of Texas defended the current electoral maps in the LULAC lawsuit, calling them "four constitutionally, statutorily, and politically cohesive maps." The State insisted that the current lines were drawn "blind to race." Ken Paxton responded to the DOJ's challenge on July 11, 2025, stating: "the Texas legislature did not pass race-based electoral districts for any of those three political maps," and in fact, "it has drawn its current maps in conformance with traditional, non-racial redistricting criteria."
Suddenly, the State takes a completely opposite stance and wishes to redraw these maps to specifically displace minority voters. The makeup of Texas and its districts did not change, and the Republican Legislature cannot use this argument as both shield and sword. There is no mistaking that this is a calculated, unlawful, and unconstitutional act of racism handed down by the Executive branch of our government.
The Houston Lawyers Association was founded after the denial of adequate representation in the Houston Bar Association. As an organization we have remained committed to advocating for those disenfranchised under the false pretenses of legality. We recognize and condemn H.B. 4 and the proposed map as an unethical attempt by the legislature to silence those they were meant to represent, specifically minority populations within these districts. The incongruity in the arguments by Texas leaders speaks for itself, demonstrating a desperate attempt to undo the work of advocates who have tirelessly led the charge of upholding the Voting Rights Act in Texas.
The original intention of redistricting is to protect the interest of the people, not the politicians, and to ensure that we each have a say in our government. The current use by GOP legislators is a betrayal to all Texans and the democratic principles upon which our government stands.
Beyond the constitutional implications, this unnecessary gerrymandering is pulling focus from our legislature during a special session where they should be discussing emergency response, disaster preparedness and flood relief legislation amid hurricane season and after the tragic loss of life in Kerr County. This disregard of the needs of the people in Texas calls into question the integrity of our elected officials.
These districts were not founded based on race, but if the proposed redistricting map goes forward, those district lines will be erased on that very premise in a blatant act of racism.

Tamia Temple
self
Frisco, TX

Hello. I'm gonna keep this short and sweet; this redistricting is racism. A lot of you congress member progress Christianity, but live in a hateful (i.e. sinful) way. Especially without data from what would be the 2030 census

Esther Wang
Self
Plano, TX

I strongly oppose House Bill 4 as currently proposed. This bill represents a blatant attempt at partisan gerrymandering designed to manipulate the electoral process for political gain, not to ensure fair representation for the people of Texas.

Texas is one of the most diverse states in the country, with rapidly growing Black, Latino, and Asian populations. However, HB 4 fails to reflect this demographic reality. Instead, it redraws congressional maps in a way that weakens the voting power of communities of color, particularly in South Texas, Austin, Houston, and the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex. By targeting minority-heavy districts currently held by Democrats, the bill dilutes the influence of voters who deserve full and fair representation in Congress. Moreover, the process behind HB 4 has lacked transparency and accountability. The maps were released suddenly, with minimal public notice and no opportunity for robust community input or meaningful debate. This approach undermines trust in our democratic institutions and disrespects the right of Texans to participate in decisions that directly impact their representation. HB 4 also runs afoul of the principles set forth in the Voting Rights Act, which prohibits redistricting efforts that result in the disenfranchisement of minority voters. The proposed maps appear to prioritize partisan outcomes over compliance with federal law, and they invite costly legal challenges that Texas taxpayers should not have to fund.

Redistricting should be about fair representation not partisan advantage. Lawmakers should be drawing maps that reflect the actual population and its interests, not using the redistricting process as a political weapon. I urge members of the House Select Committee to reject HB 4 in its current form and instead develop a map that respects the will of the people, protects communities of interest, and upholds the integrity of our elections. Texans deserve a democracy that works for everyone not just for those in power.

Please consider the people.

George Myatt
Self
Austin, TX

Please don’t mess with the current district congressional mappings of what we have in Texas. The way they are established now currently reflects the values of all Texans, changing it now is just going to prevent hard-working Texas from properly having their voices being heard. If we say don’t mess with taxes, then please don’t mess with the district maps.

Thomas Sims
Self
Austin, TX

Please don't pass this bill. You will dilute the power of Teas voters and prompt similar redistricting efforts across the country - we don't need this. Please don't manipulate our democracy in this fashion.

George Myatt
Self
Austin, TX

Please don’t mess with the current district congressional mappings of what we have in our great state of Texas. The way they are established now currently reflects the values of all Texans, changing it now is just going to prevent hard-working Texas from properly having their voices being heard. If we say “don’t mess with Texas,” then please don’t mess with the district maps.

Cynthia Crowell
Self
Dallas, TX

Texas must have redistricting for conservative state leadership!

Janet Bridges
Self
Dallas, TX

I oppose HB 4. (1) This redistricting map violates the Voting Rights Act of 1965. (2) Re-districting in 2025 mid decade with old 2020 census data is Unconstitutional and is abnormal. (3) The map disenfranchises people of color, and under-represents their overall voting strength in the State. (4) Rushed, minimal public hearings resulted in little time for the public to examine and give input with respect to the map itself. (5) No legitimate rationale provided as to the purpose of re-districting at this time. (6). Motive behind re-districting at this time appears Purely political and partisan, at the request of President Trump having stated that he wants Texas to create 5 additional Republican Congressional seats ahead of the 2026 Congressional mid-term elections.

Laila Alexander
Self / Student
Cedar Hill, TX

The proposed redistricting map will silence the voices of hundreds, if not thousands, of people of color.

Avril Hunter, Ms.
Self
Bee Cave, TX

I 100% OPPOSE THIS BILL. It's unethical and grossly disrespectful to the citizens of the state of Texas.

Oluwatomilade Fatunde, Ms.
Self / clinical research
Dallas, TX

I urge you to oppose HB4 for several reasons:

(1) There is not an established need for mid-decade redistricting. Even if the governor's reason for adding this item to the special session was to address the US Department of Justice's letter of concern, redrawing maps based on the claims in this letter is inconsistent with the position taken by the State of Texas in late May, during the trial over Texas' 2021 maps, when the State's attorneys argued that a race-blind process was used to draw the boundaries of the existing districts.

(2) The process has been rushed and inadequately transparent. A change with such a large potential impact should give people time to consider and evaluate and offer input. The two days between the proposal's unveiling and the single public hearing is insufficient and unfortunate. Compare it to the historical months-long processed that has traveled across the state, as summarized at the links below:
https://www.commoncause.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/2021-Redistricting-Rules-and-Timelines-TX-1.pdf
https://redistricting.capitol.texas.gov/history and https://redistricting.capitol.texas.gov/2020s

(3) Accurate and fair representation should take priority over political power, regardless of whether the law technically allows districts to be drawn with political goals. We should think very carefully before disrupting cohesive, stable districts. Diminishing effectiveness of constituent services has real impacts in real people's lives. Diminishing common interests does not benefit communities in the long term. I have learned much from listening to the testimony of my fellow Texans today, and I hope that the committee and the members of the chamber at large allow that overwhelming citizen input to drive their decisions.

Thank you for your time and attention. Please vote against this bill.

Denise Wilborn
self
Houston, TX

JUST VOTE NO!!! Vote against this HB4. dlw

Sabrina Valdes
Self
Euless, TX

I am opposed to house bill 4.

Jaime Foley, Ms
Self
Austin, TX

I staunchly oppose the redistricting efforts proposed. This bill is a clear effort to silence voters. If politicians fear the voice of their constituents they are not the representation of their people they vowed to be.

Sarah Roberts
Self
Missouri City, TX

I'm against! Stop the gerrymandering! Stop silencing voices! Stop bowing ti fascism and Trump! You should be ashamed of yourselves! Stop protecting pedos!

Kelly Liao
Self
Richardson, TX

This redistricting is taking away the voices of Texans. I am vehemently against this bill

Kimberley Baker, Citizen
Self
Houston, TX

If you put lipstick on a pig, it's still a pig. Don't be pigs, Texas Republicans.
Redistricting mid-decade is unnecessary, harmful, unconstitutional and unconscionable. Releasing a map authored by a Virginia Republican operative just 36 hours before the only public hearing on House Bill 4 is a travesty. About 32 million Texans; maybe 2000 who got to testify in pre-map hearings. Really??? What in the Sam Hill is going on!?!? I demand that the Texas Legislature "just say no" to redistricting and vote against HB4 that will further erode the vote and voice of the majority of Texans.
We're a democracy not an oligarchy. We don't have a king. We have a governor – one who is feckless and ineffective – but one, who nevertheless, was elected by Texans. Do not outsource fair and equitable representation of our communities to Mar-A-Largo and the thrice impeached, 34-count convicted felon, con man from New York who currently occupies the White House!
Before the Texas Legislature attempts to rectify a problem of the majority party's own making: how about finding a solution for our archaic, shaky at best power grid; Or how about passing meaningful and common-sense gun control legislation; Or how about paying working Texans a livable wage? What about helping the federal government come up with a fair and sustainable path to citizenship for immigrants? How about this: creating a public school system that encompasses a path to the Middle Class through the trades, STEAM as well as 21st century and beyond occupations? Oh, I know! Reproductive rights. Or healthcare for all.
We want representation NOT redistricting. This is illustrated by the more than 1,000 folks signed up to speak in TX House hearings in Houston; more than 600 in Arlington; and more than 300 in Austin. Anywhere from 1,300 to 2,300 plus Texans submitted written statements. And that was BEFORE the Virginia operative's House map was introduced and HB4 authored by the same Republican who drew the racist, still in court 2021 map! Yes, in Austin on today (8/1/25) buses of angry Texans rolled in from Houston, San Antonio, DFW and other Texas cities. By some data, more than 500 citizens (about 350 Against HB4 & 36 For the bill) took time from their families, work and communities to make their voices heard. It will undermine the confidence of citizens in their government to fairly represent them. We live in a democracy where One Man, One Vote is the golden rule.
What side of history will you be on: the one where you move our beloved state forward and closer to fulfilling the Texas Dream or on the side that was bull dozed by progress?
We're Texans. The Lone Stars of America. We don't follow; we lead.
I'm a proud Christian; daughter of Diane and the late Melvin L Baker, lifelong Astros, Rockets and Cowboys super fan; Longhorn grad; and Fifth Generation Texan. My Texas cred is indisputable as is my voice and my vote! Vote No to Mid-Decade Redistricting and to House Bill 4.

Layne Gentry
Self
Houston, TX

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Moreover, the process behind HB 4 has lacked transparency and accountability. The maps were released suddenly, with minimal public notice and no opportunity for robust community input or meaningful debate. This approach undermines trust in our democratic institutions and disrespects the right of Texans to participate in decisions that directly impact their representation.
HB 4 also runs afoul of the principles set forth in the Voting Rights Act, which prohibits redistricting efforts that result in the disenfranchisement of minority voters. The proposed maps appear to prioritize partisan outcomes over compliance with federal law, and they invite costly legal challenges that Texas taxpayers should not have to fund.
Redistricting should be about fair representation not partisan advantage. Lawmakers should be drawing maps that reflect the actual population and its interests, not using the redistricting process as a political weapon. I urge members of the House Select Committee to reject HB 4 in its current form and instead develop a map that respects the will of the people, protects communities of interest, and upholds the integrity of our elections.
Texans deserve a democracy that works for everyone not just for those in power.

Francesca Fraga Leahy
Self
Austin, TX

Alongside the vast majority of Texans whom y'all have heard from—and from those you have not—I am vehemently opposed to HB4 because the proposed map is wrong from a moral, logical, and a Texan perspective. I am proud that I am here today as a lifelong Texan *because* three generations ago, my Mexican and Italian great-grandparents immigrated to America, two generations ago my grandparents raised their families on the West Side of San Antonio and in South Waco, and my parents—Chicano activists and lifelong community advocates and public servants—raised me and my siblings in Waco, Texas. I went to college in Austin, taught middle school in the Rio Grande Valley, and now own a home with my husband and three kids in South Central Austin, in current congressional district 37. I *know* Texas values. And, as a former Social Studies teacher, I know that the Texas constitution states: "All political power is inherent in the people, and all free governments are founded on their authority, and instituted for their benefit." This outrageous mid-decade redistricting move by the Governor and the current DOJ—and forced by the unpopular authoritarian in the White House—to increase Republican representation in the U.S. House *by taking it away from communities of color* is shameful. !Sin verguenza! as my abuelita would have said. This process has laid bare the pitiful reality that today's Texas Republican Party leadership is behaving as if our communities voices' and votes are for sale to out-of-state billionaires and corrupt politicians. That my family's tax dollars are being wastefully mismanaged by incompetent state leadership that has chosen to kneel to a wannabe king by prioritizing this partisan redistricting effort instead of responding to the actual needs of Texans. Instead of focusing solely on the lives that were lost in the most recent, preventable Texas tragedy — instead of listening to the voices of the affected families — some of whom have children in Austin ISD where my own kids go to school — that are still grieving the precious lives they lost. Texans — especially Texas working families — do not want this. Look, I'm a proud product of Waco public schools. As a former Waco high school cheerleader and soccer player, I love some healthy competition and I know Texans do too. I can tell you that the best games to play in and cheer for are the games that are fairly matched and refereed. If our political system were a game—as Governor Abbott seemed to suggest when he spoke about "winners" and "losers" in the wake of the horrific Central Texas flooding—then this redistricting process illustrates exactly why so many Texans feel the game is rigged and their voices don't matter. But it's not a game is it? This map is not based on new Census data. It is not even based on commonsense Texan understanding of our regions, geography, or demographics. Stop this rigged redistricting process. Stop HB4.

Krish Gundu
N/a
Cypress, TX

I strongly oppose HB 4 by Rep. Hunter.

Kristina Kernick
Self /Chief of Staff to VP / Deputy GM of IT for TEL
Johnson City, TX

This bill ok redistricting is nothing more than a political ploy to get more republicans seats across districts. Passing this bill will further fragment communities, undermines fair representation for communities of color, and will provide fewer choices for voters. I urge you to reconsider and listen to the citizens of this state who are desperately screaming for both parties to stop these political wars which are doing nothing but further dividing us.

André Treiber
Self
Austin, TX

I waited 14 hours at the Texas Capitol to testify only for testimony to be cutoff by the Chair. Here is what I would have said had I been given the opportunity to speak.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify today.

I'm Andre Treiber, and I'm speaking today on my own behalf, though I did serve as redistricting staff in this building the last time we drew maps in 2021.

And it is because of that professionally trained experience that I firmly believe this attempt to further rig and gerrymander our maps at the request of Donald Trump to find five more Republican districts is discriminatory and done so at the people's expense. I am appalled that Greg Abbott put this on the special session call under false pretenses.

The inevitable lawsuits will be well founded, and thanks to the testimony of everyday Texans here today, the state won't be able to claim ignorance. At the end of the day, this is a clear reason why politicians should not be in control of drawing our districts - the people should pick politicians, not the other way around.

Everyone knows these new Republican districts have packed and cracked black and brown voters and their communities like never before, diluting their voices in Washington DC, all so that Republicans can hold their current majority that they are using to cut Medicaid and block the release of the Epstein files.

I live in the farthest northeast corner of Austin, currently, CD 37. Under the new plan, I live in a narrow strip of what I am calling the CD 10 land bridge, connecting Mike McCall from Western Travis County deep into rural East Texas. One light down the street is back in to CD 37, one light up the street to Pflugerville runs into yet another land bridge for CD 11. And in fact if you continue going up the road from there, you'll find that the area surrounding the city of Pflugerville, which has a population of about 67,000, manages to get chopped into 4 different congressional districts, entirely because of these skinny strips of land that head every direction across the state.

CD 35, a heavily Latino district right next door to me, has been scattered to the winds, completely disenfranchising those voters.

The gerrymandering we're living under is already a gross miscarriage of justice. Doing this now, with this map, mid decade, joining the halls of history with such dubious company as Tom Delay, is just a blatant and craven power grab.

It doesn't help Texans. It doesn't help flood victims. It doesn't help us prevent or warn against the next tragedy. It is just a spineless move to appease Donald Trump. And if you go through with this, it will be yet another shameful, black mark on Texas history, yet another instance of our state's ongoing assault on civil and voting rights.

I don't just support a no vote, I support utilizing any tools available to defeat this measure.

Thank you.

Rihana Gray
Self
Dallas, TX

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Brian Miller
Self. Product Manager
Austin, TX

This gerrymandering will deprive Texas citizens of their representation. It is designed to dilute the votes of people of color and, let’s face it, Democrats who want a say in our state and national government. It’s taxation without representation. Remember that from grade school? This move to carve up districts to help Donald Trump must be stopped. Texas lawmakers, stand up for democracy, for yourselves, and do right by the voters of Texas.

denise wilborn
self/ educator
Houston, TX

Bottom line, all Texans are NOT wanting this bill at this time, unlike what our state governor stated. Not everyone wants this bill. And from the testimony in Houston and the testimony today then majority of speakers are AGAINST this bill. It is a rushed process based on a desperate demanded from a convicted criminal. And Rep Todd hunter has a lot he does not know as he is asked questions about the origin of this request. Where is the transparency he he stating is so vital. And why does he trust Butler and Snow??

Michael Graupmann
Self
Austin, TX

We do not need to redraw these maps at this time. It is unnecessary, highly suspicious and highly partisan. Texans want free and fair voting districts.

Sara Woodward, Mrs.
Self & my community
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose the proposed redistricting map. This is a clear case of gerrymandering designed to dilute the voices of communities for political gain. The boundaries being drawn do not reflect the natural communities of interest, and they undermine fair representation. Redistricting should be about ensuring that every vote counts equally, not about manipulating district lines to favor one party or candidate.

I urge the commission to reject this proposal and instead create maps that are transparent, community-driven, and uphold the principles of democracy and equal representation.

Kristian Manrique
Self
San Antonio, TX

Do not do this to Texans. As a citizen of this country and state, I am ashamed legislators have become puppets for the trump administration. Have dignity and courage to do the job you were elected to do. You do not work for the executive branch. You work for the people. Do not steal 5 seats before our eyes and hurt our communities like this. Your constituents are watching and will move to your new districts to vote accordingly.

Alexis Sorensen
Self
San antonio, TX

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Emily Pinal
Self
Tyler, TX

Born and raised in East Texas. The special session prioritizing these maps when no redistricting meeting was adjourned the session prior is a disrespect to Texans. I’ve spoken to many of my community members in East Texas and they all echo sentiments of how you are all moving this. I wouldn’t even call it a process due to not consulting with Texans first before considering moving forward with it. I don’t support the this and communities deserve a clear and accessible redistricting process.

Rhonda Reynolds
Self
Austin, TX

I don't support your jim crow laws. Stop interfering with peoples rights to vote. If cheating is the only way you can win, you're a loser.

Susanna Woody
Self
Austin, TX

Oppose redistricting maps. Do better!

Jesse Masters
Self engineer
Austin, TX

We do not support redistricting!!!

Tiffany Hill
Self
Houston, TX

I am writing to strongly oppose any efforts to pursue mid-decade redistricting in Texas. Redrawing legislative or congressional maps outside of the regular ten-year census cycle undermines the principles of stability, transparency, and fairness that our democratic system depends on. Additionally, such action threatens the foundational principle of racial equity in representation and risks further disenfranchising communities of color through tactics like packing and cracking strategies that manipulate district lines to dilute the voting power of minority populations.

The redistricting process is already highly susceptible to abuse. By redrawing maps outside the normal ten-year census cycle, the state opens the door to partisan and racial gerrymandering specifically, the intentional division or over-concentration of Black, Latino, and other communities of color to weaken their political influence. These practices directly undermine the protections guaranteed under the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and run counter to the ideals of protecting fair and equal representation for all.

Mid-decade redistricting is not only unnecessary, it invites partisan manipulation and erodes public trust in our elections. The decennial redistricting process already gives lawmakers ample opportunity to adjust maps based on updated population data. Deviating from that schedule for political purposes sends a troubling message to voters: that representation is being treated as a political tool rather than a constitutional responsibility.

Packing minority voters into a small number of districts limits their voice to a few seats, while cracking spreads them thinly across districts to ensure they cannot influence elections at all. Both tactics have been used in past Texas maps and are currently in litigation. Initiating a mid-decade redraw raises justified concerns that these injustices will be repeated or worsened. These redistricting efforts often lack adequate public input and can result in maps that serve the interests of those in power rather than we, the people of Texas

Texans deserve fair maps that reflect our diverse population not constant changes designed to entrench political advantage. We deserve a redistricting process that respects community integrity, demographic reality, and constitutional fairness not one driven by short-term political gain. Mid-decade redistricting only heightens the risk of discriminatory outcomes and undermines trust in our democratic institutions.

I urge you to reject any proposals for redrawing maps before the next census and instead work to uphold a redistricting process that is equitable, transparent, and accountable to all Texans.

James Price, Mr.
self
Austin, TX

One look at the proposed map shows how distorted it is. Congressional district lines should be drawn, as best as possible, to maximize compactness, contiguity, and preserving political subdivisions. They should make sense to voters. The proposed redistricting should be rejected.

Chuck Gilroy
self- retired building inspector
Driftwood, TX

My wife and I have lived at my current residence in Driftwood Texas for over 45 years, and we are now in Congressional District # 21. Due to recent extreme gerrymandering, I feel we no longer have a voice in Texas policies or government. I am strongly opposed to the current effort to redistrict our state in mid-census for this and several other reasons.

After the devastating floods over July 4th, this special session should be dedicated to assisting with flood relief and planning for future flood protection. The Driftwood/Wimberley area was severely impacted by the 2015 Blanco River flood, and it is clear then that the legislature had a responsibility to facilitate better warning for these recurring events. Why is the session starting with re-districting???

Second, districts were just redrawn FOUR YEARS ago, and officials have provided no credible reason for this new mid-census effort. And those 2021 maps are still being challenged in court!

Third, the process itself is an embarrassment to our state- the rushed process, lack of notification and very limited opportunity for public input all indicates Republican lawmakers' complete disregard for their constituents. Is this really what you want to be remembered for?

But most importantly, the districts targeted are clearly those of majority-minority populations, in other words, people of color. This shows that communities of color are being split up in order to weaken their power and voice, much like in the Jim Crow era. Minority rule is already a fact in Texas, where whites are only 45% of the population but control 70% of congressional districts. That begs the question- what are you afraid of? Why not get re-elected by offering REAL solutions to the problems Texans face- instead of re-drawing maps to concentrate power in one group and exclude the voices of entire communities!!

Please slow down and provide Texans with the deliberative process we deserve- allow time for the court case to conclude, then draw districts that reflect our population to include more communities of color, instead of turning more districts into "safe, red" ones.

All of America is watching Texas. Make us proud to live here by showing your respect for our voices. Prove that you actually work for ALL of us, not just a select few. Protect Texas democracy and give ALL your constituents the voting power they deserve.

Thank you for your careful consideration of this matter.

Pam Tucker
self, business owner
Hutto, TX

This effort to redraw the district lines in Texas clearly subverts our democracy and our republic. This bill disenfranchises Texas voters by skewing the number of representatives who, by our Constitution, are supposed to be fairly and equitably representing every voter. I would be strongly against this no matter which party would attempt this. I believe that our system has proven it works, and when implemented properly, I trust our system, no matter which party has a majority. Allowing this redistricting will realize Benjamin Franklin's concerns when he replied about the sort of government which had been created, "A republic, if you can keep it." Our representative democracy is in jeopardy. Do not allow this redistricting to go forward.

Maricia Rodriguez
Self
Houston, TX

I oppose the proposed redistrict map. This is extreme gerrymandering.

Heather Garrett
Myself
Dallas, TX

I am against redistricting the state of Texas.

Juli Fellows
Self, retired
AUSTIN, TX

I would like to express my complete opposition to this hastily created redistricting effort aimed only and blatantly at Democratic districts in knee-jerk response to Pres. Trump's fears of losing the slIm House majority in the midterms. This is the dirtiest, most cynical power grab and I'm ashamed of anyone who supports it.

Kelly Kolodzey
Self
Buda, TX

Not only is this probably illegal, it is a slap in the face of those of us who believe in our systems. Both bodies are operating in fear. There are no safety barriers for voters to any capricious ideas hoisted upon us. Redistricting has always been contentious but these ruthless attempts to evade competition if not unprecedented, are not the proper way to do the people's business. Were it not for homing in on people's bodies, personal choices and undoing laws generations have depended on, nothing much gets done. It's been this way for far too long. There are scores of issues that affect the masses that are ignored each session, rendering worse problems for the majority. Focusing on issues that really only have to do with a minority, but then made to be a burden for the majority to bear is tiresome and contemptible. It is clear that they are much easier to get attention for, very often easier to avoid controversy, and using religion as a crutch to ensure the difficulty to be contradicted is unscrupulous. There is no For The People, but a desperation to stay in office. There is no representation. Controlling the people rather than representing those who elected you is irresponsible. My lifelong pride in our state has been decimated by the antics and pretending of members who do not do what they were elected to do. Rather, we are subjected to a complete surrender of actual representation and watch what looks like puppetry. It is disappointing at best to watch the dissolution of what has made made us great - strong men and women brave enough to honor the people. The repetitive fights, session in and session out, until you finally get a bill passed is now the norm which gives little room for more important statewide issues to be dealt with at all. I once thought we should have you meet annually to respond to our mighty state's rapidly growing real needs. Now, I would never support that if the courage to allow the people to vote on it was ever provided. The few are managing, co-opting and bullying both bodies. There are far more members who might have actual alternative ideas but fear and ego seem to be more important than the people of Texas. Although this may never be read, I still implore you to stand tall, do what the people really need you to do, truly represent us and don't give in to the current destruction of principles we have long held dear.

Kris Locatelli
Self
Plano, TX

Simply put…the redistricting needs to stop. As a lifelong resident of Texas I have seen this kind of gerrymandering way too much from my state. The problem here is that this latest round of redrawing lines serves no one but the Republican Party. This has zero to do with what the people of this state want or need. We are very aware and frankly so are the people proposing changing the composition of districts. By focusing on only 5 districts to change it is very clear what the agenda is here. The agenda is to disenfranchise constituents, racially divide, and ultimately do the bidding of the current president. None of this is what the people of this state has asked for. This is unjust and wrong. To be sure the GOP are biding their time in this state and this country. Again, as a citizen of this state I do not support this grab for votes. Stop the gerrymandering. If republicans want power they must earn it through policies that serve the constituents they represent, not their self interests.

Rebecca Freitas
Self
Burnet, TX

HB 4 by Hunter needs to be passed. Texas needs strong Republican districts to continue our efforts to promote conservative values and responsible governance.

John Routon
Self, retired CEO of healthcare provider
Van Alstyne, TX

Redistricting at the behest of the President or any political party is simply wrong and everyone knows it. Cheating to win is NOT the Texas way. You will have to face those good people who elected you and TRUSTED you to be an honorable representative. A vote to approve this proposed Redistricting clearly violates that trust.

Gary Baker
Self
Conroe, TX

Why would you not wait until the next census ? Seems like pandering and so beneath what you were elected to do. Hope you fail miserably !!!

Kathlyn Smyer
Self
Austin, TX

This is an unnecessary redistricting to continue a power grab by the Republican party. It continues to disenfranchise voters voices in the state of Texas. Do not pass this

Brekka Larrew
Self
Lakeway, TX

Redistricting at this time is a slap in the face of voters. We are paying attention. We see you.

Don’t forget that you have been elected by the people to represent the people. Redistricting at this time, for this reason is unAmerican. If you choose this path, you do so at the peril of our Democracy. Our Founding Fathers will roll in their graves.

Do not fail the people or your country. Vote NO on this bill.

Janet Brown
Self
Belton, TX

FOR HB4 Congressional Redistricting. Thank you for taking steps to correct the congressional representation across Texas.

Kristian Rogers
Self
Pflugerville, TX

I am writing to express my extreme dissatisfaction with this congressional redistricting bill. It is hard to describe the level of contempt I have for this bill and the redistricting map which represents probably the most blatant and obvious example of gerrymandering that I have ever seen. It is no secret that Travis County contains one of the largest voting blocs that has different values than the Republican party at large and Texas Republican representatives are proving that they have no interest in a free and fair democratic process. This is wrong. This subverts the will of the people of Travis County and all Texans who share values that the authors of this bill disagree with. This is anti-American. America is about every citizen having a voice. And this bill serves only to silence those who disgree with the Republican Party.

Holly Bronson
Self
Houston, TX

I'm a white woman living in the Washington Corridor in Houston—an area that's grown rapidly, full of energy, culture, and people from all walks of life. It's a place where professionals, artists, entrepreneurs, and longtime residents coexist. We care about this city. We vote, we organize, we show up.

That's why I can't stay quiet about what's happening with redistricting in Texas.

Redistricting is supposed to be about fairness. About updating maps to reflect how the population has grown and changed. But what we're seeing now—especially in this rushed, mid-decade redraw—feels more like a power grab than a democratic process.

The proposed maps aim to break up communities across Houston and South Texas—especially communities of color and young, diverse urban areas. Districts are being redrawn not to strengthen representation, but to dilute it. To protect political power, not reflect the people.

Even neighborhoods like mine in the Washington Corridor, where people are deeply engaged and invested in the future of Houston, are being carved up to favor political outcomes over community cohesion. We work together, vote together, face the same local challenges—and yet these new maps would treat us like fragmented data points instead of a connected community.

What's worse is the lack of transparency. These changes are being made behind closed doors, with little opportunity for public input. It's hard not to see it as intentional.

While I may not be directly targeted by these maps, I see who is—and I care. I care because representation matters. Because I want to live in a state where people's votes count equally, not based on how useful they are to those in power.

As a woman, as a neighbor, as a proud Houstonian—I'm asking for fairness. I'm asking for maps that reflect real communities, not political convenience. And I'm asking our state leaders to stop using redistricting as a tool to suppress, silence, or sideline voices that deserve to be heard.

Texas is changing. Let's build a system that respects that change—not one that fears it.

Courtney Rivers
Self
Bastrop, TX

This is insane and asinine. Please explain to me how Austin residents and Corpus Christi residents should be in the same district. Same goes for Austin and Odessa. This is the most farcical example of gerrymandering I have ever seen, and any of you who approve of this should be ashamed of yourselves. I certainly am ashamed of being represented by such weak, selfish, small-minded idiots. Your job is to work for the people. Not our evil Pedophile In Chief.

Ashley Hawes
Bastrop
Bastrop, TX

The redistricting continues to leave Texas in a world where voices are muffled and not heard loud and clear. It supplements a Texas that does not represent the people that live here now and frankly undermines the values of everything that makes Texas, Texas. This bill is atrocious and does not represent Texas or Texans properly. I stand firmly against the redistricting maps proposed for this bill and everything this bill stands for.

Robert Mick, Mr
self
Austin, TX

HB 4 is a racist, gerrymandering corruption of how our democracy should work. It allows the Republicans to hold power they don't deserve. It spits int eh face of our history as a Republic in moves our nation closer to an authoritarian dictatorship. It puts Texas on the wrong side of history in our own state, and for all of America by letting a power hungry minority rule based on personal allegiance to one person in Washington, DC. The Texas Legislature is making me ashamed of my own state.

Demitris Tillman
AFGE L-2516
El Paso, TX

I am writing to express my deep opposition to the newly proposed congressional maps in Texas. This redistricting plan is a clear attempt to dilute the voices of working-class Texans, communities of color, and everyday voters who deserve fair and equal representation.

Gerrymandering our districts to serve political interests undermines the very foundation of our democracy. Voters should choose their leaders—not the other way around. The proposed maps do not reflect the true demographics or needs of our state. Instead, they silence historically underrepresented communities and diminish public trust in the democratic process.

I urge you to reject this map and go back to the drawing board with input from the communities you serve. Texas deserves fair maps, not political manipulation.

Jennifer Larrew
Self
Lakeway, TX

Hello,

I firmly ask you to reject these new maps that seek to remove the voices of minorities and turn Texas even more red when that's not who we are.

I beg that you let our representation match our community.

The fact that Trump asked you to do this and you are is also wrong and not what's in the best interest of the state.

Thanks,
Jenna Larrew

Peter Zwillenberg
self
Spring Branch, TX

Why do you continue to hurt our state with partisan redistricting? Texans want free and FAIR elections where we pick our representatives instead of you picking your voters. This bill is not only anti-Texan, it's anti-American.

Candace Volz
Self, Historian
Austin, TX

I am a life-long Texan- my family has been here since the 1830s. I am appalled by the Republican efforts to further gerrymander our state by redistricting it, yet again, so that their party gains 5 congressional seats. Do we not live in a democracy? Is it not possible to have a non-partisan redistricting commission that divides our state into districts based on population, not political demographics. Apparently Republicans have so little confidence in their ability to win a majority of the votes of our state's citizens that they have to structure districts to obtain their "majority". This is not democratic representation. My family's solution to this is to switch our votes to Colorado, which we will do if your insane gerrymandering bill passes. With CO driver licenses and based on property we own there, we'll vote absentee in that un-gerrymandered state so that our votes actually COUNT. We won't be able to participate in local elections, but Austin is reliably blue, so others will vote as we would here. We're telling everyone we know who owns property in another state what we're doing and why. Exciting to have a say once again in national elections!

Velma DeLeon
Self
San Benito, TX

I oppose the proposed redistricting map under HB 4. It does not reflect the diversity or growth of our communities and instead appears to be a clear attempt to dilute the voting power of people of color and manipulate district lines for political gain. Texans deserve fair, representative maps drawn through a transparent and equitable process—not one that silences voices to preserve power. I urge lawmakers to reject this map and prioritize the rights of all Texans to equal representation.

Florence Gray
self
Denton, TX

Once again, I can't believe that I once belonged to the Republican Party. Stop this nonsense, DO NOT PROCEED WITH THE REDISTRICTING, Texas will lose so much respect if this is something that takes place. Don't be ridiculous, please, put your resources on where it is needed, the flood disaster.

Ronda Hall
Self/Retired
Austin, TX

The State of Texas is being pushed to draw new voting maps that would intentionally discriminate against Black and Latino Voters. This would illegally deprive Black and Latino voters of fair and equal representation. As you know, the timing of this redistricting effort is highly unusual and, therefore, seems to be an attempt to unfairly affect the 2026 midterm elections. The Fifth Circuit ruled in Section 2 of the VRA that states are not required to create new coalition districts, which are districts where more than one community of color form a majority of voters. Also, race was not a factor that was considered when the districts were drawn up, so they cannot be racial gerrymanders as the DOJ implied. To dismantle a district in which Black and Latino communities exist in the same district because of the race of the voters who live there is blatant racial discrimination. This would violate the Constitution and the VRA.

Patricia Varela, Ms
None
Houston, TX

Leave it like it is! Don't change it to favor wealthier people.

Sheila Giesecke
self educator
Lancaster, TX

GERRYMANDERING IS ILLEGAL AND WRONG! If you have to cheat you're doing it wrong!

Lindsey Rabon
Self
Fort Worth, TX

Clearing you only think you can win by cheating. Gerrymandering is not democratic and representative of the people. It’s a legal loophole to disenfranchise voters, Texans do not want this. Win you ejections fair and by policy.

Hannah Sumrall
Self, Educational Researcher
Houston, TX

Hi, my name is Hannah Sumrall. I am a Houston resident and constituent of Harris County district 38. I am expressing my opposition to the proposed revised congressional redistricting plan on the following grounds:
(1) The state should prioritize flood relief and emergency preparedness during the special session over the complex task of re-districting, which is likely to require more than 30 days of consideration and discussion.
(2) The outcomes of lawsuits challenging the redistricting plans from 2021 have still not been resolved. The decisions of these lawsuits will be critical to inform the next steps for any future re-districting plans to prevent any further legal complications, respect the time and effectiveness of the legislators, and reduce any excessive cost to the taxpayers.
(3) Further manipulating the district maps will reduce voter confidence in the 2026 election results and call into question whether elected officials truly represent the will and wishes of the people of the districts and areas they are intended to represent.
Thank you for your time and attention to consideration of these concerns.

Jolene Keene
Self - Housing
Austin, TX

This is a flagrant attempt to grab power by Republicans and is completely unacceptable. Austin needs to be represented by the people who live HERE. This gerrymandering is disgusting and unconstitutional. You are trying to silence your constituents and it's shameful.

Eugene Tai, PSC(Ret)
Self - IT Project Manager
Austin, TX

I’m an Asian-Hispanic man, a retired U.S. Navy Chief Petty Officer, and a longtime resident of Shady Hollow in South Austin. I served this country for over two decades because I believe in its core values—duty, integrity, and democracy. That means every person deserves a voice. Every vote should count. And every community should be represented fairly.

That’s why I’m speaking out against what’s happening with redistricting in Texas right now.

This mid-decade redraw isn’t about fair representation. It’s about maintaining political control—plain and simple. The maps being proposed break apart communities across Texas, especially in places where Black, Latino, Asian, and immigrant populations have grown stronger and more engaged. It’s no coincidence that those are the same communities being sliced up, packed together, or stretched thin across districts that make no sense.

Here in South Austin, our neighborhoods are active, diverse, and invested in the future. We show up to vote. We support our schools. We look out for one another. And yet these maps treat us like numbers on a spreadsheet—splitting us apart to weaken our voice.

As a retired Navy Chief, I didn’t give decades of my life to defend democracy abroad only to see it undermined at home. Gerrymandering is not democracy. Silencing voters through map manipulation is not service to the people—it’s service to self-interest.

What’s more troubling is the way this process is being handled: rushed through a special session, with little transparency and minimal public input. That’s not how you build trust. That’s how you destroy it.

I may be retired from the Navy, but I will never stop standing up for the principles I swore to uphold. That includes speaking out when Texans are being shut out of the democratic process.

We deserve maps that reflect today’s Texas—growing, diverse, and full of people who want to make a difference. We deserve a redistricting process that’s transparent, inclusive, and just. And we deserve leaders who understand they serve all Texans—not just those who voted them into power.

Joleen Jernigan
Self - writer
Austin, TX

Please reconsider this unconstitutional, irrational power grab. This redistricting map will suppress voters' voices and will particularly impact voters of color and Democrats. This is an egregious redistricting. Please refocus your energy on bringing immediate and lasting flood relief to the survivors of the devastating Texas Hill Country floods. Thank you.

Amanda Elmore
Self
Austin, TX

This map is ludicrous. Taxation without representation. CHEATERS!!! Stop this antidemocratic gerrymander!

Kimber Fuccello
Self, Schools Finance Consultant
Georgetown, TX

I am against HB4 and the partisan, gerrymandering act of redistricting.

Nicole Bachman
Self
Round Rock, TX

I strongly oppose the redistricting in the state of Texas. Looking at prior maps and the proposed map, this is no where close to representing the population of the districts. The proposed districts are CLEARLY trying to include rural areas with different interests, etc. The current maps properly/adequately represent the constituents

Kimette Glenn, Ms.
Self/Retired Attorney
Terrell, TX

I urge the opposition to the rare mid-decade gerrymandered redistricting requested by Trump with a map drawn by a national Republican group whose mission is to limit the impact of minority voters. Why are TX legislators cowtowing to Trump? TX is already terribly gerrymandered by Republicans who know their policies are unpopular. This map is blatantly racist and unfair. This continued abuse of districting makes TX an undesirable place to live.

Rachel Hubka
Self
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose the redistricting efforts currently being considered. There is no ethical reason to redraw the maps at this time - no new census data has been released - this is purely to bend to the will of the increasingly authoritarian President who is trying to bully Texans into giving him 5 extra seats. Please stand up and show that Texas cannot be bullied - prioritize Texans and the democracy that truly makes America great.

Jennifer Taylor, Dr.
self, physician
Bellaire, TX

I am strongly opposed to this redistricting effort that is taking place in a very non-standard method, with deliberate and explicitly stated goals to advantage a certain political party and suppress the voices of anyone with potentially at-odds beliefs.
Deeply harmful policies being enacted by this U.S. Congress are being enabled by these efforts to change district lines, which in turn are reducing and minimizing the voices of non-White citizens.
Citizens are losing their voices because of these changes.
In the Houston area we are proud of our rich diversity of culture, language, opinion, and background. Our house representatives should broadly mirror this rich diversity and the rich variety of backgrounds and opinions.
An instruction articulated from the President, to replace reliably Democratic-led districts with districts that will be reliably Republican, was then embedded in a statement from the Department of Justice that the current districts are racially discriminatory or biased.
This is DESPITE the fact that in 2021 there was explicit confirmation from the Texas leadership (governor, attorney general) that the maps were not racially biased.
I am a white, native Texan, privileged individual and I want to maintain fair representation and ensure all Texans' voices can be held up by their respective representatives.
I urge this committee to use rational logic and see the play here to cater to a biased, power-centric, unjust administration. This committee and the TX House must use DATA and EVIDENCE in the appropriate methodology, based on population changes in the state, to review and consider changes to districts.
I strongly oppose this bill and disagree strongly with the ways in which it is being forced through consideration without data or evidence.

Midge Epstein, Ms.
Self
CorpusChristi, TX

Texas already redrew its congressional maps in 2021, but now Donald Trump and national Republicans are demanding a second redraw, not because of new Census data, but to protect their grip on power as MAGA extremism loses ground. In response, Governor Abbott called a rushed special legislative session just one week after devastating floods hit communities across the state, choosing political manipulation over disaster relief.

This mid-decade redistricting is not normal. It’s a calculated, anti-democratic power grab.

Lawmakers have 30 days to redraw the maps, with no requirement for transparency, public input, or fair representation. We deserve a process that is transparent. This is an undemocratic attempt to cling to power. As a voter, I demand that our legislature draw maps that are truly reflective of the diversity of our state.

Representative Hunter is my representative. He was the architect of the redistricting plan based on 2020 census data. It is outrageous that he now the author of this new plan. He and Governor Abbott are acting like pawns of Trump instead of representing their constituents. I reject this plan and any attempt to rig the elections in Texas.

Jo Ann Tobias-Molina
Constituent
San Antonio, TX

There is no need for Texas to draw a new map when one was completed in 2021! Texas has real issues that need to be addressed. Texas should be the priority, not Washington!

Huntley Tarrant
Self
Austin, TX

The maps you are proposing are the very definition of gerrymandering. It is unconscionable that you are seeking to disenfranchise so many Texans from representation at the federal level with this move. I grew up in rural Texas and was a lifelong republican until the most recent change in directions within the party. I can't get behind kissing up to a pedophile sympathizer that cares more about enriching himself than he does about this country. The decision to offset all spending reductions with tax breaks for people who don't need them is not only asinine, but it puts a burden on my child that is deeply unsettling.

This approach, though, will not go unanswered. What you're doing is taking Texas democrats out of the House and replacing them with California Democrats. They can gerrymander just as effectively. What we need is more moderation and more people reaching across the aisle - this basically kills any chance of that by replacing moderate candidates on both sides with extremes. This may be your goal, but it's a dicey approach. Coung me as someone that reliably votes - even in our R primaries... and you may have counted on my continued R votes. Your actions this year have cost you those votes. I'm not alone. Don't be surprised when this approach costs you reliably R seats simply on the basis of underestimating who is still behind you after the mess the Rs have made this year. You've lost moderates - lots of them. We tend t be quiet, but we're pissed and ashamed.

Do better.

Teresa McDaniel
Self
San Antonio, TX

As a retired public school educator of 36 years in Bexar County, I oppose any mid-decade redistricting that reduces minority voting influence. Our communities deserve fair maps, not political manipulation.
I believe that Texans deserve fair and appropriate representation. If you believe in the Constitution, then you will cease to further gerrymander our state and manipulate votes. What are you teaching our young people? You have already defunded public education and maligned educators for the benefit of the wealthy. History will not be kind to you if you continue to act without consideration of the needs of ALL the people you represent. It is unfair for you to make political decisions for selfish gain. I used to be proud of our state, but can no longer says that. Do NOT continue to play political games with the lives of Texans.
Respectfully,
Teresa McDaniel

Julie Lebowitz
Self
Boerne, TX

Republicans are rigging Texas districts for Trump. As a 5th generation Texan, I ask that this bill be voted down!

Kelsey Chambers
self, parent
Round Rock, TX

I urge you to REJECT this corrupt redistricting process and all gerrymandered maps. This is not only unfair, it is discriminatory to your own constituents and your base who votes for you. You will lose votes, both from those who trusted you and are now getting screwed over, and those who were on the fence about trusting you and this will now push them over the edge by your spineless actions and refusal to listen to the people you are paid to represent. WE hired you. WE will fire you. There is life beyond Trump, do your duty.

Nicole Milner
Self - educator
Allen, TX

As a Texas AFT member and former public school educator in Dallas County, and with children at public school in Collin County, I oppose any mid-decade redistricting that reduces minority voting influence. Our communities deserve fair maps, not political manipulation.

Vera Kamerbeek
Redistricting
College Sta, TX

This redistricting is wrong! We will not forget - I will double my efforts to bring effective change, and will not forget you being a puppet to the orange “ king”

Sofia M
Self
Dallas, TX

I strongly oppose HB 4 because it undermines fair representation for Texans. Redistricting should be transparent, nonpartisan, and based on input from the communities affected. This bill appears to concentrate power in the hands of a few and could result in gerrymandered districts that dilute the voting strength of certain populations, particularly communities of color and urban voters.

Voters should choose their representatives, not the other way around. I urge the committee to reject HB 4 and support a redistricting process that protects democracy, respects communities of interest, and ensures every Texan has an equal voice in government.

This will go down in the history books as an embarrassing moment for the people and families who supported this bill. Future generations will look back and question how anyone could have stood behind such a blatant attack on democracy.

Ann Pierce
self/retired
Houston, TX

I am firmly opposed to this redistricting effort. The Texas Legislature should focus on establishing the necessary regulations and support to prevent the horrific flooding and deaths which just occurred in Central Texas. You should not be making a mockery of democracy with these shameful, gerrymandered voting maps. They are a disgrace to the notion of democracy. Stop these maps now!

Constance Kirkland
Self
Houston, TX

This redistricting, if successful, will splinter communities. Do you even care? Electoral districts should be revised every 10 years after a comprehensive and accurate census. This mid-period redistricting is unwarranted, unjust, and unethical. The proposed maps which have just been released are disgraceful, showing no regard whatsoever for the communities involved. Texas citizens do not deserve to be manipulated in this way. We deserve districts that are carefully considered and just and that truly represent the communities we live in. Recognize this as the illegal, unjust gerrymandering it is and stop it now.

Raj Patel, Dr
Self
Austin, TX

As a Texas AFT member and educator in Travis County, I oppose any mid-decade redistricting that reduces minority voting influence. Our communities deserve fair maps, not political manipulation.

Russell Pierce, Dr.
self
Dallas, TX

As a Texan who values fiscal responsibility and principled governance, I urge careful consideration the implications of HB4 before supporting this redistricting effort.
The bill's assumption that existing resources can absorb associated costs is laughable. When we reallocate existing resources to manage new redistricting processes, we inevitably sacrifice other essential government functions. Which current services to Texans will be diminished to fund this political exercise? More concerning, even if Texas prevails in court eventually, inevitable legal challenges will eventually cost taxpayers millions in legal fees and administrative expenses.
Some will argue this merely responds to actions taken elsewhere. As a state we've a reputation for fairness, stability, and principled governance. Don't sell that down river. Texas has always prided itself on doing what's right, not what's expedient. Principled leadership means rising above the political fray rather than descending to match questionable tactics. Following through with this bill undermines the very stability that allows conservative principles to flourish.
Perhaps most troubling, this redistricting threatens to unseat experienced legislators who've proven their worth protecting Texas interests against federal overreach and special interest lobbying. Yes, even those not on our team are fighting with Texas' best interests at heart. These seasoned public servants understand the complexities of governance and have built the relationships necessary to advance Texas' best interests effectively. Replacing institutional knowledge with newcomers may satisfy short-term political appetites, but it weakens our state's long-term capacity to resist inappropriate federal intervention and defend Texas values.
Not to put too fine a point on it, this affects our state legislators too. Despite my strong preference for well learned and fiercely independent representatives, I won't be supporting any who vote in favor of this bill. I believe that Texas deserves leadership that thinks beyond the next election cycle, and I will find others to support in the next primary. We should reject HB4 and recommit ourselves to the principled governance. Our citizens expect better than political gamesmanship.

Julie McCarty
True Texas Project
Grapevine, TX

I support this bill and the redistricting map. Of course it's partisan. It's supposed to be, and it's a tool the Ds use all the time. This time it's our turn, and we need to maximize the opportunity.

Luann Hubbard
Myself
Galveston, TX

Redistricting is unnecessary and costly. There is no valid reason that this is taking time and money other than creating voting populations that will under represent minorities. Talk about stacking the deck!

Gary Aguilera
Self
Richardson, TX

Is this an us versus them ideology instead of representing the people, US. You all along with the governor and Herr trump, are looking at a way to dismantle the constitution that had vowed to protect. How many in Trumps reicht, have ever served. You all are the reasons for our failing democracy.

Kevin Chance
Self
Beaumont, TX

House Hearing Comments
8-01-25

Good afternoon, my name is Kevin Chance and I am testifying for myself.
I am ANGRY. I am ANGRY because I have to tell you, the house redistricting committee, that Donald Trump is not your constituent. He didn't vote for you, you don't answer to him, and you Should answer to your constituents. Donald Trump isn't Greg Abbott's constituent. Greg Abbott should listen to his constituents, not billionaires in Pennsylvania, not Donald Trump. STOP bowing to a bully. Do your job, not Trump's bidding. Again he's not your constituent.
We shouldn't even be here. You should be discussing flood mitigation and flood warning systems so Texas doesn't again have to deal with a heartbreaking catastrophe like occurred in Kerr and Hunt counties as well as others. You should be discussing common sense legislation concerning Hemp products and not gutting an industry that generates 5.5 billion in Annual revenue. Hemp supports over 53,000 jobs in Texas, and helps 10s of thousands plus veterans deal with PTSD, anxiety, and depression. These are just 2 examples of what you could be spending your time on.
But no, you have to bow to the bully and silence the vote of millions of people of color. That is racism. Trump ordered you to focus on 5 minority districts. That is racism. Stop this nonsense!
You can say all you want that you follow the Voting Rights Act. But the state of Texas has been sued in every decade for 50 years over gerrymandering. Hell, y'all haven't even settled the current map which is still in the courts!
Why not for once, do the right thing. Listen to your constituents. I have heard testimony across both house and senate hearings over the past few days. From observation only, I would say it has been overwhelmingly against redistricting.
I would have testified in Houston Saturday, but for the house set time limit of 5 hours for testimony. 100s were left waiting to testify.
In closing, do the right thing, Listen to your constituents, stop this nonsense now. Vote no on moving forward with redistricting.

Richard Oppenheim
self
San Antonio, TX

Prioritize TEXAS, not national politics

If you're going to the trouble of convening a special session, please devote your time and efforts to making the Hill Country whole, and not to piling another layer of gerrymandering on top of a state whose congressional districts are already horribly distorted. This will only impel legislatures in blue states to match you tit for tat - you will achieve nothing, and the survivors of the floods will be left to scrape by on the paltry $8,000 they're receiving, on average, from a decimated FEMA. Work for your constituents, not for Mike Johnson.

Heather Harris
Self
Friendswood, TX

I support HB4 and the restricting map

Andrea Reid
Self, retired
Kingwood, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Cynthia Lasher
Precinct 2307/self retired
Arlington, TX

I am in support of HB4 and redistricting. I encourage the passage of this bill.

Linda Hopkins
Self (retired teacher)
Buda, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map. Texas citizens should have House representation that more accurately reflects the state’s voters.

Tania Roa, Ms.
Self / Communications
Austin, TX

Redistricting would result in less representation for underrepresented groups, which the state is already failing. The priority of the special session should be on more urgent matters, such as disaster relief. We Austinites did not ask for this.

Don Gentz
Self, retired educator
San Antonio, TX

We redistrict at the start of each decade. This mid-decade redrawing of districts is unnecessary and purely political maneuvering to gain advantage for the 2026 midterms.

Sandra Palacios
self
Austin, TX

It is only because Donald Trump wants 5 Texas Republicans in US Congress that Texas has gone into a special session to redraw the Texas congressional map. I listened in disbelieve to an interview with Gov. Abbott on Fox with Dial Steven. Abbott more than once said he's not worried about people accusing him of pressure under Trump. Abbott says he is more worried about "maximizing the ability of the voters to vote for the candidate of their choice" If that's true, don't mess with redistricting!

Minnie Chatham
Retired Teachers
Temple, TX

Mid-decade redistricting is unlawful, unconstitutional, unacceptable & unfair to voting Texans. This is a Trump demand to Abbott and Abbott has no will. spine or courage to say no to Trump. Republicans are fearful of their cruel & ugly BBB to help the greedy not the needy. They've got to cheat & steal to win. Hypocrites, Liars, Cons, Grifters & Whiners. They have no Integrity, Pride, Professionalism, Ethics or Self-Respect. Instead, of doing the right thing & following the law they choose to follow a Corrupt Cheater in Chief. Trump & Abbott are vindictive, selfish, crooked & love only Power, Control & Money. I STAND WITH DEMOCRATS ON THIS ISSUE. STOP THE STEAL. I'm appalled by the Republicans bad behavior, poor judgements, nasty antica & unethical schemes.

Elizabeth Pannill, Dr.
Self/ veterinarian
Staples, TX

I opposed to any attempt to district Texas. This denied representation to many and only serves the whim of D Trump

David Vargha
Self
Fort Worth, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map. I see no issues with it whatsoever.

Gary Dockall
True Texas Project
Friendswood, TX

I support HB 4 and the proposed redistricting map. HB 4 will reflect the current voter representation in Texas as reflected in the recent presidential election in November 2024. Voter redistricting should be conducted periodically to reflect voter's values and policies in support of their state and federal government entities.

Jacob Moses, Dr.
Self
Houston, TX

As a voter in Harris County, I oppose any mid-decade redistricting. The proposed maps fracture communities, dilute voices, and deprive voters of equal representation. Texas communities deserve fair maps and a just process. This brazen manipulation of congressional districts mid-decade further erodes trust in public institutions and weakens the health of our democracy.

Karen Brooks
True Texas Project
Arlington, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map

Jennifer Vargha
Self
Fort Worth, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map in it.

Avi Nash, Chairman
See Nash Run for HD74
Sierra Blanca, TX

As a Texan, I believe supporting HB4 is important because it ensures our legislative districts truly reflect the vibrant and growing communities we call home. With so many changes in our state's population, we deserve representation that matches where we live and who we are. By backing this redistricting effort, we can help guarantee that our voices are accurately heard in Congress and that Texas continues to have the influence it deserves on a national stage. For me, HB4 is about protecting my vote and my community's future in every upcoming election.

My mission statement has been that "I am committed to empowering men and women to be champions, RUN to vote, and voice their opinions to the elected and appointed local, county, district, and senate officials." Now is that time to be a voice for Texans.

Andrew Ingram
Self
Cypress, TX

I support the redistricting as proposed in HB 4!

Linda Wilson
Self
San Antonio, TX

Those of us who've lived under an efficient, just two-party system with adequate checks and balances deeply fear totalitarianism. Checks and balances must be preserved to maintain our democracy. The party in power in Texas is using redistricting to rig the system, disenfranchise minorities and those who hold opposing views. We see this as just another step to create a one-party state that will do the will of a small minority. All of this is taking place at the behest of a man who has taken many of the steps that Hitler took to gain absolute power. Trump is dangerous and you seem to be afraid to stand up to him! Why on earth? Even Republicans turn away from these manipulative efforts designed to keep a small minority of angry, uncaring, greedy people in leadership roles. We know that the two party system worked well under Presidents from Eisenhower through Reagan, and the Bushes and all the Democratic presidents and governors. In the past, I have always counted on being heard by representatives from both parties. Why do you want to lock the doors of the Capitol and the Congress, admitting only a few angry people who can't live peacefully with others who think differently? That is exactly what you are trying to do with this rigged redistricting plan. KEEP DEMOCRACY ALIVE! HEAR FROM ALL SIDES! KEEP THE DOORS OPEN! Vote NO to gerrymandered districts!

SUSAN CASSANO
Citizen comment
Austin, TX

This is a corrupt political move that must be rejected. The whole country is watching Texas to support our democracy and constitution. Please vote no

Katherine Campisano
Self
Carrollton, TX

Think redistricting is ridiculous but can’t help but wonder if Texas getting FEMA aid so quick was because Abbott agreed to put this on the special session agenda. With the whole mess in the federal (&state) government, beware it might all backfire & even solid red districts might turn blue.

Antwann Woodley, Mr.
Self
El Paso, TX

I am writing to you today as a concerned military veteran, residing approximately 500 miles from Fort Bliss, to respectfully and urgently address a critical issue regarding the efficacy of our representation. The current structure, which often places our voices with representatives geographically distant from our daily lives and concerns, is profoundly inadequate.
The very essence of effective representation hinges on a deep, firsthand understanding of the constituents' realities. For military veterans like myself, living hundreds of miles from Fort Bliss, our challenges and needs are distinct and often localized. It is simply untenable to expect truly responsive and empathetic representation from individuals who do not routinely navigate the streets of El Paso, engage with its communities, and experience the unique circumstances that define life for veterans in this specific region.
We believe that true understanding, and therefore truly effective advocacy, requires a tangible presence. A representative who commutes daily on the streets of El Paso, who interacts with local businesses, families, and, critically, the veteran community here, would gain an invaluable and immediate grasp of our infrastructure needs, access to healthcare, employment challenges, and the myriad other issues that impact our lives. This daily immersion is not merely a preference; it is a fundamental requirement for informed decision-making and genuine support.
Furthermore, the ability to react quickly and decisively to our concerns is paramount. The current geographical disconnect inevitably creates delays and hinders the rapid response necessary to address emerging issues or to champion our causes effectively within legislative processes. We need representatives who are not just aware of our issues in theory, but who are positioned to act swiftly and directly on our behalf.
While I understand that the process of electoral districting is complex, I implore you to consider the profound impact that localized representation would have on the lives of military veterans and all residents in the greater El Paso area. We are not asking for a mere adjustment; we are advocating for a fundamental shift that ensures our voices are not just heard, but deeply understood and acted upon with the urgency they deserve.
We respectfully urge you to champion initiatives and support legislative efforts that will lead to a revision of the current representational map, ensuring that the residents of this region, particularly our military veterans, receive the localized, responsive, and truly representative advocacy that is essential for our well-being and the strength of our community.
Thank you for your time and serious consideration of this vital matter. We look forward to your support in addressing this critical need.
Sincerely,
Antwann Woodley
Disabled Veteran

Matt Lutostanski
self, software sales
Pflugerville, TX

I am sick of the corrupt anti-democratic GOP creeps messing with our districts and further diluting the voting power of me and my neighbors. Leave these maps alone.

Jennifer Escobar
self
Lancaster, TX

Subject: Oppose the Unjust Gerrymander That Silences Our Elected Texas Representatives

To Whom It May Concern,

I write to express profound outrage at the newly proposed Texas congressional map, which effectively removes a sitting representative whose values and policies genuinely align with the constituents she faithfully serves. This map clearly implements partisan “cracking and packing” tactics to dilute minority voting strength and suppress effective representation of urban, Black, Hispanic, and Democratic communities in Houston and surrounding areas. Under the new plan, historically Democratic strongholds such as District 9 and the 18th—once safe for Democratic incumbents—have been reimagined as districts Trump would win by double-digit margins.

This mid-decade redistricting, pushed through a special legislative session opened by Governor Abbott at their convenience, bypasses traditional decennial procedures and undermines fundamental democratic principles. The U.S. Department of Justice itself has flagged multiple majority Black and Brown districts as potential Voting Rights Act violations.

The proposed map is not just a political strategy—it is an attack on the principle that voters, not politicians, choose their representatives. It weaponizes geography to consolidate Republican control at the expense of fair, descriptive, and proportional representation. This move represents a clear erosion of our democratic norms.

I emphatically oppose this plan and call on your body to:

1. Reject the proposal and delay any vote until fair, independent analysis is conducted.
2. Uphold the Voting Rights Act and ensure true representation for minority communities.
3. Support independent redistricting mechanisms to prevent partisan manipulation in the future.

This isn’t merely a partisan issue—it is a direct affront to democratic accountability. Eliminating an elected representative who reflects her district’s values is a disenfranchisement, plain and simple.

Respectfully,
Jennifer Escobar

Jodi Eckberg
Self
Lakeway, TX

Gov. Abbott is letting Trump control him while ignoring the real problems in our lives. Please do everything in your power to fight back and put Texans first! I strongly oppose the attempt to redistrict our congressional districts mid-census. This brazen move by the Governor and the DOJ to increase Republican representation in the U.S. House by taking it away from communities of color is shameful and it is blatant racial discrimination.

Redrawing legislative maps outside the normal census cycle is not only unnecessary—it's deeply harmful to our democratic process. Mid-decade redistricting undermines stability and trust in our elections. It gives those in power the chance to manipulate district lines purely for political gain, rather than to reflect the will of the voters. This kind of gerrymandering silences communities, especially communities of color, by diluting their voting power and weakening fair representation.

Texans want accountability, not more backroom deals…and frankly not more bathroom bills either. Voters should choose their leaders—not the other way around. Instead of spending time and taxpayer dollars on rigging maps and terrorizing women, people of color, immigrants and the LGBTQ community, this Legislature should focus on the real needs of Texans: education, healthcare, equality for everyone and upgrading disaster infrastructure with flood warning systems, emergency communications, natural disaster prep, and relief funding for all impacted areas.

Redistricting should happen once every ten years—fairly, transparently, and based on accurate census data. Anything else threatens the integrity of our democracy and erodes public trust.

This is an opportunity for the Texas Legislature to finally get this process right and avoid millions of taxpayer dollars and years of lawsuits.

Thank you.

Penny Woodcock
Self
College Station, TX

I am vehemently opposed to this gerrymandering and think Texans deserve better representation!

Katherine Dombrowski
Self / Chemical Engineer
Austin, TX

I am opposed to this off-cycle redistricting. I have viewed the proposed map, and it makes a mockery of fair representation. I live in Austin city limits, but my house falls in the itty-bitty narrow corridor of the newly proposed CD10 that connects western Travis County to Giddings, Byran, and Livingston. This is reminiscent of several years ago when I was corralled into a district that extended all the way to near my parent's house in Houston! That was disheartening, and it was a relief when the maps were redrawn a few years ago so we could be properly represented with the core of Austin. My needs as a constituent are better served with a representative of the greater Austin area. Gerrymandering serves the powerful; it does not serve the citizens, and it does not serve democracy.

Belinda Gaston
Self
Trophy Club, TX

As a retired public school educator from Denton County, I urge the committee to reject this mid-decade redistricting proposal. It really disturbs me at the attacks on fairness, equity and representation! Our communities deserve fair maps, not political manipulation!

Paul Thompson
Self, retired firefighter
El Paso, TX

I am opposed to this bill and ask all Texas representatives to do the right thing and not approve it.

Edier Escobar
self
Lancaster, TX

Subject: Urgent Opposition to Unjust Texas Gerrymandering

To Whom It May Concern,

I write in strong opposition to the mid-decade congressional redistricting proposed in Texas, which effectively dismantles districts represented by elected officials who genuinely represent their constituents' views—especially in majority-Black and Hispanic areas of Dallas (currently held by Rep. Jasmine Crockett). The proposed map would unjustly and inappropriately flip Democratic urban strongholds toward the GOP, targeting up to five Democratic-held seats statewide from Austin to South Texas.

This maneuver—pushed under pressure from former President Trump and executed during a special session called by Gov. Abbott—is transparently partisan. It overpacks minority communities and fractures coalitions in violation of what the DOJ sees as Voting Rights Act protections.

Eliminating a representative whose policies reflect her district is not only undemocratic—it is voter suppression. I urge your body to reject this map, respect the Voting Rights Act, and light a path toward fair representation through independent, transparent redistricting.

Thank you for standing with Texas voters and for defending true democratic representation.

Sincerely,
Edier Escobar

Natalie McCabe
Self-College Student
Austin, TX

I am a young woman, as well as a college student who has been super involved whenever it comes to issues like these. It really makes me frustrated, that Abbott and the Republicans want to Gerrymander and Redistrict our state! This will impact so many Texans, and really create so much chaos! I will NOT stay silent and I will keep speaking on behalf of all of these issues! We The People, deserve a state to live where we feel seen! We do NOT want this country, to fail under Republicans who want to destroy our DEMOCRACY! If we show up, speak out, WE WIN! But this isn't the end, it is JUST THE BEGINNING! I am one MAD YOUNG WOMAN who WON'T KEEP HER MOUTH SHUT!

Audrey VonBorstel
Self
Houston, TX

There is no justification for this congressional redistricting. It is unnecessary, confusing to voters and will cause the state to waste time and money during the special session – only to later waste more time and money in litigation over whatever maps are proposed. Please stop this pointless work and these unjust maps.

Sandra Burge
self
San Antonio, TX

I am writing to STRONGLY oppose Texas gerrymandering of election districts! Already, our Congressional representatives do not represent the citizens of Texas. Already, our percentage of Republican representatives misrepresents the political leanings of Texas citizens. Texas had 17,323,617 registered voters one year ago. 46.5% were registered as democrats; 38% - ONLY 38% - were registered as republicans; and 15% were unaffiliated. Yet, 66% of our congressional representatives are republican. If our districts were fairly defined, we should have, at minimum, 18 democrats (not 12) in the House. Your actions to increase republican seats are reprehensible! If you follow through with Trump's and Abbott's demands for more House seats, YOU ARE NOT REPRESENTING TEXANS. And that is your job, exactly!

Sarah Gray
Self
Austin, TX

I've seen the maps that have been released, and it's even worse than I thought. I cannot make heads or tails of who my Congressional rep would be. You completely rip apart my community, my neighborhood, my city. My community members and I will be represented by different people--people who may not care about our needs or who don't even live near us. This isn't redistricting. This is RACIAL GERRYMANDERING. No Texan wants this redistricting. This is wrong and immoral. We should be focusing on flood and disaster relief. Instead, you're trying to cheat and follow the words of a dictator. Please do the right thing and stop this madness. Stop the redistricting steal. Don't silence our voices. Don't break up our communities. These maps are not fair. I ask for NO redistricting, and instead, make an independent commission that can redraw maps in 2031.

Pamel Zahorik
Self/retired
Lorena, TX

This map is what you call redistricting,I call it criminal. This isn’t legal it’s going to make voting impossible and soon only the rich can vote. This is wrong and everyonr

Laurie Stelljes
self / retired
Fort Worth, TX, TX

My name is Laurie Stelljes and I am a resident of Fort Worth, which is located in Senate District 10 & Congressional District 97. I am writing today to urge you to vote against the state's redistricting efforts.
Do not submit to Trump's request. You should be spending our tax dollars on worthwhile efforts, like how to salvage lives after natural disasters, such as the flooding in Mystic or how to better financially support our public schools. This effort to racially gerrymander our state is unjust & discriminatory. Cracking and packing by race is an intentional effort to discourage & weaken the black & brown voice and worse yet, discourage them from bothering to vote.
Texas just redrew the maps in 2021 making this process rushed, without transparency, heavily partisan, and one that excludes public input. These few meetings hastily scheduled do not fit the intent of gathering public input, it only checks a box. You haven't even shown us the new maps! It is absolutely unacceptable for both the House and Senate Redistricting Committees to be holding hearings without having maps visible to the public. Without a doubt, there will be lawsuits if this passes and that is a further waste of OUR tax dollars!
Texas is already the worst gerrymandered state in the nation & has a long history of passing discriminatory election laws. I should know; I was part of Beverly Powell's state senate district until it was redrawn to include a tiny part of the city of Fort Worth and the rest is rural countryside. I contend that Phil King only won that seat because it was gerrymandered to ensure the seat went to a republican. The tragedy is that we who lived in the district 10 no longer have a voice in our government and we did not have a say in who was elected – our vote was watered down by the rural voters. Rural and urban needs are very different but that matters not to those of you who wish to move ahead with redistricting.
If you are intent on moving forward with redistricting, this Committee must commit to holding public hearings after the maps have been drawn but before they pass through committee. You must give the public time to review the maps before the hearings. Legislators who drew the maps must also explain why they chose to draw them the way they did. I would hope that this time you actually do your job and un-gerrymander the districts so all constituents have a voice in our state government. After all, that is what real government is supposed to do.
If the only way to get ahead is to cheat by redrawing boundaries that discriminate by race to benefit one party, take a hard look in the mirror and ask yourself about your level of integrity. A tarnished reputation is a shameful legacy to leave those who follow you. You were elected to represent all of your constituents, not just a subset that belongs to your political party. Vote NO to redistricting.

Janet Powell Salazar
Self - Business Owner
El Paso, TX

Subject: REDISTRICTING As someone who has lived in El Paso most of my life, it is becoming increasingly harder to proudly say that I am a Texan. Our state government has grown more selfish in pushing, and I do mean pushing, their own private and shallow values (or lack of) on its citizens. Given how we are so divided, I am sad to feel that I need to disclose that I am Anglo just to make sure you listen to this constituent. My family has been an integral part of the success of the growth of El Paso, with owning many grocery stores throughout the region. Not only is it blatantly unlawful to redistrict our state at the whim of Trump, its sole purpose is to discriminate against the voting base that does not think as you do. A democracy does not operate under those conditions, and you know that. You know that. Why be afraid to let the process work, just because you might not "win." A democracy isn't about winning and losing, it is about fair and legal representation of those who live, work, and vote in the districts and state. Please make the right decision and know that redistricting El Paso to San Antonio, or any other place that is NOT El Paso, is in no way defendable. Everyone has a conscience, please use yours. Thank you - Janet Powell Salazar

Nancy Greig
self, retired biologist
Houston, TX

No, no, NO to the redistricting efforts. This is a blatant power grab by Republicans. As if Texas weren't already gerrymandered enough! Stop it now.

Delores Bedar, Dr
Self/Retired
Cedar Hill, TX

Texas already redrew its congressional maps! There is no new census data to support a change.This mid-decade redistricting is a republican power grab. There is no transparency or real public input in the current process being utilized. We demand that the legislature draw maps that are a true reflection of our state's diversity. This is supposed to to be a democracy not a dictatorship. We expect the legislature to do its job and to do what is fair and equitable for the people of Texas, not Donald Trump.

Sharon Love
Self
Austin, TX

A vote for this bill is a vote to undermine democracy. I ask you to search your hearts, consider what is right and what is wrong, and ask yourself if you want this to be your legacy. You ran for office because you believed in America and you believed and democracy. Remember who that person was. Be that person again.

Mia Witt
Self / Teacher
Dallas, TX

As a Texas AFT member and public school educator in Dallas County, I oppose any mid-decade redistricting that reduces minority voting influence. Our communities deserve fair maps, not political manipulation. Texans deserve better than this obvious power grab. IF districts need to be redrawn do it after the 2030 census.

Ronna Armstead
Self
Wylie, TX

Sample letter shared by Pamiel Gaskin.

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the current redistricting proposals under consideration. As a concerned Texas resident and voter, I believe that the proposed maps do not reflect fair representation and instead appear to prioritize political gain over the rights and voices of everyday Texans.

Redistricting should be a transparent, inclusive process that ensures every community has equitable representation. Unfortunately, the current maps dilute the voting power of communities of color, divide cohesive neighborhoods, and undermine public trust in our democratic system. These outcomes are unacceptable and contrary to the principles of fair representation guaranteed under the Voting Rights Act.

Texas is a diverse and rapidly growing state, and our electoral maps must reflect that reality—not manipulate it for partisan advantage. I urge the committee to reject any plan that perpetuates gerrymandering.

Social Media Sample shared by Darlene Breaux:

Ok ya'll I need your help!
Redistricting is happening right now, and the maps being proposed don't reflect the people.

As someone who believes in fairness and representation, I'm asking you to take 2 minutes to submit a public comment.

We cannot let this gerrymandering happen!

Click on the links below, copy and paste the suggested text. Now is not the time to be silent.

Suggested Text:
I oppose the proposed redistricting maps. They do not represent the diversity or needs of my community. Stop the gerrymandering!

Senate: Public Comment: https://senate.texas.gov/redistrictingcomment/

House Public Comment: https://comments.house.texas.gov/home?c=c055

#FairMapsTX #StopGerrymandering #RepresentationMatter

PLEASE SHARE!

Elizabeth Morgan
self, Paralegal
Austin, TX

Hi, I'm Elizabeth Morgan from Texas House District 48 in Austin. As you're aware, Texas redrew its congressional maps in 2021 in response to the 2020 census results. I am against redrawing the congressional maps at this time.
Governor Abbott called a rushed special legislative session just one week after devastating floods hit communities across the state to follow President Trump's call for Texas to redraw its congressional maps.

My community is meaningful to me, and having someone that reflects my values and beliefs is important for appropriate representation in the legislature. This is especially true for minorities and members of disadvantaged communities.

Mid-decade redistricting is not normal. This is a cold, calculated, and anti-democratic attempt to rip the Voting Rights Act to shreds.

The Governor and the Legislature are demonstrating they do not care at all about the lives and health of Texans and are all too happy to follow Trump. The Governor and the Legislature need to focus heavily on the real problems facing Texans, such as flood relief, flood and other disaster prevention, prevention of child abductions (it's insane how many Amber alerts have been issued in this state so far in 2025)!

Leave the redistricting maps alone until after the next census. Do some real helpful and meaningful work for Texas and pass flood prevention and relief funding!

Thank you for your time.

Jacqueline Nudd, Mrs
Self, educator
Round Rock, TX

I strongly urge you to oppose redistricting. Elected officials have already testified that the congressional map is race blind. I attended a committee meeting on July 24, 2025, during which a law professor testified (virtually) that if Texas goes ahead with redistricting, as asked by the DOJ, it would be violating the voting Rights Act and the 14th amendment. I encourage you to stay committed to the current map. Thank you for your time.

Wendy Malloch, Ms
self / retired
Lakeway, TX

Texas Redistricting: This is a blatant power grab by the President mandating Texas leaders to select their voters, and not the voters selecting the leaders. This process is not being given the time to adequately consider proper redistricting, and is based on old census data. The use of non partisan committees to draw up voting maps in Texas should be adopted

Diana Duron
self-retired
El paso, TX

I reside in El Paso, TX and my cicty is close to Juarez, Mexico and Las Cruces, new Mexico. My neighborhood is close to Fort Bliss Installation, 2nd largest military installation in the country. My city's population is 680,000 a 0.7% decrease since 2020. My city's main ethnic groups in El Paso comprise of 81.4% Hispanic, 12.8% White and 3.2% Black.
Seventy percent of El Paso speak Spanish making it one of just 22 U.S. cities with more Spanish speakers than English speakers. The Medium income is $54,000 so it is relatively poor with a poverty rate of 23.4% (national average)
What I would like to add is no one has been harmed more by map manipulation and voter suppression than our El Pasoan community. Because we also are in the far corner of the Texas map we are easily forgotten and ignored to be represented by the State, in the ballot box and in Congress. Our State House of Representative districts are #75-79 and our Congressional Districts are #16 and 23. In addition, it has taken a Latina Congresswoman to be our voice and dour representative for our city to be heard and seen.
I am deeply concerned about the deep division in our country. Gerrymandering and map manipulation continues to increase in our State with the cultural and political divide worsening by disenfranchising the minority population. This was "Evident" during the 2020 election when the Governor refudeced the curbside ballot boxes to one per county which disenfranchised counties like Harris County with population of 4.713 million back then especially affecting Black and Minority votes. Our city, El Paso had one curbside ballot box. The attempt to gerrymander and do a map redistricting occurred in 2021 to make it even harder on future elections for the Black and Latino voters and Republics were looking at removing districts to make it easier for the Conservative to gain votes. NOW it is happening again in 2025 (four years later because the man in the WH is mandating Gov Abbott to do it again and gain more red seats).
You want greater transparency, disclosure, accountability and public input for the people of Texas??? Then…
*Don't draft maps in secret backroom conferences with privately hired lawyers and a few select legislators. Open the map drafting process to the general public. Show us the maps!
*Give ample opportunity for public involvement, including advanced notice for any public hearing, not the last minute
*Give public at least 5 days to review any privately drawn maps after they are disclosed.
*Public input on any map proposal should be taken seriously and should be reflected in the maps. Brazen pursuit of partisanship does not give the Legislature a legality to exclude public input on the maps, especially input from communities of color. We are not living in the Jim Crowe era even though Republic.I expect legislators to follow the Voting Rights Act and NOT discriminate against people of color
thank you for your time.

Linsey Fagan, Ms.
Self
Keller, TX

Please don't gerrymander our state, it's wrong.

Guillermo Rodriguez
Self / Sales Engineer
El Paso, TX

We Must Stand Firm to Defend the Constitution of The United States of America from the 'Authoritarian Tendencies' of Donald Trump! He Totally has No Respect for the Constitution since he has Subjected All the Republican Party to 'bow' before him and 'APPROVE' his Tantrums. Redistricting the Texas Map to allow Republicans to gain 5 more seats is 'unconstitutional'. In case you need a lesson in Geography and Demographics, El Paso, TX is 600 miles from Austin and is Approximately 82% Hispanic. That means that someone NOT familiar with the Territory will be making decisions that will affect ALL of US. We Must Stand Against the 'Totalitarian Government' that Donald Trump wants to Impose. Please just ask the following before ALL Members: ARE YOU REFLECTING WHAT YOU VALUE ?

Rachael Moore
Myself
Round Rock, TX

Gerrymandering is illegal

Leah Hiebert
Self, Management
Houston, TX

Texas already redrew its congressional maps in 2021, but now Donald Trump and national Republicans are demanding a second redraw, not because of new Census data, but to protect their grip on power. This mid-decade redistricting is not normal. It's a calculated, anti-democratic power grab. Lawmakers have 30 days to redraw the maps, with no requirement for transparency, public input, or fair representation. Texans deserve a process that is transparent and accessible. I am calling out this undemocratic attempt to cling to power and demand the legislature draw maps that are reflective of the diversity of our state.

Laurie Greenberg, Dr.
Self
Montgomery, TX

I vehemently object to the off cycle redrawing of congressional maps currently being considered in the special session. It is blatantly and inherently unfair. Our constitution calls for redistricting every 10 years in response to census data. Just because it is not illegal to do it more frequently doesn't mean it should be done for political purposes and to preserve the Republican majority in Congress. Trump and Abbott should be ashamed of themselves. This is gerrymandering at its worst and Rebuplicans don't seem to care they are silencing Texas Democratic voters with this action. The working poor and other disadvantaged people are the most adversely impacted by Trump's policies, especially the Big Beautiful Bill. And the one thing they have available to them to fight back is their vote. Now you're taking that away too. Texas already has some of the craziest district maps in the country and now it will get worse. I have little hope that you'll pay any attention to the feedback because everyone is too scared to push back against Trump and frankly y'all just don't care to do what's right, fair and in the best interest of Texans. I think we should have independent non-partisan commissions that establish congressional districts as other states have done. I only hope and pray that Texas will somehow overcome the mean-spirited grip of the Republican Party and start treating all Texans with dignity and respect.

Santos Carrera
Self
El Paso, TX

Such a bill will restrict minority groups within the current district to be represented by someone who is not that familiar with our needs. Also will make it difficult for future Funds allocated to the current district, which includes my current VA facility

Sarah Popp
Self
Kilgore, TX

This bill is not only unlawful but also cowardly. There are set times redistricting is allowed, not to mention considerations that should be made regarding respresentation. Our government is made to represent all the people in it- not a singular man or just the people working in it. This redistricting is nothing more than an attempt to silence the large number of people in Texas that one political party dislikes. Our government was once able to have civil discussions and debates between members between parties. Today, we have a party which is ao unwilling to consider other ideas, other people even, that they will readily redraw the lines to ensure that they win. Do you know how cowardly and hardheaded that looks? You are actively trying to prevent large parts of the population of this state from having a say in anything. Are you afraid of it? If you know the majority will still be your party, why do a few seats matter so much that you will break the law to change it? Did we not all learn in elementary school that changing the rules makes the game unfair? It feels like it does not even matter to some of our government representatives. They are called representatives because they represent the people. Not some of them. All of them. There is a reason redistricting has a time frame. Respect it. It is LAW. If lawmakers can disregard law, what is it there for? Fun? Why make laws if they are meaningless?
Just like in any game, cheating only makes you look bad. If you played by the rules, you wouldn't have to cheat. But you don't care about the rules. Yet, if the other party did something like this, we all know you would cause an uproar. But you don't care, do you? You only care how it benefits you. Not the people you represent. Not the people they represent.
I am disgusted to call those who back this leaders of our government. They are not leaders. They are children who are upset they aren't getting their way.

Caryn Moore
Self
Waxahachie, TX

I support the redistributing map as drawn. Good work!!

Jennifer Wright
Self
Austin, TX

The maps are a disgrace and disenfranchise voters across the state but specifically in Austin where I live.

Christina Ruiz
Self/pediatrician
Houston, TX

I urge you to REJECT the proposed gerrymandering and changes to our representation. As a pediatrician it is my job to speak up for children. Silencing the parents of brown and underrepresented folks to benefit the GOP is absolutely WRONG. Every voice deserves to be heard. This redistricting is the moves of bullies and dictators. Let the people be heard.

raquel Hunsa
Self
El paso, TX

I am a Pasoan against HB 4 we need local representation not an outsider that does not know the unique needs of the ELPaso Ft bliss community.

Barry Moore
Self
Waxahachie, TX

Please accept the re districting map… as is. Thank you!

Chris Matthews
Self
Pflugerville, TX

I oppose this redistricting, vehemently. Redistricting to change over seats to a majority is a mis-use of what we have voted for. Please listen to the people, we do not approve of this!

Jill Rutherford
Self, editor
Austin, TX

I oppose this redistricting bill. Texas legislators should focus on helping the people of Texas, not changing district lines unfairly.

Angela Coleman
Self
DeSoto, TX

Dear Members of the House Select Committee on Congressional Redistricting,
As a proud and concerned Texan, I am writing to let you know that I am strongly opposed to the proposed efforts to draw new lines and create unconstitutional new districts. Moving forward with this process will silence, crack, and stack predominantly Black and Brown communities, effectively creating taxation without representation. We are calling on the committee members to reject the directive by Governor Greg Abbott in coordination with national leadership. This plan, which seeks to create five additional Republican districts through blatant gerrymandering, is both unconstitutional and deeply harmful to the principles of fair representation and democracy.

R.L. Erwin IV, Mr
Self, retired on SSDI and VA
San Marcos, TX, TX

I'm a Desert Storm Veteran (U.S.N.) living in San Marcos and depend on Social Security Disability, and V.A. Disability and having been denied the right to vote twice, PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE, DON'T further deny others the right to vote by Jerrymandering to further deny others the right to vote and make their intentions clear!

Ashley Daly
Self
The Colony, TX

Texas is diverse. It’s always been diverse. Every voice needs to be heard and represented. And NOT by the same reps who have been in role for years and years. I currently don’t feel represented despite asking for town halls. This bill will make even more Texans under represented.

Michael Barnes
Self
Edinburg, TX

This is unacceptable. In a Democracy the voters should choose their representatives, not the other way around. Specifically the preferred map of Trump, Abbott, and the majority party of Texas is seeking to dilute the influence of communities like the Rio Grande Valley, in order to change lines vs. winning over hearts and minds. If you proceed down this path, rest assured the history books will cite this as a gross abuse / neglect of Democracy, and a flagrant instance of the use of gerrymander for national political party interests over the voice of local communities. You know this to be true. Just because you have the power to abuse our democratic process does not mean you are obligated to do so.

Johanna White
None
Fort Worth, TX

You will not succeed. Should you continue doing what the people do not want, you will awaken the people you feared. We will vote you out. We will get organized. We will not back down. You move forward with this and I will awaken the world

Robert Swift
Self
Houston, TX

This action is not in line with American values

Lisa Matteson
Self
Amarillo, TX

My name is Lisa Matteson, and I am a resident of Amarillo, Texas. I'm here to express my strong opposition to the proposed redistricting plan.

This proposal is a blatant example of gerrymandering. It does not serve the people—it serves politicians. Instead of drawing fair and representative maps, this bill slices up communities, dilutes the voices of voters of color, and manipulates boundaries to protect incumbents and party power.

Redistricting should be about fair representation, not political advantage. Voters should choose their representatives—representatives should not choose their voters. This plan erodes public trust and undermines the foundation of our democracy.

I urge you to reject this map and demand a transparent, nonpartisan redistricting process that prioritizes communities, not politics. Texas deserves better

kelsey montgomery
Self - engineer
Austin, TX

I reject the proposed congressional redistricting.

Jessica Cramer, Mrs.
Self
Pflugerville, TX

Texas only finished redrawing its congressional districts in 2021, based on the latest Census. The sudden push—led by former President Donald Trump and national party leaders—for a second, unscheduled redraw is not driven by population shifts but by a desire to preserve partisan advantage as MAGA influence slips.

Calling legislators back just days after severe flooding struck many Texas communities shows a troubling set of priorities: political self-interest over disaster response. A 30-day window with no guaranteed public hearings, draft-map disclosures, or independent oversight all but ensures the process will exclude the Texans it affects most.

I respectfully ask that you:

- Reject any attempt to rush through a mid-cycle map overhaul.
- Insist on full transparency and robust public participation—including statewide hearings and online access to all proposed maps and data.
- Focus first on flood recovery and other urgent needs before entertaining unnecessary redistricting.

Texans deserve districts that mirror the true demographic and geographic diversity of our state, not lines drawn behind closed doors to cement political power. Please protect our democratic norms by opposing this special-session redistricting and championing an open, accountable process.

Thank you for your time and service. I look forward to learning how you will address these concerns on behalf of your constituents.

Wren Fair
Self
San Antonio, TX

These are blatant attempts to undermine fair and equitable democratic representation in Texas. The cities are being sliced into infinitely smaller pieces to increase Republican political power. I live in a very left leaning Democratic city, myself and my neighbors deserve a representative that reflects our values and political beliefs. Continuing to slice up communities that don't agree with you politically to gain more seats is a cynical power grab. Vote against this legislation, stop undermining democracy in the state of Texas.

Mary Hoch
Self
Cedar Park, TX

Stop the gerrymandering that silences black and brown voters.

JOSE CONTRERAS
Self
El Paso, TX

I propose to definitely keep our district map, as is present. No need for changing any of what we already, do we can get and keep the same representation.

Timothy Ferchill, Mr.
Self, Retired Accountant
Round Rock, TX

I am not in favor of the proposed redistricting. Please vote No. Thank you for your consideration.

Sandra Tetley, Mrs.
Galveston Island Pachyderm Club
Galveston, TX

As a taxpayer who paid for the Redistricting Lawsuit in Galveston County, I would like to see that this expense bears fruit and Texans get fair and representative districts. We voters were loud and clear in November 2024 and our State must reflect the will of the voters! To support the Make America Great Again agenda we instilled in November, it is imperative that Texas supports this movement with new Republican seats and protect the House in 2026! Thank you!

Quinton Brown
Self
El Paso, TX

I am opposed to the mid term redistricting of Texas. It is unnecessary and a manipulation of the democratic process.

Alicia Smith
Common Cause
San Antonio, TX

2025 TEXAS REDISTRICTING AT MIDTERM OF DECADE

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Dakota Partain
Myself
Henderson, TX

This is crazy.

Angel Carmona
Self
El Paso, TX

It makes sense for the El Paso International Airport to be represented by… someone 550 miles away in San Antonio.

This is sarcasm, of course. You're all just a bunch of lawless politicians with your cheating and gerrymandering. Can't wait to vote you out soon.

Rebecca Houser
Self
Georgetown, TX

I oppose this bill. Redistricting to insure one party wins is subverting the will of the people. For now, at least, we are still a democratic republic. We have the right to vote and have our vote count. I urge you to reject this bill and let the will of the people of the state of texas be heard. All the people.

Michelle Butcher
Self - Lifelong Texan
Round Rock, TX

Texas districts should be drawn based on the common needs of each community. They should be drawn based on city/county/tax district lines. How can any elected representative represent us adequately if they have to represent small town farmers, big city yuppies, and suburban soccer moms? Each of those groups has different needs and values & they deserve to have a representative who fully understands their issues and will fight for them in the Texas legislature. We deserve a State government made up of people who know and understand our local challenges so that our communities can be adequately & fairly represented, no matter what.

Harris Kaffie
self
Austin, TX

I was born, raised and have lived most of my life in Texas. Texas. HB-4's cancels my right as a United States Citizen to vote and be represented by the Legislator of my choice. This will also become a poison pill since it will lead other states to use the same tactic to countermand Abbott's response to Trump's bidding. HB-4 is bad for Texas and awful for the United States. Please as a Legislator sworn to support Democracy, to support our state and to support our country, do not vote for this bill. Thank You

If you wish to provide support for a Quorum Break which encourages Democratic Legislators to leave the state to make a vote for HB-4 Gerrymandering Bill imposible. Please contact me for more information.
I was born, raised and have lived most of my life in Texas. HB 4 is a sign that Democracy is aggressively being corrupted by the Governor and Republican Legislators of Texas. HB-4's only purpose is to steal my right as a United States Citizen to vote and be represented by the Legislator of my choice. This will also become a poison pill since it will lead other states to use the same tactic to countermand Abbott's response to Trump's bidding. HB-4 is bad for Texas and awful for the United States. Please as a Legislator sworn to support Democracy, to support our state and to support our country, do not vote for this bill. Thank You

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Thank you.

Elizabeth Rivera Cruz
self
College Station, TX

Texas districts are already wildly unrepresentative. Do what is right not what it political. You are on the wrong side of history with this.

Jolee Kempf, Mrs
Self
Plano, TX

I am a constituent, living in Collin County. I strongly oppose the plan to conduct midterm redistricting. As I have always taught my kids, if you cannot win fairly you don't deserve to play the game. Disenfranchising voters who you disagree with before they have even gotten the chance to be heard is cheating in its most obvious and egregious form. As elected legislators, it is your job to stand up for and listen to ALL Texans, not just those who agree with you. Shame, shame, shame.

Mark Brown
Self, retired
Austin, TX

My comments are simple. I think all of us know that HB 4 is unfair. The point of the bill is not to draw a fair map but, rather, to maximize the power of the Republican Party even it means unfairness. The bill is so extreme that it can be called a threat to democracy. Our democratic system is at stake. How often can a member of the legislature say that his or her vote is a vote to protect democracy? How often can a member of the legislature say that his or her vote is a vote that takes courage? This is one of those times. It will take courage to resist the pressure of the President Trump. I ask that each member of this committee and, in particular, the Republican members show a commitment to democracy and show courage to resist pressure from those who seek raw political power without regard for our democratic system, and vote NO on HB 4. A NO vote will put you in the history books. History remembers the courageous. You can do it. Vote NO. Thank you.

Kelli Reid, Ms.
We The People
The Colony, TX

STOP ATTEMPTING to gerrymander and redistrict to suit YOUR agenda. We The People DO NOT WANT THIS. You are on the wrong side of this issue, and indeed the wrong side of the law AND will be on the wrong side of history. Fight FAIR. The fact that you are trying to CHEAT means you KNOW what you are trying to do is wrong.

Monica Lund
Self
Austin, TX

This push for redistricting Texas is sketchy. It's probably not legal since as far as I know, we haven't had a census in the last couple years, and no proper process was used to establish the proposed redistricting. Let's call a spade and spade and say what this really is, a power grab by Republicans who are afraid of mid-terms (rightfully so) and for whatever reason, afraid of letting the President down. I mean, the President did publicly state he wanted Texas (Abbott) to get him 5 more seats in the House. Republicans pushing this hurriedly through a special session that was supposedly about flood relief legislation tells me they know they're doing something wrong. They know this isn't okay, and isn't what the majority of Texans want. It's in Texas Republican legislators own best interests, and the interests of the scared little boy posing as the President. The fact the map was slapped together in a few of days, released on Wed with in person comments to be heard that Fri for a few hours only says a lot. They don't want to hear what the majority of Texans have to say. We don't know who drew the maps, what data they used, what their process was, or reasoning behind choices made. Well, I take that back, we know THEIR reasoning, we don't know what reasoning they're going to say that might seem reasonable and palatable. Their actual reasoning is blatant and in your face - they don't want to lose next November, so Republicans will do the dishonorable thing and cheat. This is not okay. Obey the law. Obey the Constitution. Move away from this nonsense. And get on with the actual business at hand that will actually help your constituents - flood control. Grieving families and Texans want that.

Kimberly Hurst
Self / Independent contractor
Universal City, TX

Texas must do everything in its power to thwart this illegal power grab by the president to dismantle our democracy and take away the rights of Texas residents. It's of utmost importance that Texas pushes back against this blatant act of tyranny and oppression of the Texas people.

This is an unjust and unprecedented attempt to grab political power from the residents of Texas and give it to corrupt politicians by redistricting and gerrymandering an already unfairly gerrymandered state that allows politicians to choose their voters instead of voters choosing their elected representatives. Fair maps are essential to our democracy, as well as our constitutional rights as Americans. Thus, we cannot let those in power, especially our governor, to subvert the will of the people by redrawing our congressional districts during a mid census special session that lacks transparency and the time needed to do so both accurately and fairly.

To have a democracy that's fair, just and representative of its constituents, we must be vigilant in maintaining the integrity of the data and methods used to draw our districts. If districts are intentionally and purposively drawn so politicians can pick their voters instead of voters picking their politicians, and so that some communities can be disproportionately underrepresented and underfunded, while others receive more than their fair share, it completely undermines our democracy and what our nation stands for, "... Government of the people, by the people, for the people…," as President Abraham Lincoln so eloquently stated in the Gettysburg Address.

Thus, to continue on with this illegitimate and unconstitutional process of redistricting and redrawing Texas' congressional districts is a direct violation of our rights as Americans, and should stop immediately and not proceed any further.

This isn't just about Texas anymore. This will have consequences much broader, for our entire nation, and others, once the system has been rigged. If this bill is passed it will erupt and send a tsunami across the United States, ultimately leading to a partisan redistricting war between red states and blue states, destroying the very foundation of this country and what it stands for.

While even myself would like to be optimistic and hope things will eventually come back to the norm, partisan redistricting and gerrymandering is the ONE thing that will prevent that from ever happening. And I will not sit back and say nothing while my country and state are being held hostage, and ultimately, sent to the slaughterhouse to be chopped up, mangled, with some parts being thrown in the trash while others are considered okay to keep.

Thus, I hope you'll fight this hard fight with the constituents of Texas and resist giving in to our corrupt governor and President, and do whatever it takes to preserve our precious democracy in Texas and nationally, so as not to let those in charge who want to rig the game subvert the will of the people.

Yannis Banks
Texas NAACP
LEANDER, TX

Doing redistricting now is a waste of time, money, and energy. We aren't using any new data and setting a tone for redistricting to be done every 2-4 years because someone wants to shape their power. Damaging & destroying these historic Black districts goes against all the progress we have made in this country and continues the attack on civil rights & turning back the time. I use to think we are better than this but I am coming to realize unfortunately this is who we are as a state.

Marian Yeager
Self
austin, TX

This is an unpopular and very likely illegal bill. Ken Paxton has sworn in Court that the current maps are legally drawn and race-neutral. So what basis does Greg Abbott have for redrawing a new map? No new data has been presented. So what data is this new map based on? Where was it gotten from? And who directed for its creation? When was it given to members of the House and Senate? Why did people only have 6 hours to speak before you? Many of which drove many hours and were denied. Why are public comments only allowed for one day after the public release of the map? Texans deserve answers and time to voice their opinions. This special session was to focus on flood relief, under auspices of Greg Abbott. But Republicans have had 7 hearings about redistricting. This feels incredibly shady and underhanded. They're disingenuous about why this special session was called, and Greg Abbott is playing politics with the deaths of little girls in order to sell Texas down the river. I urge Democrats and sane Republicans to break quorum and stop this illegal bill in its tracks. If your Republican colleagues refuse to do their jobs then refuse to make it possible to vote on. It makes me very sick how dishonest this is and as I stated before -- using our grief and concern for those who died in the terrible floor by stating this session was for flood relief -- stop playing politics and work on releasing the flood relief surplus that our state needs. You work for us not for the lobbyist or Washington. I'm so ashamed of these public servants.

Mandy Wolfson
No
Austin, TX

I am beyond disgusted that the special session to deal with recent tragic flooding has been turned into a blatant attempt to gerrymander an ALREADY HEAVILY GERRYMANDERED Texas. Egregious and does nothing to further the cause of equity in Texas

Mikaela Thomas
Self
Austin, TX

I’m AGAINST HB4. There’s no new census or evidence that Texas needs new maps mid-decade. Instead of helping Texans recover from the July 4 floods, lawmakers are wasting this special session on gerrymandering.

Trump himself said: “Texas will be the biggest one. Just a very simple redrawing, we pick up five seats.” This is openly partisan. Democracy is based on citizens choosing their representatives. Not the other way around.

This is about silencing communities instead of serving them. Please squash this absurd bill and spend your time representing and supporting flood victims and Texas families instead of partisan interests.

Yasmine Anderson
Self
Austin, TX

This bill is a direct ask from the President to pick up more house seats and remove voting power from communities. In a time when our state is dealing with rebuilding from devastating floods, children are losing core school sevices and rights and for who? Not the voters in TX, this is a distraction and completely immoral. I am AGAINST this bill and the waste of time and resources our elected officials on spending on a map that does not reflect Texans. Do better!

Katie Coble
Self
Houston, TX

To whom it may concern,

The redrawing of Texas districts so the president can get 5 more Republican seats is unfair and chaotic. If state representatives are publicly bending to the will of the president, how are citizens supposed to trust in the electoral process?

All citizens deserve to have their voice count. Weighing districts to favor one party over another silences people by making their vote count less. Everyone deserves fair and equal representation. Gerrymandering to benefit republicans because the president is worried he won't keep majority in congress after midterms is not a just or fair reason to redraw the map. It is undemocratic.

Not only is drawing the map to favor republicans unfair, it is also chaotic to do this close to midterms. If Texas redraws its map other states have said they will redraw their maps in response. And other states then may respond to that. When people see that the process for creating fair elections is being disrupted, people will start to mistrust the outcome of our democratic process even more than they already do.

Do the right thing and honor the voting process. Don't bend the map to favor a president who wants to stay in power. This puts democracy in jeopardy. This decision does not only change the representation of Texas. Redistricting will affect on the whole country.

Taliyah Perry
Self
Houston, TX

@naudiajohnson339: Huh y'all can copy paste this I strongly oppose House Bill 4 as currently proposed. This bill represents a blatant attempt at partisan gerrymandering designed to manipulate the electoral process for political gain, not to ensure fair representation for the people of Texas.
Texas is one of the most diverse states in the country, with rapidly growing Black, Latino, and Asian populations. However, HB 4 fails to reflect this demographic reality. Instead, it redraws congressional maps in a way that weakens the voting power of communities of color, particularly in South Texas, Austin, Houston, and the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex. By targeting minority-heavy districts currently held by Democrats, the bill dilutes the influence of voters who deserve full and fair representation in Congress.
Moreover, the process behind HB 4 has lacked transparency and accountability. The maps were released suddenly, with minimal public notice and no opportunity for robust community input or meaningful debate. This approach undermines trust in our democratic institutions and disrespects the right of Texans to participate in decisions that directly impact their representation.
HB 4 also runs afoul of the principles set forth in the Voting Rights Act, which prohibits redistricting efforts that result in the disenfranchisement of minority voters. The proposed maps appear to prioritize partisan outcomes over compliance with federal law, and they invite costly legal challenges that Texas taxpayers should not have to fund.
Redistricting should be about fair representation not partisan advantage. Lawmakers should be drawing maps that reflect the actual population and its interests, not using the redistricting process as a political weapon. I urge members of the House Select Committee to reject HB 4 in its current form and instead develop a map that respects the will of the people, protects communities of interest, and upholds the integrity of our elections.
Texans deserve a democracy that works for everyone not just for those in power.

Alicea deTiege-Campos, Mrs.
Self
San Antonio, TX

I've always been proud to be from Texas, however, this plan to redraw districts separate from the census, is shameful. Not only is it an example of political bowing to your betters, but it is also a move to silence the voices of constituents, Texans. You know better and you should do better. Leave the maps alone, until the next census.

Douglas Jones
Self
Lago vista, TX

Completely against this bill. It is against democracy and is a modern attempt to manipulate elections.

Sandra Lawrence
"Self" retired
Richmond, TX

This is nothing more than out corrupt and felonious president racially gerrymandering. And this drumph suckup of a governor who is more interested on pleasing big daddy drumof than he is representing ALL people of his state, not just the white republican men.

Gretchen Pierce
self, stay-at-home mom
Austin, TX

This bill takes away Texans' right to fair representation. Redistricting in the middle of a decade is not normal, it is an attempt to unfairly gain power. The job of state legislators is to serve Texans, and this bill is serving the agenda of President Trump. Please have the courage to stand up for the people of Texas who elected you.

Lisa Alanis
Self
Austin, TX

Born and bred Trxan and want my voice to be heard. Please no redristerimg

Diana Cason
Self
Bedford, TX

I oppose this proposed mid-cycle redistricting and the redrawn map designed to suppress the vote of racial minority communities in Texas. This is not my vision for Texas, nor of the majority of Texans--we don't want this. To say this process has been unusual and rushed are understatements, it has not been transparent with the proposed map only being published after most of the public hearings. So what was the point of the very few public hearings--to check the box? Abbott and Trump want this--stop bowing the knee and stand up for Democracy. I hope you will stand up for myself and the many Texans you are supposed to be representing by opposing HB 4.

Fathme Del castillo
Self
San Antonio, TX

As a constituent, I disagree with this bill and would not want it passed.

Sergio Martinez
Self
Brownsville, TX

Opposition Statement to HB 4 – Congressional Redistricting
Submitted for the Record | August 1, 2025
Texas House Select Committee on Congressional Redistricting

Chairman and Members of the Committee,

I write in strong opposition to HB 4, relating to the composition of congressional districts for the State of Texas. While the redistricting process is an essential democratic exercise, this proposal is deeply concerning for several reasons.

This map is not a fair reflection of Texas' diverse and rapidly growing population. Instead, HB 4 appears to be a clear example of partisan gerrymandering—designed to entrench political power rather than ensure equitable and competitive representation for all Texans. It significantly dilutes the voting power of communities of color, particularly in South Texas and urban population centers, despite these communities driving the state's population growth over the last decade.

Public trust in our democratic institutions depends on a redistricting process that is transparent, accountable, and grounded in the principles of equal representation. HB 4 fails this standard. It does not reflect the demographic realities of Texas and undermines the ability of many communities to elect candidates of their choice.

I urge this committee to reject HB 4 and instead commit to a redistricting process that respects the Voting Rights Act, centers the voice of the people—not politicians—and produces districts that are compact, contiguous, and truly representative of the state we all call home.

Thank you for your time and service to Texas.

April Jones
Self
Houston, TX

I am writing to voice my strong opposition to the proposed redistricting plan. It undermines the fundamental purpose of districting: to ensure fair and equal representation for all communities.

The proposed maps appear to be deliberately drawn to weaken the political voice of minority communities, which is unacceptable. Texas is one of the most diverse states in the country, yet this plan concentrates and divides communities of color in ways that strip them of meaningful representation. This isn't about geography or population shifts—it's about power.

Districting should reflect the realities of Texas' population and demographics, not manipulate them for partisan or racial gain. These maps will harm voters across the state by silencing the voices of entire communities and eroding trust in the democratic process.

I urge you to reject this plan and pursue a fair and transparent process that upholds the core principle of one person, one vote. Anything less is a direct attack on the integrity of our elections and the people you were elected to serve.

Justin Roberts
self
Cedar Park, TX

This is just rigging the polls. Understand that this is becoming a case for taxation without representation.

Melissa Wann, Ms
self - geologist
Austin, TX

I am sickened by this blatant partisan move solely at the behest of Trump. What happened to the strong, independent Texas spirit? Where is honor and bravery to do the right thing? The majority of Republicans KNOW this is not right, just like with the school voucher bill, the way redistricting has been rolled out is like a middle school child hiding their failing report card. This blatant power grab is a big middle finger to about 43% of Texans who voted Democratic in 2024. Shame, shame! Congress is supposed to work for The People, not special interests, or a bully in the White House. I would imagine if Texas Republicans, or those in DC, were the ones who needed to stand up and sign the Declaration of Independence; we'd still be under English rule. Please do not vote to approve this bill and the new maps.
Lastly, remember that 43% is awfully close to 50% and a lot of Texans stayed home in 2024.

Sherry Grona
Self
Austin, TX

Fairness and equality are a must to preserve our freedoms and the life we have known.

Shanna Beck
self
Austin, TX

My name is Shanna Beck. I live in northwest Austin in Congressional District 37.

I am testifying to about Legistature trying to redistrict congressional districts in Texas. I oppose this redistricting. Redistricting should only be done when a census is done; and should not be done mid-census. I disagree with this attempt to redraw the district lines. This redistricing attmpt appear to be only done for the purpose of increasing Republican representation. The purpose for redistricting is supposed to be to be reflective of populations. Rural districts that stretch oddly to grab a piece of a large city do not reflect the main population of that area by including a sliver part of an urban location. This type of redistricting makes it so that some residents who become a part of a miniority group of the district because of the redistricting who would not have been a part of that minority group without the lines being drawn so oddly would not be able to be heard as much.

- This Committe should only allowed to do redistricting during census year.
- Redistricting for political purposes should not be allowed.
- Whenever redistricting is done:
  - This Committee should commit to holding a public hearing after the maps are drawn and before tha maps go through the committee.
  - The public should be notified at least 5 days before the Committee meets in order to have time to review the maps before any hearings.
  - Legislators who draw the maps should be required to explain why they chose to draw them the way they did;
  - All communications regarding drawing the maps should be publicly available.

Thank you for reviewing my testimony and working to incorporate these items into the redistricting process.

Beryl Shorter
Self
Houston, TX

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this written testimony on behalf of myself. My name is Beryl Shorter, a Black female who lives in Harris County, Houston, Texas, House District 147, Senate District 13 and Congressional District 18.

I am in opposition to HB 4 and the accompanying redistricting maps proposed. The maps represent political malpractice by packing and cracking congressional districts with long and strong leadership.

The maps dilute the power of Blacks and Browns in attempt to silence voices by splitting our communities and this is not redistricting. This process intentionally attempts to weaken the voting power of Black and Brown communities. Texans particularly Black Texans, have already suffered at the hands of previous gerrymandering and the consistent attack on our voting rights, along with a list of other items negatively impacting the Black Community.

I so often hear Christian values voiced by our politicians. When I see the maps as proposed I can only reflect on Ephesians 6:12 “For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of darkness in this world. So this fight is not just political — it’s spiritual.”
“So I pray that the unjust process by this redistricting committee end. This process is trying to bury our people and our power.

I request an independent redistricting commission be formed to address the data represented via the 2030 census.

Remember you must follow the Fourteenth and fifteenth Amendments to the US Constitution and Section 2 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965 while creating these maps.

George Powell
Self and Spouse.. Retired
El Paso, TX

When mankind's run ends before the year 2100 but probably much sooner GREED will be a major factor. I'm 73 yrs. old and glad I won't have to endure the stupidity running this country into the ground much longer if we don't blow up the whole planet before I'm gone. I was born into a Republican family and registered as such when I ended my apathy because Reagan went for a second term. So I voted against a Republican the first time I voted as one because I wasn't a moron. At some point I realized Republican reps cared little for their constituents and just wanted to line their pockets. Now you plan to rape the El Paso area as much as you can and even now I'm considering moving to another country when living here reaches the point that you won't be able to leave your house safely unless you are armed. The war I predicted some number of years ago has already been going on where regular civilians are up against police and criminals and all 3 factions are fighting each other for dominance. ICE is just a gang of thugs that do as they please while our so-called-president smirks in admiration. Obviously mankind hasn't learned how to get along and at some point we and the planet will pay the ultimate price for our brand of ignorance. I personally anticipate the reaction of the ppl supporting MAGA (My America Gone Awry) when they cannot get their Medicaid benefits or nutritional aid for their kids with that's how the cookie crumbles ppl. Unfortunately MAGA believers will not be the only unfortunates to be affected though they might be the most numerous. I actually feel sorrier for the planet than mankind since there is such beauty on the earth where it hasn't been affected much by our activities. There are a lot of good ppl of various cultural heritages here in El Paso that do not deserve the evil that is brewing presently in Austin though a majority of them are Hispanic. Those ppl that are Hispanic most probably have bloodlines that go back as much as 10,000 years and were the orginal ppls that arrived here across the Bering strait. I would give all of the Americas back to those Indigenous ppls and let them decide who can stay here and who should get the hell out. You Republicans are a disease that will only be cured when mankind goes extinct and joins the dinosaurs. I only see pain and suffering for the future of this country at the hands of Republicans and like minded Democrats. Our water, air and soil are all in jeopardy of becoming so polluted that our general health will only deteriorate under your rule. I tell everybody in passing: "May we all see 2026." We may or may not. Have a great day.

Linda Raymer, Ms
Self
Austin, TX

This redistricting proposal is outrageous, unlawful, and downright racist. You are making a mockery out of Texas. I have lived here my entire life and I've never been so embarrassed over these last 4 to 8 years with Greg Abbott in charge and all the yahoo's that are literally taking us backward in time stop this redistricting now

Karen Seroussi
self, Physician
Austin, TX

Redistricting is cheating. I am so angry that this would be rammed through. As Texans we don't kiss ass to some NY billionaire. A big NO on redistricting.

America De la Rosa
self/ Assistant Director
Brownsville, TX

I'm against the redistricting

Sabir Vali
SAAVETX
Allen, TX

RE: Opposition to Mid-Decade Congressional Redistricting – A Statement from South Asian Texans
Dear Governor Abbott, Lt. Governor Patrick, and Speaker Burrows,
As members of the South Asian American community across Texas, we write to express our unequivocal opposition to the mid-decade congressional redistricting plan currently before the Legislature.
South Asian Texans are one of the fastest-growing populations in this state. We run businesses, drive innovation, advance medicine, and enrich the cultural and civic life of Texas. We also vote, organize, and contribute to the democratic process.
But this redistricting proposal is not about improving representation — it is about manipulating it. These maps are being redrawn to break up strong, diverse voting blocs and weaken the collective voice of communities of color, including South Asians, who are becoming an undeniable force in Texas politics.
In major metropolitan counties where South Asians live and work — Harris, Fort Bend, Dallas, Collin, Tarrant, Travis, and Bexar — cohesive neighborhoods are being fractured and stitched together with distant rural counties. These artificial districts have nothing to do with shared interests and everything to do with diluting the political power of growing populations.
This is not representation. This is an intentional strategy to silence voters and undermine democracy.
What does a tech executive in Plano have in common with a farmer hundreds of miles away? What shared vision for Texas can come from districts designed to split communities apart rather than bring them together?
Texas should stand as a model of democratic integrity, where representation reflects the people who call this state home. Instead, this process dismantles the very pillars of democracy — fairness, accountability, and trust.
When maps are drawn for partisan gain, they don't just distort election outcomes — they tell entire communities their voices don't matter.
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Sincerely,
Sabir Vali/SAAVETX
Allen, Texas

Kenneth Davis, MAJ(R)
Self
Copperas Cove, TX

In politics and life we can agree to disagree but respectfully continue on in life. What we have here is an attempt to push Representative Crocket from her seat because she proposes a treat to the Republican party and the President's agenda. This is totally not right and possibly illegal. Governor Abbott is being manipulated by the President to do dirty work. When did we get away from having class in politics and doing the right thing to where the people decide who they want in office. Please do the right thing and not redraw lines to negate the will of the people.

Kenneth Nobleza
Self
Houston, TX

I write to inform you that I oppose the proposed boundaries of the Texas congressional districts. It obvious that they constructed to without fairness in mind. Specifically, it dilutes the voting powers of the colored population in my city, Houston. Democracy dies when the peoples' voices are muted. By voting in favor of this redistricting, you will abandon your duty to uphold democracy and fully embrace autocracy. We will never forget this.

Karen Miller, Ms
Self Clinical Social Worker
Austin, TX

We should only do redistricting in a census year! This is political manipulation!

Barbara Sepdham
Self
Flower Mound, TX

My name is Barbara Sepdham and I'm a constituent from Flower Mound.

I, a white upper class female, publicly condemn the radical redistricting process happening in Texas. All state leaders must speak out against the dangerous precedent established by this blatantly partisan gerrymandering. The proposed maps are blatant disenfranchisement of racial and ethnic minorities. Every decade since the 1965 Voting Act, courts have found Texas district maps have illegally diluted the voting power of minorities. This proposed maps make this problem worse. This is unacceptable, dangerous and un-American.

Jennifer Cunningham, Mrs.
Self
Austin, TX

I oppose this bill and all the nonsense it represents. This is absolutely cheating right in front of everyone's eyes. Just because your policies are completely unpopular you think you can recoup votes and reps by cheating. I oppose this vehemently.

Jana Satterfield
Self RN
Amarillo, TX

I condemn the radical and illegal redistricting of my state. This is still a democracy. Protect our rights as citizens to vote. If this does go through however I will support and push for democrats to do the same.

Susanne Harm
Self
Austin, TX

NO to gerrymandering—this is just wrong!

Karan Strong, Ms.
Self - Retired
Wylie, TX

I support HB 4

Joyce BROWN
self / retired
AUSTIN, TX

The process of redistricting is to have fair and equal representation of the residents of the state of Texas using the census records every 10 years. This midterm bill is unfair and unconstitutional because it was not written for the purpose of fair and equal representation, it was written because President Trump contacted our Governor of Texas and requested that he add this call to the special session to gerrymander the voting districts of Texas to give him 5 more Republican votes in the House of Representatives. Rather turn your attention to the residents of Texas who are in desperate need of help after the July 4th flood event. Many Texas voters support this help. Please do not side step our constitutional system of voting rights. Make a decision to not support this redistricting bill, let's do our redistricting in 2030.

Anna Westbrook
Self, music teacher
Pflugerville, TX

I strongly opposed redistricting at this time. This is gerrymandering and will not create a more equal access voting plan. The purpose of the new map is to suppress voters and I am opposed to it. I do not support any representative who bows to Trump by supporting redistricting.

Rebecca Siegel Singer, Mrs.
Self
Dallas, TX

This comment is submitted in opposition to HB 4, an absolutely outrageous attempt to rip responsible representation away from Texas voters and hand over our government to one (twice-impeached, adjudicated sexual predator) Donald Trump. The timing of this redistricting is an affront to orderly processing of the fundamentals of elections and responsible governance. I live in CD 32 which already was redistricted in the ordinary course of business after the last census, and there were districts that were gerrymandered to run down small neighborhood streets, separating common sense constituencies and undermining their voice. This new proposed map
does that on steroids. Residents of North Dallas have many vastly different interests than those of rural eastern counties; and joining them together precludes meaningful representation. To the Republican members of the Texas legislature, your job is to represent Texas voters, not the current occupant of the White House and his craven, power- hungry, and corrupt donors, overlords, and billionaires who are only seeking to amplify their own voices and make more money. You should reject this bill and any redistricting at this time.

Chinwe Ojieh
SELF
Richmond, TX

I strongly oppose House Bill 4 as currently proposed. This bill represents a blatant attempt at partisan gerrymandering designed to manipulate the electoral process for political gain, not to ensure fair representation for the people of Texas. Texas is one of the most diverse states in the country, with rapidly growing Black, Latino, and Asian populations. However, HB 4 fails to reflect this demographic reality. Instead, it redraws congressional maps in a way that weakens the voting power of communities of color, particularly in South Texas, Austin, Houston, and the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex. By targeting minority-heavy districts currently held by Democrats, the bill dilutes the influence of voters who deserve full and fair representation in Congress. Moreover, the process behind HB 4 has lacked transparency and accountability. The maps were released suddenly, with minimal public notice and no opportunity for robust community input or meaningful debate. This approach undermines trust in our democratic institutions and disrespects the right of Texans to participate in decisions that directly impact their representation.HB 4 also runs afoul of the principles set forth in the Voting Rights Act, which prohibits redistricting efforts that result in the disenfranchisement of minority voters. The proposed maps appear to prioritize partisan outcomes over compliance with federal law, and they invite costly legal challenges that Texas taxpayers should not have to fund. Redistricting should be about fair representation not partisan advantage. Lawmakers should be drawing maps that reflect the actual population and its interests, not using the redistricting process as a political weapon. I urge members of the House Select Committee to reject HB 4 in its current form and instead develop a map that respects the will of the people, protects communities of interest, and upholds the integrity of our elections. Texans deserve a democracy that works for everyone not just for those in power.

Paul Elaire
Self
Port arthur, TX

Redistricting in Texas has repeatedly raised concerns about diluting the power of Black voters. When maps are drawn to split historically Black communities or pack them into a single district, it weakens their collective voice. Representation matters, and fair districting should reflect the real demographics of the state not political strategy.

Lisa Redd, Mrs
Self Insurance
Red Oak, TX

Republicans should not be allowed to further gerrymander Texas to remove representation for Democrats. There should be an independent body who draws the maps for districts in Texas. Republicans are obviously aware of how unpopular their platforms are, or they wouldn’t be afraid of losing in a fair race. Silencing half the state is unethical.

Payton Jackson, US House of Representatives District 33 GOP Candidate
Jackson for Congress
Dallas, TX

I am writing in support of Plan C2308 and House Bill 4. These proposals represent a long-overdue correction to how representation is structured in our state—especially for communities like those in Congressional District 33.

For too long, the voices of actual voters in District 33—taxpaying, law-abiding citizens—have been diluted by outside influence and unchecked participation from individuals who do not live in, vote in, or represent our community. C2308 takes a necessary step by realigning District 33 to better reflect geographic and political integrity, finally giving the voters in this district the chance to elect someone who understands and lives their values.

I also support HB 4 because it places commonsense guardrails on participation in our elections—guardrails that every state should have in place. We can't build trust in our democratic process while ignoring whether those participating are even eligible voters.

That brings me to my greatest concern: the way public comment was handled during the redistricting process. The people of District 33 were shut out. Their time and voice were taken by activists bussed in from other districts—many of whom couldn't vote here even if they wanted to. And instead of standing up for their own constituents, some of our state representatives welcomed it—they failed to require even basic voter registration verification to prioritize real district voices. That's unacceptable.

Redistricting should be about representation, not political manipulation. If a person can't vote in District 33, they should not be prioritized over those who can. It's time to stop treating our district like a political pawn and start treating our voters like they matter.

I urge the committee to adopt Plan C2308, support HB 4, and ensure that future hearings respect and prioritize the people who actually live and vote in these communities.

Thank you.

-Ms. Jackson

Cynnamon Hall
SELF
Fort Worth, TX

I'm opposed to mid-term redistricting. I am opposed to this fly by night map presented in the eleventh hour, which was only drawn to remove our voices in Congress. This is a power grab and an attempt to remove the opposition to this current Administration's nefarious agenda. I've sat up overnight watching house feeds we're rules committees tried to legislate out of public view. I've called my Representative often to share my concerns. My voice deserves to be heard. Trump and Abbott would silence me and my neighbors. No!

I am against the proposal to redraw the districts in Tarrant County mid cycle. The voters and constituents have lived and voted under the current maps, which are grossly biased against areas where more non-white Texans reside. The current maps are under review for being unlawful, the maps flaunt the guidance of the Voters Rights Act and dilute the votes from my district.

What is Tarrant County Judge Tim O'hare afraid of? The 2024 general elections prove that the will of the Tarrant County voters is fair and free elections. Voters have elected representatives and supported measures that address our needs. Texas is more diverse and capable than Tim O'Hare and his merry band of bigots can imagine. You have poked the figurative bear, and upset your own party members and voters. You have knelt on your knees at the feet of this Administration and handed our State, our districts, and our votes over without our permission. You have shamelessly caused our County to pay your personal choice to redraw and restrict our districts and then taken our tax dollars to pay the SAME firm to defend your deplorable decision.

Tarrant County is not weak, we are highly educated, skilled and capable. We, voters, from whichever party aren't meek nor are we afraid. The Don't Mess With Texas isn't limited to lifted trucks and ten gallon hats.

By attempting to change our congressional districts you are actively eliminating our representatives in the state house. You are silencing entire areas and moving their influence and representation away from their center.

Our property taxes, our fees and and spending goes to make our communities more vibrant. The 2020 census revealed a large growth of Black, Latino and Asian populations in Tarrant County. You noticed, and you noticed that these voters supported strong measures to improve education, law enforcement, health care and commercial growth. Fort Worth is nearing 1 Million in population, the second largest city in the metropolitan, our residents build and continue to pour into the City and County. Taking our voice away, stealing our votes and diluting our power is unwarranted and unacceptable. We will not allow you to take our districts, you may not disenfranchise our neighbors. Keep your hands out of Tarrant County, Don't COME AND TAKE IT. Wait until the next census, wait until the courts rule on the 2020 census drawn maps. Don't Mess with Tarrant County and don't mess with Texas.

Kian Durrett
SAAVETX
Allen, TX

RE: Opposition to Mid-Decade Congressional Redistricting – A Statement from South Asian Texans
Dear Governor Abbott, Lt. Governor Patrick, and Speaker Burrows,
As members of the South Asian American community across Texas, we write to express our unequivocal opposition to the mid-decade congressional redistricting plan currently before the Legislature.
South Asian Texans are one of the fastest-growing populations in this state. We run businesses, drive innovation, advance medicine, and enrich the cultural and civic life of Texas. We also vote, organize, and contribute to the democratic process.
But this redistricting proposal is not about improving representation — it is about manipulating it. These maps are being redrawn to break up strong, diverse voting blocs and weaken the collective voice of communities of color, including South Asians, who are becoming an undeniable force in Texas politics.
In major metropolitan counties where South Asians live and work — Harris, Fort Bend, Dallas, Collin, Tarrant, Travis, and Bexar — cohesive neighborhoods are being fractured and stitched together with distant rural counties. These artificial districts have nothing to do with shared interests and everything to do with diluting the political power of growing populations.
This is not representation. This is an intentional strategy to silence voters and undermine democracy.
What does a tech executive in Plano have in common with a farmer hundreds of miles away? What shared vision for Texas can come from districts designed to split communities apart rather than bring them together?
Texas should stand as a model of democratic integrity, where representation reflects the people who call this state home. Instead, this process dismantles the very pillars of democracy — fairness, accountability, and trust.
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Sincerely,
Kian Durrett/SAAVETX
Allen, Texas

Kelly Espinoza
Self - OTR
Celina, TX

Stop the gerrymandering. Your constituents are watching and understand what you're doing.

Sarah Beck
Self
Austin, TX

I'm a born and raised Texan and I want to remind you that as our elected officials, your duty is to serve and represent the people. The fact that I am here today is because our government wants to disregard that. I am amazed and disgusted by the growing attempts to disenfranchise Texas citizens and the American people.

District mapping should take place with up-to-date census information and in compliance with the Voting Rights Act to ensure maps don't dilute the voting power of communities of color.

The only reason redistricting is being discussed right now, is because the Presidential Administration identified 4 districts they want flipped via gerrymandering: districts 9, 18, 29, and 33, districts which are currently electing people of color. This is so obviously and blatantly racial discrimination. You'd have to think we're dull to claim it as anything else.

As Texans, we will not stand for this unlawful power grab.

I'm disappointed in our president and our governor, taking advantage of the vulnerable state of our citizens right now after the recent climate-related flooding and hundreds of deaths. We should be focusing on supporting our vulnerable communities, not using this special session to further take advantage.

Our current congressional delegation does not represent the people. Texas consists of 60% people of color, but only 34% of our congressional delegation is resented by people of color. To breakup the 4 districts mentioned would be to more falsely represent the racial makeup of our state.

You are meant to represent Texas citizens, now do that.

I'm appalled that we are having this hearing at all, after the litany of hearings prior to this where the extreme majority of people voiced outrage at the idea of redistricting. As Texans we are strong and proud, and we will not let you or the president quietly silence us.

We are being pressured and manipulated by our federal government, and as Texans we should NEVER stand for that. Thank you.

Jamal Straker
TRANSPORTATION
Arlington, TX

I OPPOSE HB4! Stop gerrymandering Texas! These "maps" are a scam. These "maps" are a sham. These "maps" are racist. STOP MESSING WITH TEXAS!!

Mavis Belisle
Dallas Peace and Justice Center
Dallas, TX

When I first began to vote, my congressional district included a small piece of Dallas County, a gap of several miles, a small piece of Tarrant County, and a long, narrow strip running to the southeast. Gerrymandering by Democrats wasn't right then, and it isn't right by Republicans now.
The current proposed map crams many voters of color into a small area, denying them fair or adequate representation.

I sat through the hearing in Arlington from beginning to end, and though I and two friends had signed up to speak, never got an opportunity, but I take the opportunity now to say the districts must be fair and representative. All the people of Texas deserve fair representation, not Donald Trump of Greg Abbott, his Texas flunky.

Courtney Rogers
Self
Austin, TX

This is absolutely undemocratic. Win on merit by serving your constituents well, not by taking advantage of loopholes. This is shameful. I have no hope for Republican opposition to this bill, but I urge it nonetheless.

Julie Murphy, Mrs
Self
Bastrop, TX

I am opposed to changing the redistricting maps at the express direction and request of Donald Trump. This is a blatant power grab in a State that is already suffering from prolonged gerrymandering. This action is not in the best interest of our State and I believe it sets a dangerous precedent. Thank you for considering my comments and dismay about this bill.

Natalie Goodnow
self
Austin, TX

This is illegal gerrymandering. Do not pass this bill.

Catharina Reyes
Self, enrollment coach
San Antonio, TX

Do not redistrict. Please. For the love of god. Leave district lines where they are!!!

Brittany Osazuwa, Ms
Self
Houston, TX

For the integrity of our democratic process, we must hold the line. We unequivocally reject this attempt to implement a mid-decade redistricting scheme for partisan advantage. Hold the line and reject this mid-decade redistricting scheme.

Sarah Ganske
Self
Austin, TX

I am in opposition to this bill. Given the timing and proposed map it feels as though this is in violation of the voting rights act. These maps should be drawn based on census data and by an independent bipartisan group.

Elsa Esparza-Hamilton
Representing myself.
San Antonio, TX

I am totally against redistricting in our State of Texas to benefit Republicans and Abbot that are bending the knee to Trump. This is absolutely disgraceful.

Catherine Martinez
Self
Austin, TX

This is not the time to be redistricting in bad faith to secure more power. Texas Republicans should use the power they have had over the last decade to help the people of Texas instead of letting them die from preventable tragedies like gun violence and climate change. Texas needs a working power grid, healthcare and education system. Texas Republicans claim to be concerned with individual liberties and less government interference but trying to actively disenfranchise voters who might disagree with policies that don't serve them or make their lives quantifiably better is doing the exact opposite. Focusing resources on things like this hurts the Texans most in need of representation which is not just the people of color in urban areas but people in rural areas who are seeing their hospitals, schools and public radio stations defunded with no plans to cover those gaps in public services. This is a waste of resources that could be going to water conservation as we know that many Texans are in areas that suffer through drought but are having their water resources promised to large data centers. Texans have so many needs that require real governance and an interest in the lives of people who do not have billions of dollars to spend on political campaigns and wasting their time and resources on redistricting is wrong.

Ramona Koehl
self, retired software engineer
Austin, TX

I support HB 4 redistricting Texas.

Chris Young
Self
Cedar Park, TX

Please vote no on this redistricting bill. It would take away voices and representation from so many Texans. This bill show us how racists Texas politicians are.

Sheila Joiner
Self
North Richland Hills, TX

As a voter and a life long Texas resident, I strongly oppose this bill and the partisan and racially motivated attempts to gerrymander our state. This is not about representation of the people, but propping up political power within the GOP at the behest of our President, who is not and has never been a Texan. This bill is a shame on our state, and lawmakers should consider their constituents rather than playing partisan games.

Pouya Razavi
Self, Entrepreneur/Enginner
Austin, TX

I am writing to you today to express my profound opposition to House Bill 4. This bill, with its proposed congressional redistricting plan, would be a detriment to the citizens of Texas and to the integrity of our democratic process.

My most significant concern is the disregard for established communities of interest. The proposed map, PLANC2308, appears to carve up our state without respect for the social, cultural, and economic bonds that tie our neighborhoods, cities, and regions together. By splitting these communities, HB 4 would leave many Texans without a cohesive voice in Congress, making it nearly impossible for our representatives to effectively advocate for our shared needs and concerns.

The plan is also a textbook example of partisan gerrymandering. The new districts are clearly designed to favor one political party over another, not to create a fair and competitive electoral landscape. This manipulation of district lines undermines the will of the voters and forces them to adapt to the whims of politicians, rather than the other way around. A healthy democracy relies on fair elections, and this bill works to dismantle that principle.

Furthermore, the lack of public transparency and process surrounding this bill is deeply troubling. This mid-decade redistricting effort was initiated in a special session, limiting the time for public input and review. The rushed nature of this process gives the appearance of a predetermined outcome, which erodes public trust in the legislature and makes a mockery of public hearings like this one.

The proposed map also directly contributes to the dilution of minority voting power. By strategically "packing" voters of color into a limited number of districts and "cracking" them across others, this plan seeks to limit their ability to elect their preferred candidates. This is a tactic that has been repeatedly challenged and found to be discriminatory, and it is unacceptable in a diverse state like Texas.

Finally, I am concerned about the cost and legal challenges that this bill will inevitably create. Texas has a long and expensive history of litigation over redistricting maps. Rather than passing a fair and legally defensible map, this bill seems designed to invite legal battles that will waste millions of dollars in taxpayer money, funds that could be used for far more pressing needs in our state.

For these reasons, I urge you to reject HB 4. Please prioritize fair representation, transparency, and respect for our communities over partisan politics.

Sincerely,
Pouya Razavi

Nate Criswell, Mr.
Self
Granbury, TX

I support the new Congressional District map that gives Republicans more seats. I have seen maps that take Democrat districts down to 7. I’d like to see it redrawn to 5 or 3 D districts, but will accept 7 if that’s the best we can get across the finish line.

Jacob Slaughter
Self
Austin, TX

The proposed redistricting is blatantly racist and anti-democratic. This is yet another attempt for the capitalist class, and their fascist allies, to usurp power from the working class.

Charles Deason, Mr
Self - Culinary Director
Austin, TX

As a long time resident of Austin and Travis County, I am wholeheartedly AGAINST the proposed redistricting. It is a power grab by Republicans to deny adequate representation to the areas that duly elected their current representatives and dilute the power of the residents of these areas and likely people of color or persons that the Republican Party finds reprehensible.

Amy Boone
self/educator
Abilene, TX

Dr. Alan Jacobs, Baylor Honors professor says in his book "How To Think" to consider “the importance of acting politically with the awareness that people you agree with won’t always be in charge. We must make a commitment to what political philosophers call proceduralism: an agreement that political adversaries ought to abide by the same rules, because this is how we maintain the peaceable social order. That belief is on its way to being comprehensively rejected by the American people… using existing rules against your opponents, or formulating new ones with the explicit purpose of marginalizing them, without pausing to ask whether such methods are fair, or even whether them might be turned against YOU someday, when the political winds are blowing in a different direction. Such is the power of sheer animus: it disables our ethical and our practical judgment.”
The President has asked the elected officials in Texas to redistrict midterm in order to pick up five seats. He said this out loud like it was perfectly normal. Hours of testimony from citizens has been heard with near unanimous consensus that we don't want this. Rep. Talarico has proposed an ethical and professional solution that seems utterly too reasonable to be considered, I feel sure. He proposed an independent citizen committee work on redistricting composed of five people from the majority party, five from the minority party, and four independents. Please consider this proposal.

Bethany Kingsley
self
Denton, TX

I oppose redistricting. This is a crooked move to try to gain more republican votes. It is a cowardly move.

Brooke Byington
Self
Austin, TX

This map silence Austin which is the true heart of Texas!

Patricia Wilson
Self , retiree
Austin, TX

I oppose mid-census redistricting. I support compact districts reflecting communities of interest

Michelle Affek
Self
rowlett, TX

Texas does not need a redistricting! It needs its representatives to be fir the people and listen to what the people want not just one demographic.

Christopher Corbett
Self
FLOWER MOUND, TX

I urge the passage of HB 4 in order to redistrict Texas' congressional map. I live in HD 63 and SD12 in Flower Mound.

The proposed redistricted map is color blind; avoids serious constitutional challenge in court or by the federal DOJ; gives Texas a predictable election cycle in 2026 and likely beyond; and is the right of the elected legislature to create rather than unelected judges or bureaucrats. Please pass HB4.

Kim Lopez, Dr
Self/educator
Houston, TX

This attempt at mid-decade redistricting is unwarranted and is a direct ploy from the president to gain GOP seats ahead of the midterms. This scheme to redraw districts is not in following of the Voting Rights Act and is not based on population of the districts.
Vote NO to partisan schemes. Vote NO on HB?4.

Al Lindsey, Dr.
Self, Retired Family Doctor
Austin, TX

Dr. Al Lindsey, native Texan, progressive United Methodist, husband/father grand & great grandfather, & Vietnam Veteran. I was at the hearing, and much of it was total Bullshit(1st 1&1/2 hour). Mr. Hunter, your claim to not know anything about the

Ryan Kuhns
Self
Austin, TX

Absolutely shameful that Trump requests to redraw district lines and our Texas leaders drop to their knees to please a child predator. Very telling that those in power need to redraw the lines because they know their policies are unfavorable with things like abortion and weed while they brag about how free Texas is. They also claim to be good Christain’s while going against what’s in the Bible. Shame shame shame, history will not be kind to those in power in Texas

Christina Vargas
Self - service work
Austin, TX

Against

Cathy Fulton
self
Port Aransas, TX

To: House Representatives on the newly rigged House Redistricting Committee,
I strongly oppose HB 4 by Todd Hunter for many reasons, but first and foremost is how this cheating bill is being presented by Representative Hunter. Hunter is literally lying almost every time he opens his mouth. While Hunter and Chairman Vasut claim transparency, we know this isn't true and you had the freaking maps well before today while making claims you had seen no maps. That is called lying, which makes you LIARS.
Other points to consider:
1. Why was the original redistricting committee from February 2025 number of 15 members suddenly changed to 21 members on July 21, 2025?
2. The composition of February committee was 8 Republican Members and 7 Democratic members (53.33% R, 46.66% D). The composition of July 21 committee is 12 Republican members vs 9 Democrat members; or 57.14% republican vs 42.85% democrat. Who made the decision to increase the number of members while making sure to skew the membership for republican favoritism? Hasn't this committee been "Gerry rigged" to give one party a significant edge over another?
3. During the BOGUS hearings conducted by both the House and Senate, a very limited number of the public were heard. Of the oral comments (7 hearings) I only counted 8 comments in support. The overwhelming majority of comments oppose mid-decade redistricting, or 1.75% for and 98.25% against. Also, of the 3,800 online comments, only 48 were for redistricting, or 1.26% for and 98.74% against. Are you paying attention? Over 98% of Texans are opposed to redistricting.
4. All Texans need to know that Mr. Vasut did not tell the truth about the "new" maps and he was lying to his colleagues and the public as is Todd Hunter. Personally, I don't know how it's done, but both should have violations filed under ethics.
5. Texas is not Washington DC. When did Texas become subserviate to Washington? When has Texas (until now) ever really cared about a president or other politicos opinions?
6. Todd Hunter claims he has not seen the DOJ letter, just heard about it during the hearings. Is he incapable of getting a copy? The answer is no, of course he can get a copy and likely has received and read it.
7. Why did the House and Senate waste everyone's time holding hearings without maps for the public to see and make an educated comment on redistricting? These bogus hearings were just to check a box so Chairman Vasut and Senate Chairman King can claim hearings were held, but those hearings violated TOMA laws, because the posting and meetings did not contain the required information to represent the redistricting maps. The hearings were a sham.
8. Governor Abbott and all Legislators need to represent Texan voters FIRST. Your loyalty needs to be with Texas and its voters. Don't sell out Texas to Washington. Follow the law!

Disrespectfully,
Cathy Fulton
Port Aransas,TX

Travis Applegate
Self
Fort Worth, TX

Use the same metric to draw district boundaries in the same manner that California, Illinois, New Hampshire and other blue states do. It’s time to use their playbook against them.

Kathy Nealy
CD 30
Dallas, TX

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Good afternoon, Committee Members,

My name is Kathy Nealy and I'm here representing CD30. Because I've seen this story before— I refuse to stay quiet while it's being written again.

You say this is about redistricting. But I know better. This is about power, and who gets to have a voice in this state. And once again, Black folks are being told to sit down and accept maps that erase our communities and split our power.

Let me remind you: just because you have the votes, doesn't mean you'll win in the end. Power grabbed in the dark never stands in the light. What you're doing might win a few seats today, but it will cost you the trust of an entire generation tomorrow.

I've lived long enough to know that every time someone tries to silence Black voices, we get louder. We survived Jim Crow, voter suppression, and every game y'all have played to keep us out of the process. And yet—here we are. Thriving. Building. Voting.

North Texas is changing. People of color made up 95% of the population growth in this state. Instead of respecting that, these congressional maps are a blatant attack on Texans' voting rights and democracy. Drawn with racial intent, the map packs and cracks communities of color to entrench white-majority rule, violating the Constitution and the Voting Rights Act. It's a corrupt power grab, not governance.

So let me tell you what my mama told me: "Every wrong you do will find its way back to you." History is watching. Texas is watching. And your children and grandchildren will have to answer for the maps you draw today.

We are demanding fair maps— This map is not Redistricting—-it's racial gerrymandering and political reengineering. It's an affront to Texas's diversity, democracy and the very spirit of the Voting Rights Act. You can either do right now, or you'll be forced to do right later.

Thank you.

Rose Shaffer
Self - Human Resources
Carrollton, TX

This redistricting is insane and does not represent the Texans in this area. We are gerrymandering to make the rich richer and the stupid stupider. I am heavily AGAINST the redistricting of Texas, especially in a year where it's not supposed to be happening. We are furthering the racial, income, and class divide by doing this. Do not hurt more Texans than you already have.

Levi Rosen
Self
Kyle, TX

This is cheating in the elections. I want a fair race and gerrymandering is not it.

Marge Filippo
self/retired
AUSTIN, TX

Please continue the fight against redistricting. You have and continue to have my complete support.

Julie Armstrong
Myself
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose the redistricting that they are trying to impose on the people of TX. This is abhorrent and does nothing to accurately represent the people of this state.

Fred Peterson
self, manager
Austin, TX

Abslutely not. This is un-American, anti-democratic, and exhibits cowardice.

ALLYSON JONES
Self Fraud investigator
Elgin, TX

Dear MAGA reps. We see through your rigging. We see that your intention of this gerrymander of a gerrymander is an effort to undercut democracy. Shame on you. I emphatically oppose these efforts. And the whole country sees what you're doing. You are corrupt and immoral. I pay sky high property taxes so your rich developers, and Elon, and Exxon don't have to. Shame on you. Voters choose their reps, not the other way around in a democratic system. You think you're untouchable but you are not. Do not pursue this agenda

Rosalia Cheshier
Self, Public Educator
Grand Prairie, TX

I have concerns regarding the current redistricting map proposed under HB4. Partisan gerrymandering can undermine fair representation by selectively advantaging certain groups and effectively diminishing the voting power of others. Although the current map is still being litigated, some Texas representatives have stated that the redistricting process was conducted in a “race-blind” manner. The redistricting under HB4 is being called for due to the maps being ‘illegal’. This inconsistency raises questions about the validity of their positions. Historically, federal courts have identified violations of the Voting Rights Act in Texas’ maps in every decade since its creation in 1965, highlighting the importance of careful consideration in redistricting efforts. Given the proximity of upcoming midterm elections, timely and appropriate redistricting is essential, yet it should be grounded in recent census data and conducted transparently. It is important that Texas uphold principles of fair representation and ensure that the voices of all communities, especially those historically marginalized, are adequately protected. I am strongly opposed to the redistricting map in HB4.

Rebecca Gonzalez, Ms.
self
Laredo, TX

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Erin Cooper
self
Austin, TX

I am AGAINST these unfair redistricting plans, and deman our right to fair maps that represent all Texans. Abbott is proving once again that he is only looking out for himself and his own political interests.

Nia Stewart
Self, Family Therapist
Fort Worth, TX

I strongly encourage all elected officials to oppose any redistricting plans that would reduce the political influence of minority communities. Fair representation is essential to our democracy, and any attempt to redraw district lines that diminishes the voices of historically marginalized groups goes against this principle. Voters should have the power to select their representatives, not the reverse. Endorsing maps that weaken minority voting power is not only unfair but also raises legal and ethical concerns. I urge you to advocate for equity, transparency, and the integrity of our democratic process.

Paul Sanders, Mr
Self
Hurst, TX

I am totally opposed to this and will advocate against anyone who.votes for the redistricting map

Emily Houlik-Ritchey, Dr.
self, educator
Houston, TX

As a proud Texas educator in Harris County, I oppose any mid-decade redistricting that reduces minority voting influence. Our communities deserve fair maps, not political manipulation.

Jennifer Jefferson
Self, teacher
Austin, TX

Hello.
This redistricting bill is being developed quickly because there is not support for it, and it is not the time for redistricting to occur. To introduce the idea of redistricting and then have the maps done within weeks into a special session, when there are real topics that should be debated and discussed that did not get settled during the regular session, such as school funding and assessment, is not representing the tax payers and their needs. This bill, at the behest of those not from Texas and not represented within Texas, is going to disenfranchise Texans.

Anand Kamath
Self
Frisco, TX

RE: Opposition to Mid-Decade Congressional Redistricting – A Statement from South Asian Texans
Dear Governor Abbott, Lt. Governor Patrick, and Speaker Burrows,
As members of the South Asian American community across Texas, we write to express our unequivocal opposition to the mid-decade congressional redistricting plan currently before the Legislature.
South Asian Texans are one of the fastest-growing populations in this state. We run businesses, drive innovation, advance medicine, and enrich the cultural and civic life of Texas. We also vote, organize, and contribute to the democratic process.
But this redistricting proposal is not about improving representation — it is about manipulating it. These maps are being redrawn to break up strong, diverse voting blocs and weaken the collective voice of communities of color, including South Asians, who are becoming an undeniable force in Texas politics.
In major metropolitan counties where South Asians live and work — Harris, Fort Bend, Dallas, Collin, Tarrant, Travis, and Bexar — cohesive neighborhoods are being fractured and stitched together with distant rural counties. These artificial districts have nothing to do with shared interests and everything to do with diluting the political power of growing populations.
This is not representation. This is an intentional strategy to silence voters and undermine democracy.
What does a tech executive in Plano have in common with a farmer hundreds of miles away? What shared vision for Texas can come from districts designed to split communities apart rather than bring them together?
Texas should stand as a model of democratic integrity, where representation reflects the people who call this state home. Instead, this process dismantles the very pillars of democracy — fairness, accountability, and trust.
When maps are drawn for partisan gain, they don't just distort election outcomes — they tell entire communities their voices don't matter.
We stand with Texans in Fort Bend, Collin, Dallas, Harris, Travis, Williamson, Bexar, El Paso, Denton, and Tarrant Counties who are seeing their voting power diluted and their representation sacrificed for political advantage.
We urge you to withdraw this plan and commit instead to drawing fair maps that keep communities whole, reflect where people actually live and work, and protect every Texan's right to representation.
Democracy only works when every vote counts and every voice is heard. These maps break that promise. Texans — all Texans — deserve better.
Sincerely,
Anand Kamath
Frisco texas

Rebecca Cuellar
Self
Austin, TX

This is disgusting!!

Brenda Raney
Self
Lewisville, TX

When I took Civics class in elementary school, it was stressed that the people vote to elect their Congressional Representatives. I am strongly opposed to the proposed efforts to draw new lines and create new and unconstitutional districts which essentially means Congress is selecting its voters at the expense of other voters...all tax paying citizens. Moving forward with this process will silence, crack and stack predominantly Black and Brown Communities. You are creating taxation without representation. This plan, which seeks to create five additional Republican districts through blatant gerrymandering is unconstitutional and harmful to the principals of fair representation and democracy. Texas belongs to all of us, not just those who are in power. I ask that you do what is morally, constitutionally and democratically correct. Do not redistrict our communities.

Maria Pauken
Self, retired computer systems developer
Red Oak, TX

A blantantly political attempt to disenfranchise voters in several districts. Unacceptable. You will pay a price if you support this redistrictung plan

David Richardson
Self
Grapevine, TX

I oppose the redistricting. This is not what Texas residents have voted for.

Lauren Niemeyer
Self
Houston, TX

I oppose redistricting in Texas. Y'all are obviously trying to rig elections in your favor. We see what you are doing. The districts are already gerrymandered we don't need any more. If you actually care about the state of Texas and our democracy, I implore you to listen to Texans and stop this redistricting scam.

Viridiana Sanchez
Self
Houston, TX

Texas House Bill 4 isn't just a redistricting measure. It is an attack on democracy itself. It is designed to silence the very voices lawmakers most need to hear — the people they were elected to represent. This bill doesn't serve communities. It serves power. It isn't about fair maps. It is about keeping control, no matter the cost.

You weren't elected to serve wealthy donors or partisan agendas. You are here to represent us, the people of Texas. All of us.

If HB4 passes, it will be more than a legal disgrace. It will be a moral failure. It will signal that this state has chosen exclusion over representation, and oligarchy over democracy.

Robert Parham, Dr.
Self
Fort Worth, TX

I am opposed to the redistricting efforts for several reasons.

To begin, there has not been ample time for public input. The Committee has not traveled to all impacted communities and has significantly limited time for public input.

Second, this is a desperate attempt for Republicans to maintain power. Rather than the people choosing their politicians, Republicans are having politicians choose their people.

Lastly, I urge the Representatives to vote no for the sake of our democracy. To the Republicans on the committee, there is risk with breaking party lines, but people have consistently put their lives on the line for our democracy. From service members to Martin Luther King Jr. and John Lewis, fighting for our democracy has always been a risky but worthy endeavor.

Please vote no on this map and fight for fair maps.

Shawnee Ray
Self
Fort Worth, TX

The Wtate has already redrawn district lines. To redraw them because A political party desires it, is wrong and does not represent equality nor "liberty and justice for all." As mandated in our oledge.

Taw Pruitt, Mr
Self
Mabank, TX

I am opposed to redistricting as it becomes unfair to one party.

Sylvester Neal
Citizen
Austin, TX

Please vote NO on the resdictrict bill

Benjamin Bigham
self
Cleveland, TX

It's 2025, there hasn't been a census in 5 years. There is no reason for this to occur other than to draw politically advantageous maps. This is a slippery slope away from a strong democracy that we should be striving for in the United States. We should be getting rid of gerrymandering, not making it worse. It's even more clear we are doing this at the behest of the president and a federal bureaucracy, because it is happening in special session at request from a single person. Obvious corruption. As Republicans we should be against blatant government overreach and corruption, against unitary forms of government, against influence from outside national political forces in our state government. Vote no on this bill!

Joan Klasson, Ms.
Self
Austin, TX

I oppose mid-census redistricting. I support compact districts reflecting communities of interest."

Amy Hathorn
Self
San Antonio, TX

Please vote against HB 4. We do not need this redistricting. The voters should choose their representatives, not the representatives choose the voters. Thank you.

Pia Surgent
Self, Educator
Dallas, TX

I want FAIR redistricting lines to be drawn.

Stephanie Hamm, Mrs.
Self
Austin, TX

Why are we doing this 5 years early? There are Republican members of the Texas House who are against this redistricting. It's Donald Trump pushing Greg Abbott to redistrict early to get more seats Republican seats in the next Congress. This action can bite both ways, Republican Districts can be switched to Democratic Districts. Get a backbone and stand up for honest government.

Ashley Tarrant
Democratic Party/ Self
Euless, TX

Stop the redistricting! We the people do not approve this. YOU ALL WORK FOR US DO NOT FORGET THAT! We pay YOU to work FOR US! We say NO to this bullshit. If this continues we will ALL be in Austin on those mf steps.

Nicole Regan
Self
Taylor, TX

This is illegal and does not accurately represent Texans. Republicans are resorting to illegal measures to maintain control because they know us as constituents do NOT support their anti-democracy policies.

AJ Medina
Self
HELOTES, TX

Mid-decade redraws are rare and politically volatile—especially when not mandated by census data. It is a glaring attempt to flip competitive districts, reshapes political power, and could set a national precedent for reactive gerrymandering before the 2030 census.
Minority representation and voter equity are at the heart of the controversy.

For the love of God, have you no shame?! This is morally reprehensible!

Shanda Bass
Self / Technology Analyst
Fairview, TX

I am adamantly opposed to the plan to redraw congressional districts in the middle of the decade. This is a waste of time and money at a time when resources should be spent on other more dire issues like the over 100 people who died from the recent flooding. You should be spending your time working to make sure the entire state is prepared for emergencies like that and do what it take to mitigate exposure to those risks. The needless work to Redistrict now is a clear example of how our representatives don't seem to care what their constituents want and only seem to care what Washington tells them to do. If any work is done around redistricting, it should be utilizing an independent commission to redraw maps to ensure fair representation for all so that our elected officials will start making decisions in OUR best interests and compete in elections based on your ideas rather than ideology.

Joan Shapiro
Self
Austin, TX

I, as a voter, am very against partisan gerrymandering to thwart the will of the people. If your ideas are sound, the people will vote for you but if you cannot win with your ideas, you should not be allowed to carve up the district to eliminate a representative especially minorities representation. My representative is Lloyd Doggett who has represented my district well and do not want him to be eliminated or have to compete with another Democratic candidate .

Hilda Baker
Self
San Antonio, TX

Vote No on this bill. As a born and Brad Texan, I find it appalling that you would change my district just because you e been asked to do so by Washington. This is not what we do in Texas, at least we didn't used to. Your efforts hurt minorities in our state. I am steadfast against this redistricting and you should, too.

Jodi Sasaki, Dr
Self
Dripping Springs, TX

As a constituent of Hays county I appose ANY redistricting to the maps for voting. This is a blatant attack on our liberties and freedom. This is 100%taxation without representation. It is shameful that any Texas elected officials is supporting redistricting to lie and cheat to support a dictator like Donals Trump. I oppose this redistricting.

Christopher White
Self
Wylie, TX

We should not be re-drawing our districts with the aim getting the republicans more seats. The idea of representation is what our nation was built on. Based on historical voting record TX is about 45% democrat and 55% republican. The mix of representatives should mirror this. By making the representation artificially be a significant different ratio is downright un-American. Please vote no to this proposal.

Deidra Miniard, Dr.
self, Researcher
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose HB4 and urge the committee to reject this congressional redistricting plan. This mid-decade redistricting is a dangerous attack on voting rights and democratic representation. This an obvious attempt to cheat at getting more Republican seats because Trump demanded it.

The proposed map dilutes the voting power of communities of color, despite most Texas population growth being driven by non-White voters. It packs Democratic voters into safe districts while dispersing Republican voters into competitive Democratic districts. HB4 manipulates electoral boundaries for partisan advantage. No Republican incumbents' districts were made more competitive.

This effort occurs outside the normal 10 year cycle, motivated purely by partisan advantage. The same Republican leaders who drew current maps in 2021 and defended them as "race blind" now claim they're unconstitutional. The timing coincides suspiciously with political pressure to increase Republican seats, despite claims Trump has nothing to do with it - which is an obvious lie.

The process has been rushed without adequate public participation. Public hearings were scheduled before maps were available. If you don't want people to see or comment on maps, you obviously know they're biased and severely partisan.

This redistricting will violate the Voting Rights Act by diluting minority voting strength through cracking and packing, reducing minority communities' ability to elect preferred candidates, and ignoring that Texas growth has been overwhelmingly driven by communities of color.

As Texas becomes increasingly diverse, this effort moves opposite by reducing effective minority representation, fragmenting cohesive communities, and undermining decades of voting rights progress. The plan distorts fair representation by creating artificial Republican advantages that don't reflect the state's true political composition.
HB4 represents everything wrong with our political system—politicians choosing voters instead of voters choosing representatives. Why are Republicans so afraid of constituents? If your ideas are popular, why cheat to gain seats? Any Republican calling these maps fair is either lying or doesn't understand what they're supporting. Either way, they don't deserve their seat. Republicans claim this isn't racial, but systematically targeting minority voters is racism, plain and simple - If you don't want to be called racist, then don't do racist things.

Over 130 Texans died in devastating floods and are still recovering. Republicans should be embarrassed they're focusing on gerrymandering instead of helping Texans in this short 30-day session. Addressing flood disasters should be the legislature's main focus. Texas deserves better than the Republicans in office. Our state's diversity and growth should be reflected in fair, competitive districts giving all communities equal voice. I urge you to vote NO on HB4 and reject any redistricting undermining equal representation.

Ramabhadra Dokka
Self
Austin, TX

Please do not change the districts from the present situation. We need the two democratic and remaining republican districts kept as they are. DO NOT CGANGE.

Juan De Luna
Self
Eagle Pass, TX

Do not drown out the voice of the people. Vote no on the he new redistricting.

Dayna Schmidt
Self
Uhland, TX

write today to strongly oppose the proposed mid-decade redistricting plan advanced during the current special legislative session. This map is not about legal compliance—it is about deliberate partisan manipulation designed to secure five additional Republican seats ahead of the 2026 elections. The drafters have openly stated this goal, citing “political performance” as the primary metric for how new districts were drawn
This rare mid-decade redistricting breaks with convention and undermines public trust in the integrity of the electoral system.

As Texans, we must insist on true representation, parity in our electoral system, and protection of minority voting rights. Please stop this partisan power grab and preserve the integrity of our election process.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Mary Diane Gulden
Self
BARTONVILLE, TX

By voting for redistricting again, you are doing two things: First, you would be voting against Democracy. Secondly, you would be voting as a racist. You must care more about power and the fear of losing it than you do for our state. Now is the time for integrity, honesty, and a vote FOR our country. I am watching each vote. Please do the right thing. Vote NO.

Carla Ambriz
Self
Harlingen, TX

The new districts do not fool me it is a means to control party seats in favor of Republicans. The population and driving distance explanation isn’t working out in the areas you have outlined. For examples to help you draw more efficient districts perhaps follow the area codes map and use I.e. multiple counties such as 361, 956, 830, 979 etc. If you need help I suggest looking at districting used by these agencies: TEA/UIL, EDC, or by the media outlets such as ABC affiliates or radio station broadcast maps.
In conclusion population maps are used to help businesses and services provide coverage more equally and efficiently than what the Texas Politicians are trying to pass off. I suggest looking to those as guidance.

Nelly Paulina Ramírez
self
Austin, TX

Stop the TRUMP takeover our district and do what your constituents want. You are stripping votes from black and brown bodies intentionally and blatantly in this mid-season grab because the Republican party can’t win on their elections. What you are doing is illegal, unethical, immoral and undemocratic. Your power grab is authoritarian. Stop this nonsense

Charles Frame
Self
Waxahachie, TX

I support this map as drawn

Ron Peshock
self - doctor
Dallas, TX

I oppose the House bill redistricting. This bill will suppress minority voters and is racially gerrymandered.

Leonor Delgado
Self
Austin, TX

I continue to be shocked by Republicans blatantly stealing what few Democratic seats we have in Texas. GOP flaunts their disrespect for Texans' voting rights. The GOP has tried to limit voting rights for years and it's still not enough. Now they're out right taking our votes away because King Trump wants to stay in power. What is the reasoning behind the redistricting other than to give more power to Trump. Texas is so proud of it's independence until King Trump showed up. Systemic racism is alive and well in the Lone Star state in 2025.

Kathryn Crawford
Self
TYLER, TX

I believe in America, as it was established, as a democracy. Gerrymandering people out of their vote being equal is NOT democracy. This redistricting is anti-democracy and anti-American.

Barbara Passmore
self; contractor - self-employed writer, editor, entrepreneur
Austin, TX

As a mother raising kids in Texas, I care deeply about the world they're growing up in—and what I see right now is wrong. The redistricting process being pushed through by state Republicans isn't about fairness or representation. It's about holding onto power, even if it means cheating the system and silencing voters.

These maps were drawn behind closed doors to weaken the voices of Black, Latino, Asian American, and Native communities—the very people driving our state's growth. That's not democracy. It's manipulation.

I teach my kids that if you have to rig the rules to win, you aren't playing. You are cheating. Our leaders should be earning votes, not drawing lines to dodge accountability and pursue illegitimate agendas.

This isn't just politics—it affects who gets health care, strong schools, clean water, and a say. And once again, it's working families and communities of color who will bear the brunt. People who make up the majority of the state.
Texans deserve better. My kids deserve better. And frankly so do I. I want them to grow up in a state where every voice counts, not just the ones politicians pick and choose. Where I can tell them their government is good and fair, and tell them to respect that authority.

We'll take our tax dollars elsewhere if you can't see the light, find a sense of ethics, and practice human decency that furthers Texans, and our economy. Practice what you preach:
You shall not steal.
You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.
You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.

Ari Kelly
Self teacher
Austin, TX

I oppose the redistricting of Texas or any other state. That would be unlawful and infringing on my Texan rights.

Spencer Peirce
Self
Fort Worth, TX

You all know that this is wrong and you do it anyway because you are in power. THE PEOPLE DO NOT SUPPORT THIS. We will not forget.

Teri Satterwhite
Self
Fairviee, TX

I support congressional redistricting in Texas that will give 5 more seats to the Republicans. The current districting was done during Covid time and there was a lot of gerrymandering

Lauren Sohaney
Self, site readiness liaison
Houston, TX

Redistricting will only serve to hurt the citizens of this state by further diluting and preventing their voices from mattering. It is immoral and it ought to be illegal.

Katherine Ledbetter-Cho
Self, professor
Cedar Park, TX

This is absolutely absurd and immoral.

Tessa Gerarde
AFT
Arlington, TX

This redistricting ploy is unfair and discriminatory. Have some integrity and stand up for your constituents instead of being a puppet of the administration. We are everyday people wanting a better life and fair representation.

Deborah Campbell
Self
Round Rock, TX

My name is Deborah Campbell. Longtime citizen, first time testifying I live in Williamson County, Round Rock in Congressional District 31 with my people in Round Rock and Georgetown, and if HB4 passes as proposed, we are being moved (in a crazy convoluted way) to CD 17,to vote with my people in Corsicana? Okay..... I am here today to oppose HB4
My husband and I have lived in the Austin area for over 40 years, and I have never been more alarmed by how those in power are choosing to wield it. HB4 is off-cycle, discriminatory, and fundamentally wrong.
Yes, this may be a special session with different procedures, but don't use that as an excuse to railroad this bill. Redistricting should occur on schedule, with a full set of demographic data, ample public notice, genuine community input, and fully transparent methodologies. Instead, HB4 is being rushed through to appease and mollify the current president to secure political advantage, which is necessary for him to hold onto power.
There are no clear, public criteria explaining how this map was drawn. But the intention is unmistakable: it prioritizes partisan power over justice, equity, and democratic principles. We need standards that require transparency, ensure fairness, and explicitly ban partisan gerrymandering.
Drawing districts that reflect authentic communities is legitimate. Cherry picking voters to manipulate outcomes is not. Voters won't accept this. Or maybe they will. But the courts won't this stand. Consider this your warning: this map will be challenged.
As a voter, I say plainly: not in my name. Do not attempt to gaslight me. And….this isn't Democrats versus Republicans—this is fairness versus manipulation
If the Voting Rights Act is weakened here, it sets a dangerous precedent—one that threatens democracy well beyond Texas. Do the right thing. Reject HB4.

Gerald Finley
Self
Colleyville, TX

After sitting through treatment from 10 am this morning and listening to teaming while driving home, I find no reason presented to not move forward with redistricting. The Democrats find themselves having their own legislation being used against them. If the tables were turned, the Dems would undoubtedly use their majority to ram rod their desires down our throats. In the past, and even in this legislative session, Republicans have given unwarranted powers to Democrats. Why do we keep winning elections and then allowing Democrats to take charge. HB4 is an opportunity for Texas Republicans to take a meaningful step towards potentially securing future power through elections. I hope and pray Republicans will take the idea presented by President Donald J Trump and make this needed change. Thank you for your time today and God Bless Texas!

John Payne
Self - Retired corporate training manager and high school teacher
North Richland Hills, TX

I strongly urge you to pass the map out of committee tomorrow as soon as testimony is completed. We need to increase the number of Republican-leaning districts to help provide a larger buffer for Republicans in the U.S. House, especially in a midterm election cycle where the President's party often faces opposition. It's critical to maintain GOP control of Congress to push the Trump America First Agenda forward! We've got to zero in on Democrat districts in areas like Dallas, Houston, and South Texas so we can get them under Republican control. We've got to take advantage of the recent upsurge in Latino voter support in majority-Hispanic areas that lean Republican. For these reasons, it's absolutely necessary to support and pass the redistricting bill.

Jennifer Barnes
self, student
Pflugerville, TX

I am in opposition to HB 4 and the proposed map attached to it.
The map proposed in HB 4 on July 30th directly affects my right as a Texan and a U.S. citizen to be represented in Congress by someone who will advocate for the needs and interests of my community. This is because north Travis County is sliced to ribbons.
The proposed District 10 connects the western border of Travis County to Houston, Trinity, and Polk counties on the eastern end. The thin line connecting these distant regions cuts through my neighborhood, so thin in places that one could walk from the south to the north border in about 15 minutes. A few blocks north of me, the city of Pflugerville, my community, is the eastern most tip of the proposed District 11, which then stretches across 17 rural counties to end in Odessa. That’s a six hour drive to get from one end to the other. Even if the representative for this district wanted to, they could not possibly advocate for the many needs of 17 rural West Texas counties spread over hundreds of miles and different communities, and one small city in the I-35 corridor. This proposed map disenfranchises me. It disenfranchises my neighbors. It disenfranchises the people of Midland-Odessa, San Angelo, Brownwood, Llano, and Mason.

Speaking of the people of Llano and San Angelo, how much time has been wasted already on taking away their voting rights instead of flood relief and solutions to prevent a repeat of the tragedy of the July 4th floods? They deserve elected officials who can focus on their needs. If the little slice of Travis County mobilizes and enough of their voting age residents to elect someone from Travis County who hates the oil industry, what happens to Midland?

This map puts my neighborhood into a situation where the representative of this proposed map’s District 10 will have no reason to care about us. The bulk of the population is far west Travis County, a community that we have very little in common with. And the rest of the propolsed District 10’s population is scattered across east Texas in rural counties that also have very different needs from west Travis county. Who will this representative actually represent? Farmers? The wealthy people wrecking the environment out along 360? This map utterly destroys any ability of my neighborhood to work with our area and our common interests in northeast Travis county to make sure our needs are fought for in Congress.

I ask the committee, one Texan to another, do not vote this horrible, unethical bill out of committee. Kill it. You can end this. You can do your job and protect the rights of the people of Texas to be represented in Congress by someone who will fight for their communities and cannot ignore any part of a district without risking being voted out.

Naomi Levine
Self, Student
Plano, TX

I am vehemently against this redistricting, especially with it being done outside of a census year. It is not representative of Texans and regardless of party, suppresses votes. Gerrymandering in it of itself is wholly suppressive and only hurts our democracy- how does it make sense that people who live in completely separate places of their state with completely different needs are represented by the same person, affected by the same legislation? We, as citizens, can tell that this is only being done to maintain power and this interests of one person, someone who is NOT Texas and doesn't care about the needs of Texans.

Lauren Blitzer
Self, philanthropy
Dallas, TX

Texas is not due for redistricting until 2031 - and it is wildly inappropriate to have new maps drawn off-cycle consultants outside of texas. I strongly oppose this bill and would
rather see this session spent providing the flood and disaster relief Texans so desperately need.

Nancy Thompson
Self
Austin, TX

Dear Members of the Texas Legislature,

My name is Nancy Thompson, and I'm a longtime resident of Austin, Texas. For over 20 years, I've lived in the same home, paid my taxes, and tried to participate in our democracy. And yet, for most of those 20 years, my congressional representative lived in Houston.

Let that sink in. I live in Austin. My Congressman lived 165 miles away.

Only recently did I finally get representation from someone who actually lives in my part of town, someone who shows up, listens to constituents across party lines, and works hard for our community. For once, my vote feels like it counts. And now, you're trying to take that away with yet another round of redistricting?

Let's be honest: this isn't about fair representation or fixing broken lines. It's about stacking the deck. It's about protecting power, not people.

These maps don't reflect communities; they reflect manipulation. They pack and crack districts to serve partisan interests, not public ones. They're drawn not by geography or shared needs, but by political strategy. That's not representation. That's rigging the system.

We teach our kids that democracy means government by the people. But what message are we sending when politicians redraw maps every few years just to hold onto power?

We need a real separation of powers, not just in theory, but in practice. No US President should be able to stack courts. No Governor should be able to stack congressional districts. That's not democracy, that's creeping autocracy.

If you truly believe in serving the people of Texas, all of us, not just those who vote your way, then do the right thing:
Say no to mid-decade redistricting. Say yes to fair maps.
Because democracy only works when it's fair for everyone, not just those who draw the lines.

Sincerely,
Nancy Thompson
Austin, Texas Resident and Voter

Melanie Molien, Ms.
Self
Kyle, TX

I am a resident of Kyle, Texas and a proud veteran, writing to express my concern about the proposed redistricting map and its impact on our community's representation.

Kyle is one of the fastest-growing cities in Texas, with a diverse population and shared priorities around infrastructure, education, and responsible development. The proposed map fragments our city, grouping us with areas that do not reflect our local needs or lived experience. This weakens our ability to advocate for meaningful change and undermines the principle of fair representation.

As someone who has served this country, I believe deeply in the importance of fair and functional democracy. Redistricting should protect the integrity of communities. The current proposal disregards natural boundaries and demographic continuity, making it harder for residents to be effectively represented. Our voices risk being diluted in districts that do not understand or prioritize our concerns.

I urge the committee to revise the map to keep Kyle whole. Our representation should reflect who we are and where we live — not divide us for political convenience.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Precious Azurée
HAULYP
Houston, TX

There is no justification for this congressional redistricting. It is unnecessary, confusing to voters and will cause the state to waste time and money on a special session – only to later waste more time and money in litigation over whatever maps are proposed.

Becky Smith
Clean Water Action
Austin, TX

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.
On behalf of over 10,000 Texas voters who are members of the organization that employs me, I oppose HB 4.
Since 1972 when Clean Water Action's members exercised their democratic muscle to help pass the original Clean Water Act, we have worked to protect and defend democracy and the democratic process across the United States. Our mission is to protect our environment, health, economic well-being and community quality of life.
HB 4 is an affront to this democratic process and representation guaranteed to voting Americans. The manipulation of voting districts outside of the intended census-responsive, 10- year cylce, is neither Constitutional, nor a proper or compelling use of your time and energies in governing Texas.
What does this have to do with the environment, you might ask? Policy which has set in motion greater and greater earnings at the expense of the health of its residents and workers has been solidified under the last 25 years of single party leadership. So was the Clean Water Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act and the Clean Air Act. My point? Good environmental policy does not have to be single-party product.
However, in the time of our modern partisan politics and leadership that calls from Washington to gerrymander our Texas districts to protect the president during upcoming midterm elections, THIS IS PARTISAN POLITICS.
If this were a sincere effort to reflect Texas voters, the entire effort would have begun during the regular session and taken the time to collect input from Texans WITH MAPS IN-HAND, over many months and many more miles.
Please abandon the effort to pass HB 4 and take up the real issues requiring your attention. Please attend to flood infrastructure and emergency response, along with the longterm needs for climate resilience.
Please oppose HB 4 and leave redistricting to the post-census timeline.

Jane Ridgway
Self and Husband
Josephine, TX

I support the HB 4 bill, however I believe the process should have been presented in a more inclusive manner as in have the citizens vote for map redistricting. It was not very transparent. I can see why the panel members were upset. However, the lines re-drawn are appropriate. city versus country is apparent and I think the maps will level out voting. I wish I could have come in person, but i fractured a rib and could not stand the drive from the Dallas area.

Belinda Flores
Self
Helotes, TX

I appose this bill. This does not allow proper representation.

LAURA MARTINEAU
Self
Dallas, TX, TX

Dear Representatives of the State of Texas,
I am in Congresswoman Jasmine Crockett's District and have lived in this state since 1965. I am encouraging you to follow the law and to leave our State's Districts as they are. You have ABSOLUTELY no right to change the maps in the middle of the decade and there is no evidence of huge changes in these Democratically represented areas. This is a power grab and you will be remembered for this atrocity.
I strongly and urgently demand you do not move forward with this unbelievably naked grab of power.
Laura Martineau

Armani Leyva
Self
San Antonio, TX

This is a violation of the democratic process. As a Texas resident who comes from a democratic city, we want to keep our city and our votes!

Cynthia Larson Richard, Ms.
SelfHB4
Austin, TX

I am against this insulting bill! How dare you try to take away peoples voice!

Ya Liu
Self
Katy, TX

Chair and Members of the Committee,

My name is Ya Liu, and I stand in strong opposition to the proposed redistricting plan.

Redistricting should be about fair representation, not about consolidating power or silencing communities. Unfortunately, this map does the latter. By splitting neighborhoods, diluting the voting strength of marginalized communities, and drawing lines that prioritize incumbency over the people, this proposal undermines the core principle of a representative democracy: that every vote should count equally.

Communities that share schools, roads, and local economies should have unified voices in choosing who speaks for them. Instead, this plan divides them, making it harder for them to advocate for their needs and hold elected officials accountable.

This map does not reflect the real growth and diversity of our state. It does not honor the voices of everyday people who deserve to be heard. Gerrymandering is not a partisan issue; it is an attack on the foundation of our democracy.

I urge you to reject this map and instead draw districts that keep communities whole, protect minority representation, and ensure that every voter has an equal say in our future. Do the right thing: put people over politics.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Janet Wenig
My household in South Austin
Austin, TX

I am a strong supporter of this Special Session because I believe that we need to examine how the crisis of flooding in Kerr County turned into a crisis of lost lives due to lack of adequate planning and responsiveness by all governing bodies. This is important work. It is why we elected you to represent our most pressing needs and to serve and protect our youth and vulnerable residents. I cannot support how the session has been hijacked as a tool to grab more power for just one political party without regard to the need for proportional representation of all Texans in our legislature. Have you so little faith in folks ability to choose their rightful representatives that you must stack the deck in favor of the author's preferred party. We must preserve the basic values of our democracy for the sake of all Texans now and in the future. Please stop this dangerous and unauthorized rigging of the election at its very source: the defined jurisdictions of our neighborhoods should never be manipulated for partisan gain. Go out and campaign and win the support you are seeking, but don't disenfranchise legitimate voters before they can even cast their vote.

Tamela Love
Self
Richland Hills, TX

I would just like to state that this is a clear violation and a move to eliminate certain groups of people that are not among the rich if this is about fair there is nothing about this
Move that is fair to us all and to be forced to make these moves based on being told to do so is even more wrong please think about the good for all your people

Sierra Stage
Self
San Marcos, TX

How disgraceful is it that working people across the state sacrifice their days to beg their elected representatives to listen to the will of the people. Redistricting mid-decade will set a dangerous precedent for the rest of the country. Not only is this move unjust and unfair, it is a blatant violation of voting rights, especially those of minority communities. I am not asking you to think critically about the effects of redistricting but to simply bend to your constituents, because they will overwhelmingly tell you that are against the passage of this bill.

Kate Waters
Self
Austin, TX

I AM AGAINST HB4! This is a political power grab that does not serve Texans.

Ming Cheng
Self
Austin, TX

AGAINST. Voters should be selecting their leaders, not the other way around.

Cheryl Hargrove
self
McKinney, TX

Redistricting at this time is just rigging the election, and is undemocratic. Anyone who approves of this does not deserve to live in a democracy.

Andrea Martinez
Self, owner of Essential Bookkeeping, Inc.
Austin, TX

I am against HB 4. Don’t pretend that redistricting is needed at this time. President Trump is forcing Governor Abbott to rework existing congressional districts in efforts to attain five more C.D.s that will vote Republican. And President Trump makes no bones about it, sitting next to and towering over Governor Abbott on the news stating this as if it were standard procedure. All the while, what should be the focus right now is helping flood victims who have lost so much, memorialize the many who lost their lives, and come up with safety measures to prevent such losses of lives going forward. I am incredibly disappointed that here in Texas, where we generally don’t like being told what to do, are being forced to capitulate to President Trump’s desire to be a king. That’s not how it is supposed to work here in America.

Sania Rahim-Gilani
CPRE
Houston, TX

Political gerrymandering is an anathema. Every voter should vote out the charlatans trying to disenfranchise voters. I for one will no longer be voting for any member of the Texas legislature who votes to gerrymander and I will personally raise money for their opponent. You can’t attempt to disrupt democracy on my watch and me sit idly by

Monica Rachel

Self, occupation = accountant

Dallas, TX

September 7, 2021 Greg Abbott assured Texans that he would “Eliminate all rapists from the streets” in response to concerned Texans when he was enacting the law to DENY abortion even in the case of rape or incest at a point before a woman may even know they are pregnant.
Despite his assurance, in 2023 TEXAS had more forcible rape than ANY OTHER STATE in the U.S. This shows that Gov. Abbott knows what is important to Texans, but he ignores it. He endangers Texans for political points.
That abortion law was NOT the will of the majority of Texans and has resulted in harm and death of women in Texas. That abortion law disproportionately impacts poor Texans.
Texans deserve legislators that do not take away the power of any citizen and hand over their fate to a rapist.
This is why today I am against any HB 4 or any redistricting proposal during the Special Session of the legislature.
Representation should be based on FAIR MAPS created by nonpartisan panels only. And we should follow the census timing under the law.
This mid-cycle redistricting effort is NOT the will of Texans. This effort is at the direction of Donald Trump as a ploy to exert power and not be subject to the checks and balances with which our Democracy was designed. Anyone supporting this redistricting effort is helping him avoid accountability for his activities with Jeffrey Epstein and his victims.
There has been a lot of talk in 2025 about eliminating waste, fraud, and abuse. Redistricting is a waste of time and resources (especially when the maps are certain to end up in court). Time and resources that should be used on things that are important to all Texans like emergency preparedness.
Partisan maps to rig Texas elections for Donald Trump are a FRAUD upon Texans. And this whole undertaking is an abuse of power being perpetrated upon all of our state and especially the 60% of Texans who are Hispanic, black, Asian or another minority group.
Reject this redistricting demand from Donald Trump and stand with Texans.

Jeffrey GUNTER

Self retired

Austin, TX

It sure looks like Trump has given Abbot his marching orders to RIG the election process and subvert Democracy. Do not re-district.

STOP THE UNETHICAL STEAL. VOTE NO TO RE-DISTRICTING.

Ruei Tuo, Ms
Self
Katy, TX

I am strongly against the unconstitutional map that no Texan asked for.
I am not surprised all but one Republicans who testified danced around the real reason for the redistricting. Let's tell it like it is - this mid-decade redistricting is a power-grab by the Trump administration, and the Texas Republicans have bent their knees to their dear leader.
Everybody knows the reason for the redistricting. Donald Trump's policies and personal conducts are so unpopular, harmful, and egregious, the Republican Party can no longer win based on the merit of their ideas and policies, so they resort to stealing 5 congressional seats through further gerrymandering the already gerrymandered congressional map. Donald Trump only received 56% of the votes in Texas in 2024, but the Republicans want to gerrymander so they can have 80% of the seats. It is wrong, indecent, immoral, and anti-democratic (with the small d).
The chairman said the redistricting is to account for the change in population; in my opinion, that's a bold face lie. We already have a process to account for the population change; it's called the census that we do every decade. What has changed since 2020? Has the committee conducted a mid-decade census to gather the data? Governor Abbott should focus on the important issues that matter to all Texans such as flood prevention and mitigation, aging power-grid, record heat waves, the harm to businesses and the sky-high grocery bills from the Trump Tariff war, millions of Texans and children losing their healthcare and food assistance because of the Big Beautiful Bill. Personally, I call it the Big BS Bill, which is going to increase our national debt by 4 trillion dollars. It also delays the popular public service cuts until after the 2026 midterm, so Texans don't pay attention to what the Republicans have done until after the election. Not to mention the harms of the cruel Nazi like immigration policies and giving tens of billions of our tax dollars to ICE, aka American Gestapo, to abduct innocent fathers, mothers, and children and sent them to concentration camps. ICE even abducted US citizens who were born in the US! If you have seen the latest polls, you know how much the American people are against such cruelty and lawlessness. No Texans wants lawlessness and chaos. NO ONE! But instead, Governor Abbott puts the order from the White House as his number one priority.
Chairman, do you think Texas legislators are working for Texans or DC? I urge every member of the committee to vote against HB4. You will be a hero not only to millions of Texans, but you will also be a hero for all American. For you will have uphold the American values and ideals that established this great democracy.
By the way, did you hear the Trump administration just moved Ghislaine Maxwell, the convicted child-sex trafficker from the Florida jail to Texas? Is this the man Texas Republicans working for?
Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Heather Kopnicky
Self
Dallas, TX

I'm a proud, biracial Texan from ZIP code 75243 in Dallas. I'm here to speak out against the proposed redistricting map.

This map is discriminatory, racially motivated, and clearly designed to suppress the voices of communities like mine. It's gerrymandering that dilutes minority votes and undermines fair representation—especially in diverse areas like mine.

Half of my family's roots go back to when Texas was still part of Mexico—we've been here for generations. Our presence, our voices, and our votes matter.

I'm also a graduate of Texas A&M. As Aggies, we live by a code: We do not lie, cheat, or steal. That should be the foundation of your public service, too. Manipulating district lines for political gain goes against that very code—and against the trust of the people you were elected to serve.

Do what's right. Reject this map.

Thank you.

laura johnson
Self
Austin, TX

I am asking as a 5th generation Texan and a patriot that you do not play into these redistricting ploys to steal my vote from my congressional district . I am very happy with my district that is already gerrymandered. This will only start other states to fight back and do the same thing to gain back the seats you are stealing. Represent the people who elected you and do not revise my district. Thank you

Clay Embry
Self
Austin, TX

I oppose HB 4 by Hunter

Carlisle Navidomskis, Mrs
Self. Retired educator
Horizon City, TX

Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. —I know you have learned that!

Sonja Burns
Self
Austin, TX

I oppose HB 4 by Hunter.

Jessica Salinas
Self, retired
Austin, TX

Don’t do this. It’s wrong, and it won’t satisfy Trump. Politicians should enact what the people want, not grind us into dust for their own greed

Elizabeth Scanlon
Self
Austin, TX

Do not under any circumstances pass this redistricting bill. It will be a death blow to representative democracy. Every Texas voter deserves to be counted FAIRLY. Thank you.

Alison Crenwelge
Self
Austin, TX

These proposed maps are not about representation. It’s an attempt to silence voters and suppress votes and it's absolutely ridiculous. Texas republicans should be ashamed. They know their policies are unpopular, and they are afraid of losing. So they're just going to cheat instead of changing to appeal to wider electorate. Texas is constantly a national embarrassment and this is just the latest example. Stop bending to the whims of a sexual predator felon.

Niloufar Hafizi
self and Emgage Action/policymaker
Katy, TX

My name is Niloufar Hafizi and I am a CD 22 voter submitting testimony on behalf of myself and Emgage Action, a 501(c)(4) organization committed to building civic power and strengthening our pluralistic democracy. Like Texans across the state, I strongly oppose HB 4 and this attempt to diminish Texans' voices by redrawing congressional maps mid-decade. I oppose this not because our current congressional map is fair, but because this map falls even further short of fairly representing Texans. State populations always change from census to census. But mid-decade redistricting is rare. Most states don't hastily push through new maps that move around millions of voters of color ahead of upcoming primary elections.

Changing the lines of our districts gets a passionate response from many Texans because this racial gerrymandering has policy implications that impact people's lives and the structures we live in. The districts that the map drastically alters are all majority-minority districts. Almost all of the representatives whose districts this map targets are themselves from communities of color. All of them voted on the side of their constituents against the tax cut bill that sacrifices healthcare access, SNAP access, higher education access, NOAA funds that will help us be prepared for disasters, and more, to provide the most well -off more tax cuts. Out of these targeted representatives, those who were in office also voted to level the playing field of democracy by supporting the For The People Act, which would have implemented important pro-democracy reforms such as regulating gerrymandering and reforming campaign finance. With the new map, fewer districts will accord minority voters the opportunity to elect candidates of their choice who will advance policies they prefer.

On a separate note, this process has been very problematic. Texans told lawmakers, in unified voices across the state, that we don't want this midyear redistricting. This committee is considering a map anyway. We explained that we didn't want a rushed and opaque process. The committee called this hearing two days after releasing a map. We asked you to make sure the process is accessible. Voters in affected areas are far away from where hearings are happening. In Austin, the committee closed registration today before public testimony was even close to beginning, as Austinites fruitlessly took an early lunch to rush to the Capitol to register or drop cards.

Texans deserve better than this. We deserve representation and fairness. To meaningfully represent us, focus on disaster recovery and relief efforts for the Texans devastated by the Central Texas floods instead of redistricting. Vote against HB 4.

Kathie Warren, Ms
Self
Houston, TX

This is unfair.

Rush McNair
Self
Austin, TX

I'm AGAINST HB4.

There's no new census or evidence that Texas needs new maps mid-decade.

This is about silencing communities instead of serving them.

Samuel Gonzales-Luna
self
Austin, TX

I live in Austin, TX, in Congressional District 37. I am commenting on the Legislature's attempt to redistrict our congressional districts mid-census. I am strongly opposed to these efforts. This brazen move by the Governor and the DOJ to increase Republican representation in the U.S. House by taking it away from communities of color. It is blatant racial discrimination.

It's disappointing to conceive that elected officials in Texas would short-sightedly bow to favors on behalf of the Trump administration or worse take calculated steps to undermine fair representation in our state.

Elyse Rosenberg
Self
Austin, TX

I sat in the hearing overflow rooms, both last week and this morning. The fact that you needed 7 overflow rooms should be enough to tell you what you're doing is wrong. Not a single person that isn't a Republican wants the maps as you have had them drawn. You heard all the statistics about the percentage of whites vs percentage of people of color. Yet you choose to ignore them because you bow down and kiss the ring of "our" President. Please listen to the constituents of this state and drop this sham. Thank you

Erin Kline
Self
Houston, TX

I oppose HB 4 by Hunter.

Sean Kennedy
Self
Austin, TX

I disagree with this proposal

Crystal Redden
self
League City, TX

Galveston County officials fought hard, including litigation, to eliminate coalition districts in our county. Now it is time for members of the Texas House to do your job and redistrict the remaining coalition districts out of existence. Vote for HB 4. Vote for the One Big Beautiful Map.

Maria Lumbreras
Self
Houston, TX

Greetings Chair and Members of the Committee,
My name is Maria Lumbreras, and I am a proud, born-and-raised Houstonian. I'm here today to speak out against the proposed redistricting maps. As my shirt says: "My Right, My Decision." Voters should choose their representatives — not the other way around.

With these new maps, I've been moved out of Congressional District 9 — where I've lived my entire life and proudly voted for Congressman Al Green, a champion for justice, equity, and our community. In a time when so many elected officials make us question their priorities,
Congressman Green has never wavered.
He consistently votes with integrity,
with and for the people he represents.
I trust him with my voice — and I know I am being heard.These new maps do more than shift lines — they silence Black and Brown communities like mine. Communities that have organized, voted, and fought hard to build power are now being carved apart.

These new maps move me into District 18 — a district that, as we all know, has had no representation for months. This isn't just about lines on a map. It's about stripping away our right to choose leaders who fight for us — leaders like Barbara Jordan and Sheila Jackson Lee. This is a direct attack on our political power and our legacy.

Let me be clear: Our communities are not confused. We can read. We understand exactly what's happening — and we will not be erased.

Today, if you step outside this room, the LCC, the member lounge, the overflow rooms, you'll see hundreds of Texans here today saying NO to this injustice. 489 people have registered to testify against these maps.

We are here!

We will be heard!

Our voices matter!

We are not going anywhere!

We will not back down!

Denise Rhew
Self
Cedar Creek, TX

Opposed - I am against this attempt to further gerrymander our voting districts. All Texans should have fair representation. Elected officials endorsing this should be ashamed of themselves for limiting their constituents’ voices and weakening our democracy.

Norma Williams
Self
Austin, TX

Fair elections are the soul of our country. To redraw the Texas map in favor of Republicans, in anticipation of a difficult election, violates the undergirding of our democracy. Texans respect fair play. Redistricting our State, at this time and in this way, is blatantly unfair. Please honor those who gave us our rights and freedoms, by refusing to pass the proposed redistricting.

Robert Arambel
Self
Austin, TX

Voters expect redistricting to occur every 10 years following the U.S. Census. Deviating from this norm without compelling new data can erode public trust. I am one of many voters on both sides who feel this way. A lack of new census data means this would not be accurate and be based solely on partisan preference. Please do not erode our democratic process any more than it has been recently.

Rocio Dumey
Self
Burleson, TX

I oppose the proposal to do mid-decade redistricting in Texas. Redistricting is meant to happen once every 10 years after the U.S. Census, and for good reason. The census provides the most accurate, comprehensive data about our population. That data ensures district lines are drawn fairly and reflect where people actually live. Moving away from that process just because the political landscape has shifted is an irresponsible and dangerous precedent.

This proposal is a clear effort to rig the process for partisan gain. The timing, just ahead of the midterms, is no coincidence. It is not about better representation. It is about power. And Texans see through that.

Let’s be honest: the maps are already skewed. Republicans currently control about 65 percent of congressional seats, even though they won closer to 56 percent of the vote. That is a significant overrepresentation in their favor. So when we hear that this is just about “adjusting” or “correcting,” it is important to ask: correcting what?

As a Hispanic Texan living in a deep-red district, I already feel like my vote does not count. My representative does not listen to me because they do not have to. The way the lines are drawn protects them from accountability. This proposal just makes that worse. It tells people like me that our voices do not matter and never will.

And to make things worse, this whole proposal is being tied to flood relief. Communities across Texas are still reeling from devastating storms. Using that pain and urgency to push a political agenda is not just cynical. It is cruel. No one should have to bargain for disaster recovery just to get help.

There is a reason redistricting happens once a decade: to provide consistency, legitimacy, and trust. Tossing that aside for political advantage opens the door to endless manipulation. This is not about maps. It is about values. Texans deserve fairness, stability, and support without political strings attached.

Evelyn Hollis, Dr.
Self
El Paso, TX

Rebuttal to Texas Congressional Redistricting will dismantle coalition districts where black and Hispanic voters held electoral influence and disenfranchise minority voters. This plane was released with very minimal opportunity for the public, this clearly undermined democratic principles and my vote. I have heard on more than one occasion that the redistricting is based on political reasons and is unfair. This would impact my representative Veronica Escobar and Fort Bliss, recently Representative Escobar raised 700 million in VA funding, I as a retired veteran am opposed to this reassignment to Rep. Tony Gonzales period. This redistricting plan is not, is NOT in the best interests of the El Paso community,

Barbara Denton
Self- IT manager
Manchaca, TX

This is out of phase districting for blatantly partisan purposes. I’m proud to be a Democrat and I would like to be represented fairly.

Nicole Gibson
Self
Grand Prairie, TX

I pray that yall to the right thing and stop this bill.

Barbara Mansfield Gonzales, The Honorable
Self
Schertz, TX

Dear Legislators,

I first voted in 1965, the last year of the poll tax. It was free because it was the first time that I voted. Never will I allow anyone to restrict my right to vote.

At.my first precinct meeting, the precinct chair refused to notice my raised hand to ask a question.

So I ran for and was elected twice to precinct chair in Austin precinct 463 and Schertz precinct chair 306. In 2008, we needed to move 400 chairs to the basement to caucus to elect Barack Obama!
Now listen to me. I am 81 years old and have registered voters since 1972 and walked precincts with fellow CWA members and veterans.
1. This redistricting in Texas is a SHAM! If this series of maps restricting minorities' and women's voting rights succeeds, it will be another Day of Infamy (WWII quote.)
This redistricting is under DURESS by the current occupant of the White House, who has a serious DEFICIENCY in telling the TRUTH.
2. Redistricting happens every 10 YEARS, not every FIVE years. You are being lied to and taken advantage of.
Who knows if this currently unnamed individual in D.C. is using accurate figures? There are NO new figures at the FIVE year mark.
And what the dickens isn't a Texan drawing these maps? At the very least, Texas legislators overseeing Texans drawing these maps?
3. Why are we after years of minorities' and women's accomplishments over the years by limiting counting their VOTE? Why would our Republican brothers in increasing political participation ethically allow this to happen?

I was a teacher in 1975 in Acres Home, Houston. Do not mess with Congressional District 18!
4. Why would we want to be part of an administration that has masked men kidnap our neighbors, keep the in POW-like prisons, and deport them for as little as a traffic ticket?
5. Why would Texans be complicit in restricting citizens' VOTES so we would be part of human rights abuses in detainees' treatment in lack of DUE PROCESS and in the GENOCIDE in
Gaza?
6. If we dilute our VOTE, we will be COMPLICIT in these human rights violations. Our leaders will be tried in modern-day Nuremberg trials. Those trials resulted in executions and life sentences.
It was a death sentence for the military officer who kept my father, a B29 bomber pilot, prisoner for 87 days. He returned at 138 pounds, although he was 6'1" tall. He brought the only bomber crew out alive from Tokyo.
This is a SERIOUS MATTER. I am studying my Dutch so I can work at The Hague in the coming trials. I would rather go there for vacation.
The CHOICE is up to you. I know that you can do it. I have faith in you. I know from experience that you are working hard. I know that you can persuade others.
For a union member who has organized many endorsement meetings and even organized sending out 6,000 signs, in one election, make easier for people to VOTE to increase participation.

You can do it. Be a KIller Bee if that's what it takes.
Sincerely, The Honorable Barbara Mansfield Gonzales

Mary Swift
Self
Houston, TX

I am absolutely against this measure! The republicans are trying to manipulate the election process by redrawing the districts in 5 years, when they are scheduled to be up for negotiation in 10 years, following the census. This is not a problem because I am not a republican, but rather it is a problem for either party to do. Please know that my husband (Stanley Swift) and I both are very much against this.

Jasmine Young
SELF
Austin, TX

Its new age gerrymandering and it’s absolutely unacceptable and unnecessary

Brittany Salinas
Self
Austin, TX

This is blatant gerrymandering and silencing of millions of Texans that are in the POC community. But once again what does anyone expect from the Republican Party that has been in power for over 3 decades and only blamed the democrats for the shortcomings of Texas (when they have been the ones to blame for the entire time) it is time Texans stand up and show these republicans who they are supposed to represent. Gregg Abbott got into office and immediately took away any individuals rights away to sue a private company for being injured, that shows everyone that he only wants to enrich himself while in office. Ken paxton and the Texas republicans have spewed nothing but lies about sb3 and now sh5 when over 60% of Texans who are willing to put their jobs and lively hoods as risk by answering polls ok that issue. Between sb3,sb5 and this redistricting the Texas legislature is showing they are not only scared of losing their power but they are also showing that they don’t give a damn about their constituents

Josephine Mitchell
Self
Grand Prairie, TX

I pray that you think about the decision and stop the Redistricting, it will bring harm to a lot of people.

Sarah Ring
Self
Dallas, TX

I’m appalled by the racist gerrymandering ordered by Trump. Texas sovereignty is too important to leave to chance! Break the quorum!

Cindy Ivanhoe, Dr.
Self
Houston, TX

Yes another blatant attack on democracy. It’s supposed to be “we the people.” How about redistrcting to actually represent the people of Texas? Please do not discriminate against us. Stop manipulating and put your big girl panties on!

Josselin Tecum Menjivar
Self - student
Houston, TX

The redistricting process should never be a weapon in political schemes.

The United States was founded on the belief that a government derives its power from its citizens. Our country's political framework was established to prevent governmental tyranny. Our country has a history of fighting against governments who seek to impose their will on its citizens. This redistricting bill cannot be passed without considering the effect it will have on our country's legacy.

Important questions to keep in mind:
Why is this bill being passed? Who brought this bill forward? Do the Texas residents approve of this bill?

Gerrymandering robs citizens of their political sovereignty. If this redistricting bill has been brought forward simply to comply with a presidential request, the Texas state is allowing the federal government to impose its will on its citizens. We will no longer be a country who can pride itself on protecting the rights of its people, instead we will become the tyrant and oppressive state we once sought to escape.

I expect the Texas government to consider first its duty to the people it derives its power from, the Texas residents, before ever considering any social compliance to a president or to a political party. No president, state representative, state senator, or political party was ever meant to stay in power without the people's consent.

Lauren Perkins
Self
Austin, TX

I do not endorse restricting.

Michelle Duncan
self
ARLINGTON, TX

Let’s call this what it is. A racist power grab, engineered by cowards who know they can’t win a fair election. These maps are an assault on Black Texans, on Latino Texans, on Asian Texans, on every working-class person in this state who lives in a city and dares to vote blue. Y’all are cutting up communities, shredding representation, and silencing the people... all to make Donald Trump smile and to squeeze a few more years of power out of a system that’s rotting from the inside.
These maps aren’t legal, they aren’t moral, and they sure as hell aren’t representative of Texas. Texas is 40% Latino. Nearly 14% Black. Overwhelmingly urban. And yet, these maps reduce communities of color, chopped up, cracked, and packed to keep white Republicans safe in seats they never earned. This is segregation. Republicans are afraid. Afraid of voters, afraid of change, afraid of a future where your party doesn’t get to rule by minority control. That’s why you’re bending the lines until they break the people. Let me be clear. TEXANS DO NOT WANT THESE MAPS. Cowardly, rural Republicans in the state House, most of which came here from New York and California, don't represent Texas. We will fight this in the courts. We will fight it in the streets. We will organize, expose, and outlast you. Because Texas does not belong to white nationalists. It does not belong to the oil lobby. It does not belong to Donald Trump. These maps are racist. They’re cowardly. And history will remember who drew them. We will too.

Jacklynne Horne
Self
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose the redistricting. It is unethical and unconstitutional.

Meredith Garza

Self Healthcare Network Educator

Leander, TX

This bill will disenfranchise thousands, if not millions, of Texas voters. If you truly want a constitutional republic, citizens have to be able to be heard through their ability to vote. We are guaranteed the constitutional right to vote, but redrawing the districts to unfairly represent one party over another when our voter roles show something different is tantamount to cheating. If you think that you have to gerrymander to get the results you want, maybe you should listen to what the citizens actually want, and do it. Anything else is manipulation. Also, do you really want to cowtow to a wannabe dictator that will throw you under the bus and out with his trash if you disagree with him?? Do you really want to be remembered for helping to create the next Holocaust (which did really happen, for the record), or do you want to be on the right side of history? Years from now, people will not look favorably on those that chose the side of authoritarianism and a dictatorship.

Simone Salloum

Self - attorney

Austin, TX

I oppose this bill. It is gerrymandering and dividing my district and many democratic districts in Texas in violation of the Voting Rights Act. This is a purposeful power grab by the Republican Party to maintain control of the House and has no other justification. It will be challenged and end up costing the state through my taxpayer dollars that could be going to healthcare or education.

Dana Frandsen Jr, Mr

Self

Austin, TX

I thought Texans, even Republicans, valued their independence from the President and its administration. Bowing to this President’s demand to redistricting our State Congressional districts puts a lie to that claim??

Gerald Daniels

Self

Houston, TX

The state of Texas redistricted in 2021. To redistict now does not not serve to advance the representation and advancement of all Texans on an equitable basis. What has changed from the 2020 census that necessitates redirecting now?

Glory Cassagnol
Self / Licensed Professional Counselor
Austin, TX

Dear Members of the House Committee,

As a Licensed Professional Counselor and mental health professional dedicated to the well-being of individuals, families, and communities, I write to express my firm opposition to the Congressional redistricting Bill up for discussion which I believe poses a direct threat to the principles of accessibility, accountability, and advocacy that are foundational to ethical and effective mental health care for millions in and out of Travis Co.

This bill appears designed to reduce—not expand—access to essential services for the very individuals who rely most on support systems. It undermines professional and community voices by centralizing decisions without meaningful input from those on the front lines of care. In doing so, it risks silencing the lived experiences of those most impacted.

Equally troubling is the bill's erosion of accountability. By weakening established oversight mechanisms and professional standards, this legislation opens the door to harm, confusion, and diminished trust in a field where clarity and integrity are essential. As counselors, we are held to high ethical standards for the protection of our clients—legislation that sidesteps those standards does a disservice to the public we serve.

Finally, this bill runs counter to the shared values of compassion, equity, and informed care that guide our work. At a time when mental health needs are rising and communities are calling for inclusive, trauma-informed support, our laws should reflect a commitment to expanding—not restricting—opportunity, safety, and voice.

I urge you to reconsider and reject this bill. We must prioritize legislation that strengthens access, respects the expertise of licensed professionals, and honors the dignity and diverse needs of all individuals.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Ms. Glory Adele Cassagnol, LPC
Licensed Professional Counselor

Aleksandra Rolfson
Self
Wylie, TX

I support HB4

Rachael Shannon
self
Austin, TX

Congressional redistricting at this time is not only unnecessary and a waste of our time and resources, but it is unethical. This is highly unusual move that is clearly directed by political interests and pressure coming from outside of Texas and not occuring with the best and fair interest of Texans in mind. Given the several dire situations that Texans remain in right now, stealing our state resources and attention to participate in this kind of absurd power grab is an embarrassment on a national scale. I urge our legislators to get back to the business of helping Texans where we are right now, and away from invented emergencies like this one. Texans know better and we deserve better.

Marliza Marin-Rabara
Self
Kyle, TX

Texans need better maps that much is true, but the current maps being presented are not that. They continue a discriminatory track record that Texas has upheld time after time. Instead of upholding their oath to the people of Texas, Republicans are focused on what Donald Trump wants.This sham process is completely rushed and illegitimate. We were given two days to review the maps before the hearing. Texans deserve to choose their representatives, not the other way around. The same people that claimed that the 2020 election was rigged are rigging the election now. The current maps are being contested in court. Instead of making the maps better, Texas is spending resources on making it way worse. We want fair maps that represent ALL Texans. We want a transparent process with community input. We DEMAND a independent redistricting commission.

Robin Rather
Self consultant
Austin, TX

" Do unto others as you would have them do to you."
Please don't redistrict Texas. We don't need it.Y'all already redistricted quite recently. Don't cheat to win. It is more important to focus on taking care of flood victims and children, not playing partisan politics.
Rise up to the level of true Texas statesmen.

Catherine Cisneros
SELF
San Antonio, TX

STOP GERRYMANDERING TEXAS!!! What are you afraid of? the People of Texas? I am a small woman in San Antonio. Are you afraid of me? I have 1 vote. I have much wisdom. I am making my city a better place, with everything that I do. You need to listen to me, not Gov.Abbot.You need to take care of the people in Texas, not Trump. We the people are more important. STOP GERRYMANDERING TEXAS!!! What are you afraid of? the People of Texas?

Simon Gray
Self
Houston, TX

I never thought I would see this kind of abuse of power in Texas. Win seats and votes by policy not by deceit.

Jill Palmer
Self
Wylie, TX

I support this !!!

Dawn Shallow
Self
Murphy, TX

I support HB 4. I respectfully ask that you represent the will of Texas who are majority Republicans. Keep Texas GREAT! Thank you.

Kyle Willson
self, educator
Lake Jackson, TX

This is election theft and gerrymandering at its very worst. I hope California does the exact same thing. Republicans are ruining this state and country. If Greg Abbott is asking for something, it's the wrong thing because that guy is so crooked. Kick rocks.

Janice Green
Self
Austin, TX

Vehemently opposed to this. You KNOW if you were a Democrat pulling this stunt on the Republicans, you would be adamant in your opposition. This is nothing but a ploy to make one of our most corrupt Presidents happy and save your job. It is not democracy at work. You should be spending your time dealing with the health care issues and the flood prevention issues. Texans will see through this charade.

Nahida Saker, Dr.
Self
Bellville, TX

Enough gerrymandering.

Mishka Griffin
Self
Conroe, TX

I oppose the implementation of the redistricting map for the election of the United States House of Representatives from the State of Texas. I highly believe that the map was constructed to silence the majority of the people who live in Texas, being minorities. Republican representatives , specifically White Republican representatives in Texas are disproportionately attempting to suppress minority voters.

Matthew Abernathy
Self
The Colony, TX

I am writing to vehemently oppose this asinine attempt to implement a racist, gerrymandered to hell, new district map. Remove this from the special session and focus on the victims of the flooding.

Nae W
Self/ student
Little Elm, TX

Dear Respective House Committee,
As a young Texan, what I love about my state is the diversity that is offered— whether it's ethnicity, culture, personality or political beliefs. The composition of our US representatives should reflect the diverse political beliefs of Texas residents, which does consist of red and blue perspectives. Thank you.

Joy Davis
Pure Justice Action Fund
Houston, TX

My name is Joy Davis with Pure Justice Action Fund and I oppose this map.

What's happening in Texas is a nightmare! Hearing the Trump administration say they are going to redistrict Texas because he wants additional Republican seats was bold and textbook gerrymandering. It's the same old song with a new verse. It's another repeated attack on our voting rights. Once again, a map has been drawn to dilute the voting power of Black communities. They are using technology, out of state consultants, and computer lines instead of murderous attacks by the KKK, poll taxes, property ownership requirements, grandfather clauses, and literacy tests. However, the spirit of what's behind it hasn't changed one bit.
In Texas, non-white communities are responsible for most of the population growth. Yet, the new maps don't reflect that nor does our Texas Legislature. "Between 2010 and 2022, the share of the population that is Hispanic/Latino grew the most, increasing 2.5 percentage points to 40.2%. The white (non-Hispanic) population had the largest decrease dropping 5.6 percentage points to 39.8%."
Communities of color had the most population growth, yet were left out when it was time to share power during redistricting. That is not democracy. It's racist political domination. If your party has to resort to gerrymandering to win, you really don't have the support of your constituency. The fear of losing congressional seats and losing power are the driving forces between this rare "redistricting" move. Folks don't like to hear it's a racist and partisan powergrab because the people implementing these plans don't like being told the truth. This is a deliberate political strategy to carve up our communities, cut across neighborhoods, and dilute our political voting power like we don't know what they're doing.
Our right to vote and using it is about political power, being counted, and electing the representatives you feel have your best interests at heart. As long as folks in power are drawing maps to keep us out, we have to keep showing up, raising our voices, not be afraid to speak truth to power, change the narrative around voting because your vote does matter, register your friends and family to vote, have those difficult political conversations, fight fire with fire, and vote these folks out of office.

Eugenia Beh
Self
Cedar Park, TX

I oppose this bill and its attempt to rig future elections in favor of the GOP, which has led to nothing but disaster in our state. Where is the urgency for addressing floods and disaster relief? You make us the shame of the country again and again with your cowardice - grow some balls and stand up to Trump.

Barbara Isaacs
Self
Allen, TX

I support the redistricting.
Please vote YES

Leila Kempner
Self
Austin, TX

I oppose mid-census redistricting. It's un-American.

Valerie Turner
self
Harlingen, TX

I can't believe how my tax dollars have been wasted for this special session. A few years ago you already gerrymandered the heck out of Texas to avoid representing all Texans. This is shameful. Stop it.

Avery Alexander
Self
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose this bill. It unfairly dilutes the voices of democratic voters, who love and cherish our state. I strongly encourage Texas legislative officials to advocate for Texas and oppose this outrageous bill.

Gabrielle Perkins
Self-OTT
Helotes, TX

There needs to equality in the composition of districts so the we have fair representation. We have to save our democracy.

Lori Coleman
Self
Austin, TX

I oppose this redistricting and hope that the measure fails. We should not be redrawing our districts in a non-election year just to help when seats for one party over the other in a blatant attempt to circumvent the will of the people.

Jo Clayton, Ms.
Self
Arlington, TX

This clearly because Republicans know they will be voted of office. It is gerrymandering and illegal. Instead of having spines to stand up for Democracy, you are all bowing down to Trump. You are not doing your jobs that you were elected to do; representing the people of Texas. How dare you?!

Austin Schiffman
Self
Denton, TX

Stop gerrymandering Texas. Let democracy work. Think of where this country is going. Give Texans fair districts!

Jerry Adkins
Self - Retired Project Manager and Small Town Mayor
Clute, TX

There is no reason for this redistricting effort! Redistricting is to be done after the Census has been completed. I am not able to understand how the current maps are considered illegal since most of the current committee voted for the existing maps. DO NOT LISTEN TO WASHINGTON D. C., listen to Texans,

Thank You

Patrick Hatton
Self
Austin, TX

As a Texan, a father of two, and someone who spends every day working with families looking to build their futures here, I'm appalled by what our state leaders are trying to pass off as redistricting. Let's call this what it is: a desperate, dishonest attempt to hold onto political power for Donald Trump and the Republican Party by silencing the very people who are shaping the future of Texas.

I've watched our communities grow more diverse, vibrant, and engaged. As a realtor, I see firsthand how families of all backgrounds are investing in this state. But instead of honoring that growth and welcoming those voices, this redistricting plan deliberately dilutes them—especially Black, Latino, and Asian voters. It's a slap in the face to democracy and to the people who work hard, pay taxes, raise kids, and vote in good faith.

These maps weren't drawn to reflect the will of the people. They were drawn behind closed doors to guarantee that those in power never have to compete honestly again. They fear losing, so they cheat. That's not leadership. That's weakness.

I'm raising my kids to believe that everyone's voice matters. But what message does this send to them? That some votes count more than others? That elected officials get to pick their voters instead of the other way around?

Texans deserve fair maps. We deserve elections where the outcome isn't predetermined by partisan lines, but by the people. Stop this sham and do your job—serve all of Texas, not just the parts that vote for you.

Cathy Fulton
self
Port Aransas, TX

To the Select Committee on Redistricting:
I want to know why one person was asked to leave because of a sign and something written on the persons clothing, but Chairman Vasut did not even mention the self proclaimed evangelist with Ultra maga caps, confederate flags and all kinds of messages on his shirt. Guess we know Vasut's outlook toward non-white people.

Any mid-decade redistricting needs to be fully vetted by the public, not this committee. This committee with its Chairman and Texas Two Stepper, Todd Hunter have shown their inability to tell the truth and this committee is decidedly rigged with the 57.14% republican vs 42.85% panel. We, the public, are actually pretty smart and have the ability to figure out what is in the mapping. What is clear from all the hearings, including today's, this redistricting is not favored by a landslide majority of the voting public. Landslide!
We all know Chairman Vasut, Hunter and other authors of this bill had maps, but you deliberately lied to the public at all the previous meetings. I don't think Mr. Vasut or Mr. Hunter should be on this committee any longer.
HB 4 should stop right now and go no further out in this committee. There needs to be more public meetings or townhalls in all the affected districts. A minimum of two months for public review. After that is done, then conduct hearings. It is obvious the previous hearings were a sham. Do not allow this bill out of committee.

Linda Patlan
Self
Houston, TX

Redistricting the congressional districts of Texas mid-decade because it was requested by a US President (a Republican and also a felon) is an direct attack on America's principles and values of democracy, fairness, freedom and equality. The implementation of such a redistricting explicitly aimed at eliminating Democratic seats would help to destroy the USA as democratic country and be complicit in the creation of a corrupt and autocratic state that no longer listens to the people it should represent.

Miranda Finley Hunt
Self, mom
Austin, TX

This bill is an unjust power grab for a group of people that don't want to do what's right for the majority of Texans. All Texans deserve equal representation. The hardworking citizens in the cities who make the majority of Texas's money needs an adequate number of districts to represent us

Caitlin Dodd
Self
Grapevine, TX

I am against redistricting in the state of Texas mid-cycle. It will disenfranchise voters and leave districts large without good representation.

Lyndsey Rodriguez
self, attorney
Helotes, TX

It is my personal opinion that the Texas Legislature should not pass this proposed Congressional map or any other districting plan at this time, mid-decade, without new census data, before the 2026 midterm elections. The Legislature should instead wait for the Federal District Court in El Paso to issue its ruling on the legality of the current 2021 maps before doing anything to any districting maps.

Based on what we've seen thus far, I think that a Federal Court should consider whether or not the state of Texas's actions, with the timeline and release of this currently proposed districting plan (HB 4), warrant the state to be "bailed in" to coverage under the Federal Voting Rights Act under Sec. 3(c) in order to allow a Federal court to determine whether any new map that is passed and signed into law violates the 14th or 15th Amendments to the U.S. Constitution.

Based on the totality of circumstances of which the public is currently aware, I believe a court would be able to find that this map amounts to intentional racial discrimination in map drawing, even without any kind of "smoking gun" email of map drawers asking for a so-called "OHRVS" or "Optimal Hispanic Republican Voting Strength" figure or any other evidence of overt intentional vote dilution based on race. I think when looking at the particular members who were draw out of their districts, the Hispanic and Black CVAP numbers for the proposed maps, the packing and cracking of minority neighborhoods, plaintiffs will be able to establish that racial discrimination should be inferred.

The Texas House select Redistricting committee Chairman said this morning that today's hearing will be the sole public hearing in the House since the release of the proposed map 48 hours ago before the committee votes on this map. Regular people have barely had any time to digest what these changes will mean to their neighborhoods and for everyday Texans across the state. I find it sad to see how little respect and consideration the Legislative leadership has for the people of Texas in affording such little notice and information and opportunity to testify in person in this process before taking this anti-democratic action.

Anna Wylie
self
Denison, TX

Please support HB 4, Congressional Redistricting. Thank you.

Mason Garrett
Self - elevator mechanic
Fort Worth, TX

This is wrong. This is corrupt. This is undemocratic, unamerican, and untexan. If I thought you people could still experience shame, I'd say that you should right now. You are out of control and out of touch and out of your minds. Instead, I'll just say, "bless your hearts." You're going to be needing it down the line.

Pat Schumacher, ms
self, retired
Brownsville, TX

I want to continue being able to brag on Texas. Please allow me to do this by NOT redistricting votes in Texas. The votes in Texas are already gerrymandered to the point where voters cannot choose their representatives. I want to live in a free state where voters get to choose their representatives rather than representatives choose their voters.

Jennifer Soto-Uribe
Self
San Antonio, TX

This bill is unconstitutional and designed to disenfranchise voters even further. Shame on whoever proposed it - we're going to vote you out.

Andrew Cucci
Self
Frisco, TX

I want to express my support for HB 4 and hope that this bill passes

Ian McLaughlin
Self
Katy, TX

This bill does not protect democracy or the people. This is a piss poor attempt at staying in power when you know your policies are unpopular. DO NOT GIVE INTO PRESIDENT SYPHILIS. HISTORY REMEMBERS COWARDS. Quit Russian Our America! What the hell are you idiots doing! SHAME SHAME SHAME

Brian Dreessen
Self
Fort Worth, TX

I believe that the plan to to redistrict has the potential to create more negative impacts to the state of Texas than potential positives. Gerrymandering can undermine representative democracy and reduce the ability for the vote to reflect a communities interests, by the dilution of the power of the individuals vote. Additionally, the creation of "safe" districts with the intent to protect a party that is in power disincentives officials to work toward across the isle compromises. Lastly a gerrymandered district may reduce the officials accountability to their voters and undermines public trust.

I believe that gerrymandering transforms the redistricting process from a mechanism for fair representation into a tool for manipulating elections and suppressing the will of the people, impacting the very foundation of a democratic system

LSS Ss
Self
Austin, TX

Don’t do the redistricting

Becky Ward
Self, retired teacher
Austin, TX

We all pay taxes and should be able to expect a reasonable share of representation. The proposed plan purports to undermine the representation of thousands in order to silence and voice that is not Republican. Protect democracy. You’ve included me in all the taxation now allow me a modicum of representation.

Victoria McGee, Mrs
Self
Cedar Park, TX

I support HB4, the redistricting

Juliann Fulton
self
Bushland, TX

I ask you to consider if this is the right thing to do? Not if this is the right thing to do for YOU but is this the right thing to do to morally, ethicly and truly for the people of Texas. Ask yourself if this was the other party doing the same thing would you support it? If they were drowning out the minority voices of your rural constituents as opposed to ethnic minorities. Do you think this will bring people together or further divide. Please be part of the solution and vote NO to redistricting

Don Payne, Mr
Self/retired
Royse City, TX

I support the redistricting bill

Roxanne Jackson
Self
Buda, TX

DO NOT WANT ANY REDISTRICTING. This action, as like previously gerrymandering schemes is NOT GOOD FOR TEXANS, nor Democracy. All the legislators that vote in favor of this should feel
NOTHING BUT SHAME for degrading the citizens of Texas rights ever further and ignoring our rights to proper representation. Say NO TO REDISTRICTING!

Sally Ann McClain
Self - Retired
Livingston, TX

This is blatant partisan nonsense! I strongly disagree with the obvious gerrymandering proposed in these maps and plead to be heard as we must return to bipartisanship! Please, please do not do this! How far will we go? Do what is morally and ethically right.

Kaye McKee, Dr
Self
Austin, TX

Gerrymandering is undemocratic and is the choice of weak leaders who want the comfort of unquestioned power rather than representing their constituents. It is the choice of weak, sycophantic persons & Texas deserves better. Focus on our needs, rather than on yourself.

Kristine Robinson
Self
Austin, TX

I am strongly opposed to HB4, which would redistrict and allow our electeds to select their voters. This is opposite of how our system is supposed to work. Electeds work for us but today most have forgotten that, or quite frankly don't care. Our founding fathers would be embarrassed and angered by how far away we have strayed from their vision. This blatant power grab disenfranchises black and brown people living in the districts being redrawn. But I think that is the point. Oppress voters so that our electeds can hold on to power. It is disgusting and the legacy of those supporting it will reflect being on the wrong side of history. Voter oppression is the tool of racists, and this redistricting ploy is racist. And history will reflect that on every person that supports and votes for HB4. I urge all electeds with a conscience to oppose HB4.

Vanessa King
Self
Austin, TX

As a Texan, I am appalled by this blatant power grab. This is gerrymandering plain and simple, and being done at the behest of a president with no respect for the law or the electoral process. Trump said it himself, “There could be some other states we’re going to get another three, or four or five in addition. Texas would be the biggest one. Just a simple redrawing, we pick up five seats.” You are serving him, not your constituents, and should be ashamed.

As the parent of a child whose summer camp was severely damaged in the flooding in hill country mere days before she was meant to attend camp, I’m disgusted that the governor and legislature are taking time out of a session that should be dedicated to disaster relief and prevention and instead using the time to further partisan gerrymandering.

Shirley Hoyer
Sekf
Austin, TX

I am appalled that the state that I grew up in and was taught to believe that Texans achieve (not cheat) would redistrict to win more spaces for a particular party. Congressional districts should represent the people in a close geographical area that share common concerns. They should not be re drawn bc one party is afraid of not winning. Are they such cowards that they will not face a fair election? Please register my opposition to redistricting US House of Representatives for the state of Texas

Cecilia Valdes, Dr.
Self Physician
Houston, TX

This obvious, illegal and immoral grab for power by the Republicans to cheat using HB-4 is further proof of how weak and pathetic they are. They will ultimately face the public that they DO NOT REPRESENT. We are tired of your selfish greedy politics. Start leading and dealing with the issues that matter instead of stealing power for selfish reasons. Grow up and act like intelligent adults. You should all be ashamed of yourselves.

Matt Ravet
Sf
Austin, TX

I'm pragmatic enough to know that I'm just shouting into the void here, but sometimes you just need to scream.
Fundamentally this is an assault on democracy. This obvious gerrymandering undermines the representation of thousands of Texans. A vote for this is a vote for against democracy and alienates the people you were elected to represent. As a public official, you stand for something. The choice is up to you — fairness or a relentless and underhanded pursuit of power.

Erandi Rojo
self
Manvel, TX

Texas needs to stand up against this fascist regime. Trump want Texas to derestrict to dilute Texans voices, this is pure corruption. He wants to continue to suppress us and the only way he can do this is by cheating and if this house lets him, you are dishonoring this state that you represent.
Sincerely, Proud Aggie that believes - An Aggie does not lie, cheat or steal or tolerate those who do -- We will remember your actions when elections come.

Brian Phillips
Self - Musician
Austin, TX

I believe the proposed redistricting to be a shameless attempt to silence progressive voices in Texas. As an Austin resident, I already feel like gerrymandering has made the congressional map look like a joke in my city. This is a shameless power grab by Texas Republicans. They are bowing to the whims of a corrupt, sub-moral authoritarian president, and history will surely remember their complicity and cowardice.
I implore with you to vote against what you know to be deeply dishonest.
Thank you,
Brian Phillips

Jennifer Chesser
self engineer
San Antonio, TX

Texas is already gerrymandered and I OPPOSE this bill because it will make us so gerrymandered that our state will no longer represent the people who actually live here!
Texans want a Texas that represents its residents, plain and simple.
We want big politicians to STOP TELLING TEXANS WHAT TO DO.
We want TEXAS POLITICIANS to tell WASHINGTON to leave us alone!

Summer Messer
Self
Austin, TX

Please stop this bill that will unfairly harm minority communities. All Texans deserve to be represented.

Joanne Doherty
Self
Houston, TX

This is one of the ugliest power grabs. I have seen in my lifetime of living in Texas. Gerrymandering is vote stealing. I am against this bill. Please take care of flooding issues, education, infrastructure. Don’t steal the votes of your citizens.

Paulette Heidbreder, Ms.
Self, retired teacher
Houston, TX

I think the current effort at congressional redistricting is unnecessary and unlawful. For one thing, this re-districting effort is a political ploy by the Republican party, at the behest of the President, to pick up additional GOP seats for the next midterms. Redistricting is lawfully allowed every 10 years. Texas is already one of the most gerrymandered states in the nation, thanks to Rick Perry and the GOP here. The new district lines drawn in Harris County are way off from the current districts and do not reflect adequate representation of people of color, who make up 60% of the voting population. Instead, the plan is designed to have 60% of the congressional districts be represented by white representatives. My own district (Congressional District 18), thanks to our GOP governor, has been without representation since the beginning of this year. We are scheduled to have a special election in November with runoffs expected. By the time we elect that representative, if this legislation is passed, the representative we elect probably will not be able to serve because of the unnecessary redistricting. That means we will have to endure even more time without representation in Congress while we're still obligated to pay our taxes. Stop this ridiculous gerrymandering and unlawful redistricting at a time it is not permitted. Save the taxpayers the cost of the lawsuits it will bring and just do your jobs. Democracy is definitely under attack when elected leaders of one party feel emboldened to dilute or take away the voting rights of people who don't think like they do. They need to act remember they were elected to serve all Texans not one party.

Robert Murry
Self
Austin, TX

You can’t call something a win if you rig the rules. We just were redistricted which changed our precincts as well as my State Rep and Congressman. You should be representing your voters rather than selecting who will be your voters.
You owe allegiance to the US Constitution and the Texas Constitution, yet you are trying to find a way to cheat at the request of current President. Governor Abbot has hijacked this Special Session.

Please remember who you are supposed to represent and get useful work done rather than these shenanigans. What about our flooding and Real Problems???

Amanda Garza
Self
Round Rock, TX

I am against redistricting. I feel it is unnecessary and disgusting to try & suppress voters by doing so.

Laura Stone
self - retired
Austin, TX

What’s happening in Texas right now is an unprecedented power grab masquerading as redistricting. Mid-decade gerrymandering—especially when it's not prompted by new Census data—is a blatant attempt to entrench power and disenfranchise voters, particularly communities of color. This isn’t about fair representation; it’s about manipulating maps to silence dissent and rig future elections. Texans deserve maps that reflect the people, not just the interests of those in power. This should alarm anyone who believes in democracy.

Mary Anne Weatherred
Self
Fort Worth, TX

Mid census redistricting is unnecessary, political and racist (not to mention a waste of money). Please don't fall under control of our overreaching federal government and president. Doesn't Texas believe in independence and conservative states rights? Please stop this gerrymander and allow true democratic representation for your citizens.

Joshua Newton
Self/Farmer
San Marcos, TX

Gerrymandering is a complete abuse of power and insincere representation of your constituents. If the only way to prevent this wholesale disenfranchisement of Texans is to leave the state and break quorum, then it absolutely must be done. Representatives who believe in Democracy should do everything in their power to keep this disrespectful process of gerrymandering from occuring.

Craig Goodwin
Self - staff software support engineer
Elgin, TX

I strongly oppose the proposed congressional redistricting maps that appear designed to flip 5 Democratic-held seats to Republican control.
Concerns:
Partisan Gerrymandering: These maps prioritize political advantage over fair representation. The timing and design shows partisan calculation drives this process, not community interests.
Minority Vote Dilution: Four of the five targeted districts would be majority Hispanic with populations at exactly 50%, suggesting deliberate weakening of minority voting power in our majority-minority state.
Community Disruption: Millions of Texans would be moved into new districts, breaking up established communities and leaving voters without representatives who understand local needs.
Democratic Deficit: The proposed 30-8 Republican advantage doesn't reflect Texas's true political diversity and denies voters meaningful electoral choices.
Call for Fair Maps:
I urge you to reject these maps and adopt principles that:

- Respect communities of interest and neighborhood boundaries
- Ensure equal representation regardless of party
- Maintain competitive districts
- Comply with the Voting Rights Act
- Use objective criteria, not partisan considerations

Texas voters deserve districts drawn to serve people, not political parties. This proposal fails basic democratic fairness and should be rejected for maps that truly represent our state's diverse communities.
I respectfully request you vote against these proposed maps and prioritize Texas voters over partisan interests.

Jennifer Westbrooks
Self
Spring, TX

I am opposed to the redistricting in Texas.

Alice Walton
Self
AUSTIN, TX

I am writing to strongly oppose the proposed redistricting maps, which would severely undermine fair representation and harm the integrity of our democratic process.
At the core of our democracy is the principle of equal representation — the idea that every citizen's vote should carry the same weight, and every community should have a meaningful opportunity to elect candidates of their choice. Unfortunately, the proposed maps fail this basic test. Instead of reflecting the demographic and political diversity of our state, these maps appear designed to entrench political power by diluting the voices of historically underrepresented communities, particularly communities of color, urban voters, and young populations.
The redistricting process should serve the public interest, not partisan advantage. However, the current maps display clear signs of gerrymandering — including irregular district shapes, the unnecessary splitting of cohesive communities, and the packing and cracking of certain voting blocs. This manipulation strips voters of their ability to influence elections and hold elected officials accountable. By drawing boundaries that favor one political party or diminish the influence of certain demographic groups, the maps effectively pre-determine electoral outcomes, making elections less competitive and less responsive to constituents.
This is not only unfair — it's undemocratic. When voters feel that their input no longer matters, civic trust erodes. Participation declines. And governance becomes less accountable. These maps risk turning voters into bystanders in their own democracy.
I urge you to reject these maps and return to the drawing board with a process that is transparent, inclusive, and guided by principles of fairness and equity. Communities must be kept whole, voters must have a real choice, and the districts must reflect the diverse voices of our state — not silence them.
Our democracy depends on it.

Kim Maka
Self-planner
Pflugerville, TX

I am opposed to redistricting via the new map. It unfairly affects the balance of power, which is already pretty unbalanced.

Wendy Hunter
Self, retired pharmacist
McKinney, TX

I am very much against this egregious attempt to make Texas voting districts even more gerryamandered than they presently are. This is a blatant and immoral attempt to silence the voting voices of Texans, and I ask you to not let this stand. Make no mistake--the people of Texas know this is wrong. Find a backbone and do the right thing-- your duty that you took an oath to do.

Katherine Murphy, Ms
True Texas Project
Keller, TX

I support HB 4

Cecilia Montes De Oca
Self
San Antonio, TX

The move to put mid-cycle redistricting on the Special Legislative Session agenda is about increasing the number of Republican districts at the costs of communities of color. This is not about partisanship. This is racial discrimination. The White House has said "jump", and the leaders of Texas are saying "how high? The number of districts that elect a candidate of choice will decrease from 13 to 8. This will leave communities of color with only 21% of the congressional seats in the TX delegation despite making up over 60% of the state's population.It is wrong – and unfair to all Texans – for the Legislature to take up mid-decade redistricting to further disenfranchise communities of color when the court has not even weighed in on the last round of discriminatory redistricting.

With our State reeling from the tragic loss of so many lives from recent floods, Texans should be seeing caring consideration from their government, not an unjustified congressional redistricting intentionally directed at communities of color. The federal court needs to be able to make a ruling in the current litigation, and
new maps should be adopted if and when the court deems them necessary. District lines should preserve and protect the needs of the communities within them, especially the needs of historically disenfranchised communities. Districts
should elect candidates that reflect the diversity of our state.

Mary Ellen Scribner, Ms.
Self - retired educator
Austin, TX

My name is Mary Ellen Scribner. I am an 84-year-old native Texan, born in the Panhandle and a resident of Austin since 1978 when I came to Austin to attend graduate school at UT. I was brought up on what is commonly known as the golden rule, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." It is a maxim so old that no one is sure of its origin, and it is such a powerful axiom that some iteration of it appears in most philosophical and religious traditions. However, it seems unknown to most members of the Republican Party which now hold Texans in a chokehold. Their view of politics appears to come directly from "The Prince" by Machiavelli, rather than any version of the Bible I've heard of. Machiavelli advocates doing whatever it takes to win whether that be lying, cheating, stealing, gerrymandering, and or even murder if that is what it takes. Serving constituents doesn't appear to be a factor—just increasing one's personal power and wealth. It is an ethos that is incredibly sad to me and many of my fellow Texans who have been gerrymandered into the condition of "Whoever has no rule over his own spirit Is like a city broken down, without walls." [Proverbs 25:28], in this rich, populous state with so much potential to genuinely treat everyone the same, the home to me and four generations of my forebears.
I have never missed voting since I became eligible. In recent decades it has become more and more apparent that my vote basically doesn't count because voting district boundaries in Texas have long been drawn with the intent to disenfranchise black and brown voters and even white voters who have a more equitable view of their fellow citizens. Drawing new maps in mid-decade is illegal, partisan, racist, sexist, aimed at disenfranchising as many opposition voters as possible. The main purpose is to seize yet more power and wealth for a dictator and his oligarchs, none of whom care about lawful governance or fair service to the very constituents who have been gulled into voting for them.
It is past time to bring several political processes into the modern era of technology, including that of redistricting. Resist and reject this illegal attempt and spend the next five years preparing a legal, equitable process by which voters chose their legislators instead legislators dishonestly and unfairly choosing their constituents. Take the process out of the hands of partisan legislators (which still smacks of the image of a smoke-filled backroom where cheating is the name of the game) and put it in the hands of an independent public commission. In these days of smart algorithms and AI bots, the people of Texas could be efficiently and fairly put into districts that reflect county, municipal, and neighborhood boundaries. The Capitol complex would not be split between two districts!!

Zach Bryant
Self
Fresno, TX

I’m a constituent from Fresno, TX and depend on resources of Harris County. Several of the recent district maps for the state of Texas have received legal challenges and show evidence of misconduct, as pointed out by members of every political party from local to federal levels. The TX state legislator has clearly proven incapable of this critical democratic task. Therefore, TX must follow the example of Arizona, California, Colorado and Michigan by employing an independent committee to immediately begin redistricting the state in a fair, non-partisan manner. The current special session should not vote on any existing maps, rather vote to structure and fund such an independent committee. Despite the incompetence that has preceded this moment, such a decision would rebuild credibility and earn respect for those currently in office and in session. I urge the TX legislature to take this mutually beneficial option by acting upon demands for redistricting while shoring up your credibility and protecting the votes of your constituents. Thank you.

Kelli Bland
Self
Austin, TX

Redistricting our state mid-decade without appropriate census data at the behest of the President goes against all Texan values. You are taking away representation of the citizens who live here and love this state. This will have a chilling effect on democracy in this country. The cynical power grab at play here is undemocratic, unamerican, and it disgusts me as a native Texan. Please do not pass this bill!

Gary Hampton
Self
Crowley, TX

I declare this Bill shall not be passed immediately.

Lorri Haden
Self
Austin, TX

I am strongly opposed to any attempts to silence the voices of at least half of all Texans and urge every legislator who cares about Texans, democracy, voting rights, the U.S. and state constitutions, standing up to authoritarianism, or simply human decency, to vote NO on this bill. Shame on the sponsor(s) of this bill and everyone else carrying water for the current horrifying corrupt and morally depraved administration. I believe in a strong democracy that allows full participation of all citizens regardless of political party or political opinions. This bill will effectively silence all Texans' voices except Republicans, and even some of those. As an attorney who spends a lot of time now researching country conditions of authoritarian regimes, I am horrified that are country is now exhibiting so many of the conditions our state department previously faulted other countries for. Please stop this shameful obeisance to this administration's march toward full authoritarianism. Vote NO on HB 4 or any other bills filed during this huge waste of taxpayer dollars special session to silence the voices of Texans. Focus on improving our emergency management system - that's the only thing you should be doing this session.

Joel Rushing
Self, communications
Austin, TX

This bill is an absolute embarrassment to our local communities, our state, and our country. As a representative in our country's government, you should be fighting to represent EVERY person in your district, not a select few. Not pandering to the whims of one political party or another. Not for your own benefit. You're so concerned with maintaining perceived power that you've lost your North Star as a representative of the majority of your constituents. Instead, you're answering to a single man who will never, ever, do anything for you in return. You're neglecting your constituents, your neighbors, your friends and families - and their friends and families - who might have a different perspective than you. And that should be OK. And we should be listening and understanding where those people are coming from. Stop this ridiculous gerrymandering. It's openly cheating the system - rigging perspectives and elections to help a party or a person stay in power. If the tables weee flipped, you'd be outraged (and you should be). We all should be. Your role in government shouldn't be to enrich yourselves … it's public service, and you're meant to represent your district. This bill is embarrassing, insulting, and will come back to haunt those representatives who choose to push it forward. Resistance and response will come, and it'll negatively impact yourself and your party for far longer than this gerrymandering effort can ever hope to accomplish. The founding fathers and those who fought so hard to keep Texas' independence and join the U.S. would be utterly embarrassed and shocked at your efforts to undermine the democratic efforts they worked so hard to develop and protect. Please vote no on this bill.

Kathy Lavender
Self
Ft. Worth, TX

This redistricting attempt is not acceptable, as it is unusual in the timing, racially gerrymanders, and ignores the needs of constituents in the proposed gerrymandered areas. We all know Trump ordered Republicans to find him seats in Texas. Republicans need to rethink who they are serving-- is it the citizens of Texas, or is it a man who resides in Washington DC and Florida? Please choose your constituents and reject racism.

Cindy Hollocker
Self
Richardson, TX

Restricting is wrong for the following reasons:
Racial gerrymandering is being used to silence communities of color.
Hearings are announced with minimal notice.
Proposed maps are released just hours before public testimony.
Private D.C. lawyers are advising lawmakers behind closed doors.
Please do the right thing and reject redirecting. Thank you

VIctoria Locke
Self/Retired
New Braunfels, TX

Republicans know that their policies are unpopular, otherwise why do they have to cheat in order to win? The plan to gain 5 more Republican seats is just that: cheating. Typically the party in power loses seats in the midterms, and given the unpopularity of Project 2025, which the White House is rushing to implement, and the cuts in the omnibus bill, they are now working to rig the game against ordinary Americans by trying to find 5 more Republican seats in Texas.

Texas was apportioned two additional seats after the 2020 census. While the population growth was fueled by Latinos, the Republicans in the state legislature deliberately redrew the maps to disenfranchise and drastically diminish the political power of Latino and African-American voters by reducing the number of districts that were minority-majority, and instead increased the number of majority white districts.

The Voting Rights Act demands that the legislative maps must not disenfranchise voters based on their race and ethnicity. In 2019, in a devastating blow to equal representation, the Supreme Court ruled that gerrymandering along partisan lines did not violate the Voting Rights Act.

Republican lawmakers insisted that they did not use racial data to create the districts, despite adding majority white districts, thus impacting communities of color. The maps were challenged by the civil rights organizations. The challenges were consolidated and a bench trial was held in Spring, 2025. The maps remain under legal review by the Federal courts. The reason is clear and concise: racial data must be used to ensure legislative maps remain fair and that they comply with the Voting Rights Act. The integrity of democracy depends on it.

The Department of Justice has questioned some of the districts, saying that race was a factor and the districts are racially gerrymandered, and demanding that they be redrawn. Republicans are trying to have it both ways: The maps did not take into account race and ethnicity, but they have to revisit them because they were racially gerrymandered to favor non-whites, even though more majority white districts were added. Who can follow that logic?

Texas has a long history of discriminating against minorities when composing their maps after the census, and this effort to redraw them midway is yet another way the Republicans are cheating in order to win. The current maps are under review, and this attempt to change them again will make congressional representation even more discriminatory.

Fairness in representation matters because all citizens deserve equal opportunity to be represented, heard, and shape policy. All Texans deserve fair representation, especially those that have historically been disenfranchised and discriminated against. Federal courts need to weigh in on the current maps before any changes are made.

Heather Hughes
Self
Houston, TX

Our representation should reflect the voters. This is capitulation to the President and circumvents democracy. This is a waste of time and taxpayer money.

Austin Witherspoon
Self - Product Manager in Tech
Austin, TX

The proposed Congressional redistricting bill proposed by the Republican wing of the Texas House of Representatives is gerrymandering. Plain and simple. If you look at the distribution of demographics across Tarrant county, which in this bill is intended to be split, for example, it is CLEAR that Republicans are once again attempting to suppress voters of color. Not to mention the proposed restructuring of the 35th district which was originally created as a result of a court order to protect the voting rights of people of color. This attempted napalm attack across our state is ludicrous and cannot be set forth - vote with your logic, your heart, and an eye towards a more progressive and unified Texas: not one that intentionally suppresses valuable members of our communities.

Sandra Steed
Self
Sugar Land, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Adam Ullrich
Self
Austin, TX

Dear Legislators,

I'm a native El Pasoan, and I strongly oppose the proposed mid-decade redistricting plan. It's deeply un-American to redraw maps to serve political interests at the expense of fair representation, especially when it silences growing communities like mine.

This proposal would give Republicans up to 30 of Texas's 38 congressional seats, despite nearly half the state voting Democratic. It carves up communities like El Paso, Austin, and South Texas—diluting Latino and Black voices in a clear attempt to manipulate electoral outcomes.

Stripping Fort Bliss and the El Paso International Airport from their rightful congressional district is not just disrespectful, it's harmful. These assets belong to El Paso and should be represented by someone who lives and works here, not by someone 500 miles away with no connection to our community.

Mid-decade redistricting breaks precedent and public trust. This isn't about following the Voting Rights Act—it's about locking in political power. And it's being done at the expense of time, taxpayer dollars, and urgent state priorities like healthcare, infrastructure, and education.

Texans deserve better. We deserve maps that reflect our real communities and the values of a representative democracy and not partisan engineering.

Please reject this redistricting plan. Let voters choose their leaders--not the other way around.

Sincerely,
Adam Ullrich

Soledad Galvan
Self
Sunset Valley, TX

I strongly oppose this bill.

Stephanie Ertel, Ms
self, Retired attorney
Mountain Home, TX

Opposed. I urge the Texas House of Representatives to reject this bill and the proposed redistricting map which came from Washington D.C. After withholding maps while hearings were held around the State, the Republican majority proposes to deny voters in certain Congressional Districts in Texas the right to choose their representatives as they have since the most recent redistricting, at a time when redistricting is not normally proposed. This proposal was not part of the regular session, where it could have been properly examined and demonstrated to be unfair. Texas is a large and important state that should be allowed to make its own decisions about Congressional representation, rather than have a last minute, hidden agenda of the current President imposed through pressure on the Governor, the only person who could allow such a proposal to be presented. Texas Republicans are already given more than adequate representation in the U.S. Congress.

Jared Hininger
Self
Dalhart, TX

Why are you taking the will of the people away by gerrymandering districts just because you know national policies are unpopular. If you have to cheat to win maybe you should change your policies.

Jackie Stewart
Self
Amarillo, TX

Texas does need someone from NYC making decisions for Texans. They are supposed to represent us not him.

Douglas Price
Self, Airline Management
North Richland Hills, TX

I fully support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Marlo Biggs
Self
Bedford, TX

I am against this redistricting. This should not be happening in the first place.

Mark Pilcher
Self Retired
Burleson, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map. Voting preferences have clearly changed since 2020, and Pres. Trump's election is proof that some of the current democrat dominant districts have changed.

CYNTHIA GINYARD
SELF
Sugar Land, TX

MID-DECADE REDISTRICTING is unnecessary and costly. The current scheduled time is 2030. Why now? Black and Latino voters are being targeted overwhelmingly; but you say this is not racial discrimination. You are diluting the collective voting strength of these two communities. Please tell me what do you call that, if not racial discrimination. The current maps are not illegal. Moreover, you, collectively, constructed and voted for them four years ago and now you say they are unlawful. Please explain that. Explain how it makes sense to configure new maps without current census data. If an elected person feels that they have lost support of their voters, then the answer is to change your position and your votes. You do not change the voters to fit your needs. You work for the people. The people do not work for you.

Our diversity is our strength. Aoartheid is defined as the implementation and maintenance of a system of legalized racial segregation in which one racial group is deprived of political and civil rights. The definition fits what you are trying to implement here in Texas. Let us be honest and own it.

I was born in 1958 and watched the Civil Rights Movement events on the black and white, floor model television during the tumultuous sixties. Here we are. almost 70 years later and re-fighting the same issues. We must move forward, not backwards. It's the 21st century! I am reminded of Plessy vs. Ferguson, and we all know there was nothing equal about it. I am tired of the cyclical fight, but I will stay on the battlefield until I die. I was born and raised in South Carolina. Therefore, I've seen a few things.

Alicia DiPalma
Self
Cypress, TX

It’s appropriate at this time to represent in a more accurate fashion

Leticia Chavez
Self
Austin, TX

I firmly oppose this redistricting.
It does not benefit any purpose in your sworn duty to serve your constituents by giving them a voice! Your time could be better used in addressing other issues!

Mary Meyer
Self
Watauga, TX

This redistricting needs to brought up to date. It is.Very important. There is absolutely nothing racism about it. UPDATE NOW. Be honest and do it correctly. Thank you,

Catherine Earhart Pudnos
self
Austin, TX

The redistricting should not be allowed at this time. Please put a STOP to this nonsense.

Andrew Martin, Mr.
Self, artist & teacher
Lubbock, TX

Redistricting to lessen a proportional voice for all Texans is fundamentally undemocratic and ethically and morally reprehensible, no matter who does it. please defeat this bill in the name of democratic principles, and propose instead a nonpartisan redistricting process. Thank you.

Elizabeth Lemaster
Self
San Antonio, TX

I am against redistricting at this time

Tycha Stading, Mrs.
Self
Austin, TX

I am opposed to this unwarranted and unfair redistricting. This is not necessary until the next census in 2030. There is no new census information; therefore, there is no basis for new maps.

Rhonda Cabello, Ms
self
Austin, TX

House Committee:
I hope that you really LISTEN to the testimony provided today. You work FOR THE PEOPLE OF TEXAS!!
This redistricting is unnecessary and unlawful. SHAME ON YOU for trying to rig the next election! You must vote NO on this sham of a bill.

Ken Blundell
Self
Tyler, TX

This bill will create fair districts. It will insure equal representation for all Texans. This bill is needed with the population growth of Texas. Please vote in favor of HB 4 by Hunter. Sincerly,
Ken Blundell
Precinct 24 Chair
Smith County
Tyler, Texas

Angela Rogers
Planned Parenthood
The Colony, TX

You really are teaching our children that if you can't win, you must cheat. NEEDING to redistrict says that you know your policies are not popular, but I suppose it'll make everyone happy for the few years before people revolt and realize the absolute horrid plans the Republicans have against American citizens. Just so shameful.

Perry Bedford
Self
AUSTIN, TX

I am a native Austinite, and for as long as I can remember, I've had the seat Lloyd Doggett holds as my representative seat. With this new proposed map, the seat that Congressman Doggett currently holds will change to represent approximately 60% of Austin residents and approximately 40% of Austin residents stand to potentially be represented by officials who live as far as Victoria (126 miles away), Waco (102 miles), San Angelo (205 miles), or College Station (107 miles). If there's anything that we've learned from recent disasters is that it is important to have the home base of decision-making unified in the home base. In other words, we need representatives that know and live in the districts that they stand to represent.

I can't see how someone in good conscience can say that districts that are meticulously and methodically carved to diffuse voting representation of the majority demographic of those districts and cities accurately represents those communities. And that leads me to believe that these maps are not drawn in good conscience, and that the purpose of the maps is more nefarious. Deciding to disenfranchise Texans from the districts that they've voted in for years just to placate a federal agenda to further disenfranchise a nation is not right and it is not to its core a Texan value. I ask you to vote against these proposed maps and let the people of Texas decide who and what are representative of their communities.

Beverly MacNaughton, Mrs.
self
Austin, TX

I am outraged that Abbot and the Republicans continue to take away my rights as a voter. I should be in a district with others that live in my community and face the particular issues of that area. I have many Republican friends that are also troubled by such a power grab. When you say taking away the needs of particular voting groups is worth it to push an agenda, you have proven yourself unworthy of holding office. You don't just serve one party when you are elected. You are supposed to serve all constituents. Shame.

Nicole Hoffmann
Self
Castroville, TX

This is a scam that takes away the power of the people. You should be ashamed this bill was even introduced. If you're going to redraw maps, actually make them fair. The districts are already overly gerrymandered to benefit white, rural Texans. Do better!

Aldrick Rich
Self
Murphy, TX

Oppose

Maria Gant
self CPA
Plano, TX

Don’t Mess with Our Democracy!
The Texas Legislature is rushing through a flawed, mid-decade redistricting process, without new census data, transparency, or meaningful public input.
Last week, more than 3,000 Texans testified at redistricting hearings across the state, and over 4,000 public comments were submitted. The message was loud and clear: the process is broken, and many believe it's being rigged on purpose..
On Wednesday, lawmakers released a new congressional map that is gerrymandered, discriminatory, and drafted in secret. Now, they're rushing it through committee, leaving voters little time to review or respond before it's finalized.
Here’s what’s wrong:
- Racial gerrymandering is being used to silence communities of color.
- Hearings are announced with minimal notice.
- Proposed maps are released just hours before public testimony.
- Private D.C. lawyers are advising lawmakers behind closed doors.

We deserve better. Texas deserves better.

Leann Tipton
Self - government employee
Pflugerville, TX

As elected officials you are required to serve your constituents. You are not loyal to the president, the governor, or attorney general. It is irresponsible and contradicts the oath you took. If you vote to distort the districts in order to gain seats, you are enabling and supporting election interference. The integrity of our elections will be compromised at your hands. If you go down this path create a district map that accurately reflects the great state of Texas. Use statistics, population, and data points to represent the people of Texas.

Instead of focusing on pleasing the president and your party, consider more important issues. Listen to your constituents and take action on OUR needs. This tomfoolery is a disruption.

Again, do not bow to your party or executive branch. You serve us, the citizens of Texas. Like the Alamo, we will remember and use OUR power to vote you out.

Corrie Kaufmann
Self, teacher
North Richland Hills, TX

Election outcomes should be determined by the intentions of the voters, not stacked ahead of time by politicians. Have the courage to win fairly.

Jeffery linderman
self / media specialist
austin, TX

As a legal and long time citizen of Texas, I am fully offended by HB 4 and this attempt to rush into redistricting during a special session. This session is costing tax payers money we do not have for this nonsense. Rushing through this process before it is scheduled and using outdated census data is not only disrespectful to the citizens of Texas, but it is reckless and sets a dangerous precedent. Please reconsider and withdraw OR vote Nay on this attempt to avoid civil process and silence the voters. We will all make note of each representative's vote in this matter.

Hayli Baldridge
Self, Healthcare Director
Austin, TX

House Bill?4 is a troubling attempt at mid-decade gerrymandering engineered to net five additional Republican-held seats, even though the dramatic growth in Texas over the past decade was driven overwhelmingly by communities of color? ? ?. Critics argue that the new boundaries manipulate voter demographics by “cracking” and “packing” minority populations, diluting Hispanic and Black voting power despite incremental increases in majority-minority districts claimed by proponents. The plan forces competitive Democratic incumbents into merged or heavily altered districts and shifts urban minority communities into sprawling rural districts, undermining fair representation. This is politically motivated power grab—not a neutral redistricting—influenced by partisan organizers including former President Trump and Governor Abbott, and ripe for legal challenge under the Voting Rights Act?.

Donna Ledbetter
Self
Dallas, TX

I am in opposition to any form of gerrymandering. I oppose redrawing congressional maps that for partisan reasons and especially at the request of a president.

Cameron Hughes
Self
Houston, TX

Do not pass HB4. Do not redraw our districts. Our districts are already gerrymandered to the point of lack of actual representation for a significant amount of Houstonians. This is a further power grab that disenfranchises more Houston voters to try to keep one party in power at the request of the current president.

If you feel threatened that you're going to lose seats in the midterms, instead consider that to be a sign that the policies put forth by the more extreme members of the Republican party and the President's agenda aren't actually popular with the people at large. Grow a spine and stick up for your constituents and your state. It shows Texas weakness to be bowing to Trump's request to redistrict now, just ahead of the midterms and in between our regular, constitutionally mandaded updates every 10 years.

I believe this redistricting effort is a racially motivated political power grab that shows Texas is not standing up for itself but is bending the knee to the president and should absolutely not move forward

Jeremy Corff
Self
HOUSTON, TX

This is a brazen attempt to disenfranchise Texan voters. I urge you not to vote for this.

Nneka Eni
Self
Lewisville, TX

Strongly opposed the
Strongly y oppose

Jessica List
Self, Claims Adjuster
Cedar Park, TX

This bill is bullshit, it’s a blatant attempt by Texas and Republicans to further gerrymander our state and manipulate elections. This is an absolutely unacceptable waste of fucking time and a disgustingly desperate power grab by republicans. Why can’t yall accept that your party is going down with the Trump ship and you’re going to lose the midterms massively because you’re all idiots that voted against your constituents best interests and continue to do so every time you show up to your job. If you want any hope of survival in politics beyond the next few years, you should think long and hard about whether this is the immoral and despicable path you want to take.

Sonja Hartley
Self, assistant director of oroject management.
Austin, TX

Abandon the off-cycle Redistricting effort to disenfranchise voters in Texas. The level of executive interference in our state business is alarming and ignores the real needs that ought to be prioritized, like flood relief and disaster preparedness. Care for our own, not the political machinations of the beltway! All Texans deserve representation, not just those of a single party.

Steven Smith
Self
Austin, TX

I am a Texas voter and am opposed to HB 4 especially as the current map is being challenged in court. I oppose any reducing that does not result in fair representation for all Texans. Texas has a long history of racial gerrymandering and discriminatory voting practices so I urge you to prevent communities of color from being deliberately divided thereby weakening their political voice, Texans have the right to fair and equal representation that achieve through a thoughtful transparent process that allows meaningful public input. Don’t allow redistricting to happen in the middle of the decade—especially while the current maps are still being challenged in court.
We must make sure communities of color aren’t intentionally split up, which would weaken their political power. (Texas has a long history of unfair voting practices and racial gerrymandering.)
Texans deserve a fair and open redistricting process that leads to equal representation—not one that’s rushed and full of problems.

Emily Coulombe
Self
Lubbock, TX

I strongly oppose this bill and ask that lawmakers vote against this item. The proposed redistricting comes at the expense of minority voters and will unfairly represent the desires of Texas constituents.

Kristen Lamendola, Ms.
Self
Richardson, TX

I stand OPPOSED to the mid-cycle redistricting bill proposed. It unfairly gerrymanders districts to disproportionately dilute the black and brown populations that make up far more of our state then their representation in the US House of Representatives reflects.

Sarah Barbour
Self, Tailor
Austin, TX

I do not want the maps to be redrawn to give republicans a gerrymandered advantage in the federal government. Whereas the current map shows boundaries at existing geological and road boundaries, the new map is designed to take advantage of the citizens and for no other related reason. If this goes forward, the metro area of Austin, where I live, would go from having (depending on how you count it) 4-6 representatives down to 1-2. That is unfair politicking and a gross overuse of perceived power. It makes me sick that republicans want to take away the voice of so many people in their own state. Concentrating power like this will never end in a good way. The east side of Austin, where I live, will now be drowned out by the richer voters in Sunset Valley and we won't get the same attention or representation to our specific problems. This is a historically segregated black and Hispanic and underserved part of austin, east Austin is, and this would directly impact me and my neighbors ability to improve our own lives. I do not want to get lumped into Wells Branch, I like my district exactly how it is. I like my representative Lloyd Doggett, and I don't want either him or Greg Casar's seat to be eliminated. There are so few voices in Texas that represent urban Democrats and this is just eliminating that even more. This is prejudice and it is obviously racially motivated, which somehow only matters to school admissions, housing, employment and public accommodations, but not in politically motivated power maps. I'm very disappointed in any scarecrow how votes for this redistricting. God sees you

Carol Lowe
self/retired
Corpus Christi, TX

This bill is the most heinous use of tax payer dollars ever imagined. I want a fair map to be drawn so that every vote matters. Stop playing with politics and do what is best for all the people.

Becky Buckley, Ms.
self
Austin, TX

No to redistricting! I'd appreciate the state repreesentatives focusing on REAL issues facing Texas such as alert systems for flooding across the state instead of further gerrymandering our voting districts to satisfy our federal president. Focus on Texas and actually serve the people here. If you listened to us, you might win our votes legitimately.

Jerrie Champlin, Mrs.
self
Spring Branch, TX

Texas needs nonpartisan redistricting not more gerrymandering.

Holly Swift
Self
Pflugerville, TX

We do need to redraw the map, but not like this. I am already disenfranchised in Congress because my city, Pflugerville has 3 different congressional reps. I share mine, Pete Sessions, with parts of College Station and Waco and East Texas. This is outrageous that my area has been carved up like this. My Congressman didn't even bother to have a sign in my area with all the other candidates running for other offices. We need fairly drawn districts that puts our city together. Consider that if I wanted to run for the seat in my district with any party, I would have a hard time winning the district as a whole due to my area not being representative of the district as a whole. I have more common issues with the people on the other side of my own town than I do with people in rural East Texas and so I should share representation with the rest of my own city.

Mary Lee Miller, Ms
Self (CITIZEN)
Corsicana, TX

I support HB4 and redistribution of districts to reflect current voting interests.

Jonathan Baldridge
Self
Austin, TX

I object to this bill

Kate Parkerson
Self / retired
Austin, TX

Redrawing the Texas state congressional map at the request of a sitting president is a blatant attack on democracy as a whole and an effort to rig the system. Flagrant cheating. Any lawmaker who supports this is pushing the country closer to authoritarian dictatorship and the end of our democracy. You can't "make America great again" by silencing its people. This is what China and Russia do. I urge you to vote against this measure and allow Republicans to win districts on policy not by rigging the system.

Catherine Flynn, Dr.
Self
Driftwood, TX

I am asking that you do not redesign districts already established and leave them as they are. I do not support any attempt to rig elections in favor of one party or another. This may be technically allowed, but I see it for what it is. Allow the people to speak their minds without external manipulation. If you truly believe you have a mandate and you serve the people in your districts, then continue to do so without interference. Please keep your fingers off the scale. You represent us first and foremost, not your party and not your self.
Thank you for your time and attention.

Jonathan Kini
Self
Austin, TX

Totally against further gerrymandering. This is against the spirit of fair competitiveness that is supposed to be essential to Texas.

Anissa Scholes
Self
Austin, TX

I am AGAINST this mid-way gerrymandering/Redistricting of House of Rep districts. This is an out-loud and audacious acknowledgement by the GOP that they do not actually desire to Represent the citizen voters of Texas, but rather they desire to collude with a corrupt Authoritarian White Nationalist regime to ensure Trump's requested "5 seats". This action would purposely reduce and remove from representation, existing districts which are the voices of Black voters and non-GOP voters in Texas. This forced-through measure of Gov Abbotts's DOES NOT represent political make-up of Texas's voting citizenry. The timing of this re-districting is blatantly unethical and unprecedented as it was already completed years ago at the appointed time post-census.

Joshua Grotte
Self
Sugar Land, TX

This bill is criminal, and anyone who supports it deserves to be thrown from office for betraying the people they are supposed to be in care of. If you have to rig the system to hold power then you don't deserve the power you've been given. You all deserve to be deposed in place for honorable people. People Sam Houston wouldn't be ashamed to shake hands with. People George Washington wouldn't disgrace. When a baby calls you and asks for something, you don't give in. You either redirect or scold them and tell them no. You have heard it from thousands and from thousands more you will hear it again. Quit playing with our lives to line your wallets and hold onto power, or else you will all be voted out

Jeshua Malroy
Self, graduate student
Pearland, TX

This bill is wrong because it attempts to silence the voices of many people in Texas who disagree with Republican policymakers.

Michael Short
Self
Brookeland, TX

Please adopt tge map. Thank you.

Jessica Leary
self
Austin, TX

I write to you today in total and unflinching opposition to this redistricting proposal—not simply because it is undemocratic, but because it is pathetic. Let's call this what it truly is: a cowardly, lazy, and intellectually bankrupt attempt by Republican lawmakers to rig the game because they know they can no longer win it fairly.

This map is not a product of public service. It is the desperate move of a party in retreat—a party that, rather than evolve, would rather gerrymander. Rather than earn the trust of voters through bold ideas or real leadership, Republican legislators have chosen to retreat behind district lines that have been drawn with the precision of a scalpel and the integrity of a loaded dice. It is weakness masquerading as strategy, and laziness cloaked in spreadsheets.

You've chosen to redraw the rules of democracy not because you are strong—but because you are afraid. You're afraid of voters, afraid of demographic change, afraid of young people, communities of color, working-class coalitions, and anyone who challenges the status quo. You're afraid of fair fights, because deep down, you know you've already lost them.

This proposal is not about representation—it is about insulation. It is about cocooning a dwindling ideology inside safe, uncompetitive districts where accountability goes to die. And the cost? Entire communities carved apart like jigsaw puzzles. Cities split in half. Minority voters cracked and packed so brazenly that it would make Jim Crow blush.

Republicans claim to be the party of values, of freedom, of the Constitution. But nothing in this map reflects those ideals. In fact, it's a direct betrayal of them. This is not public service—it's political vandalism. It's the legislative equivalent of flipping the game board when you start to lose.

Let's also be clear: this was not the product of civic-minded deliberation. It was a closed-door scheme. The public was shut out, the process opaque, the outcome predetermined. The people didn't ask for this, and they certainly didn't approve it. This is backroom politics at its most cynical and self-serving.

And please—spare us the justifications. We've all heard the hollow talking points: "compactness," "efficiency," "preserving communities of interest." What a joke. This map is compact only in its cruelty, efficient only in its erasure, and the only community it serves is the one holed up in the Republican caucus room.

This is not just a bad map—it is an insult. An insult to every voter who still believes that democracy means something. An insult to the civil rights legacy we pretend to honor. An insult to the very idea that elections should be won with persuasion, not manipulation.

If Republicans believed in their ideas, they'd fight for them in competitive districts. If they believed in the people, they'd trust them to choose. But this map makes one thing tragically clear: they believe in neither.

So I say this: REJECT THIS MAP.

James Morton
Citizen
Austin, TX

I don’t support redistricting. No to gerrymandering!

William Ely
Self
Cypress, TX

Districts currently do not allow voters a choice. Impacts near Houston could result in an answer to the soft on crime Democrats that have been in power in these districts for 20 years. We need competition of ideas, and we know the number one issue in Harris County is crime. Kids cannot walk to school without changing routes to avoid gang territory. Parents can't allow their teens to go to the mall. Citizens need choices, and if crime is not important to them, they can vote for what they care about. Right now, a republican has no chance of winning, so voters really do not have a choice if crime, safety of their loved ones is their top concern. We need the competition of ideas. What are the Democrats afraid of? If their ideas are better, they should not be concerned. What have they done in these areas in the last twenty years? Harris County deserves better. Texas deserves better.

Vonna McMeans
Self
Colleyville, TX

I opposed the efforts to redistrict. Election outcomes should be determined by the intentions of the voters, not stacked ahead of time by politicians. Have the courage to win fairly.

Denaja Jones
Self
Arlington, TX

Public Testimony – In Opposition to Mid-Cycle Redistricting in Texas

Good afternoon, Chair Vasut, Vice Chair Rosenthal, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Denaja Jones. I’m a junior, pre-law, political science major at UT Arlington. I’m here today to respectfully voice my strong opposition to the proposed mid-cycle redistricting plan:

This proposal is not grounded in new census data. It’s not a response to population shifts. It’s a rare and irregular political maneuver, driven by former President Trump’s agenda to pick up five additional congressional seats in Texas and shift up to 30 districts in favor of one party. This is a blueprint for control, not representation.

From what I’ve studied in my coursework and civic work, redistricting should reflect populations, not protect incumbents. But this map uses classic voter suppression tactics like cracking and packing, fracturing the political power of Black, Latino, and Asian communities across Dallas, Houston, and beyond that will directly undermine the protections guaranteed under Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act, and raise serious concerns under the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment.

As someone preparing to enter the legal field, I’ve learned that representative government must be both legal and legitimate. This proposal may pass the legislature, but it won’t pass the test of democratic fairness. Maps like this have been struck down in other states, and this one raises similar concerns. But we shouldn’t have to rely on lawsuits to protect fair representation. We can do what’s right here and now.

I urge this committee to stand up for our rights to fair maps, not just for the people in power now, but for every Texan who believes in democracy.

Thank you for your time.

Keith McGee
Self
Arlington, TX

I oppose the redistricting of Texas congressional districts—it silences communities and undermines fair representation for all Texans, specifically African Americans.

Theresa Guill
Self, Management
Carrollton, TX

I am against this redistricting. It is bad for Texans. We are already too heavily gerrymandered and this only makes it worse. It is a clear power grab by the Republican party to try to maintain power when their policies are so broadly unpopular. It is undemocratic and unconstitutional since it is also racially motivated and seeks to dilute the voting power of non-white Texans.

Alma Sierra
Self
Austin, TX

Do NOT cut up and redistrict our state. You are drowning out the voices of your constituents to serve a governor who listens first to the president than to the people. I STRONGLY oppose redistricting and will make my vote heard at the next election.

Janet Baber, RN
Self, small business owner
Whitehouse, TX

As an active citizen, I urge the Texas Legislature to approve HB4. The current districts drawn in 2021 followed the flawed 2020 Census which officials have acknowledged significantly undercounted several states, including Texas, while overcounting others. Further, recent court decisions including the U.S. Fifth Circuit's 2024 ruling in the Petteway v. Galveston County established that districts based on "coalitions" of minority groups are not protected by the Voting Rights Act. We need the redistricting proposed in HB4 to return our Congressional seats to fair redistricting. It is time to correct this error that so greatly affects our country. Vote "yes" on HB 4. Thank you.

Katheryn Jager
Self / Self
Cedar Park, TX

With respect, as a Texas voter, I must request that you thoroughly reject the current redistricting proposal.

It is shameful that rather than spending the entirety of the special session working to protect Texans after the deadly floods, your time and our tax dollars are being spent to degrade democratic voting rights. Attempting to disenfranchise Texas voters through blatantly biased redistricting, especially when this action is added outside of the approved government schedule, is so anti-democratic as to be laughable if it wasn't so damaging. Texans all deserve to have their votes count, and not to have districts stretch so far beyond any reasonable geographic boundaries that their representatives will no longer have ties to their voters' interests. As our representative, you are here to protect voters and their voices. It is unethical and a dramatic disservice to your voters to try to silence the voices of the people of Texas through forced gerrymandering.

I hope that you will listen to a very concerned voter and protect our rights. Protect fair voting (or at least as fair as our already horribly gerrymandered districts can be) by rejecting the new proposals at redistricting. Be a good steward of the American right to vote and allow every individual's vote to count equally and to do so in a district that geographically represents them and their needs/concerns.

Reject further redistricting, especially in the currently proposed and excessively gerrymandered maps.

Thank you.

Tonia Bradshaw
Self
Frisco, TX

We are in total support of this redistricting bill. Please approve!! Thank you for your attention to this matter!

Keith Hefner
Self
Dallas, TX

As a Texan who values fair representation and constitutional integrity, I strongly support the Texas HB 4 redistricting plan. This plan, backed by Governor Greg Abbott and aligned with President Trump's push for equitable district lines, addresses critical flaws in our current congressional map while reflecting the will of Texas voters.
I believe HB 4 is necessary to fix the four Democratic-leaning districts flagged by the U.S. Department of Justice as unconstitutional racial gerrymanders. By redrawing these boundaries, the plan ensures compliance with federal law and creates compact districts that respect our communities. It also aligns with Texas' 2024 electoral outcome, where Trump won by nearly 14 points, by potentially adding up to five Republican seats. This reflects the conservative values of the majority of Texans, including myself, ensuring our voices are heard in Congress.
I'm encouraged that HB 4 increases minority representation, with two majority-Black and eight majority-Hispanic districts, balancing demographic fairness without compromising voting strength. Critics may call it partisan, but mid-decade redistricting is legal in Texas, as confirmed by the U.S. Supreme Court. The transparent process, with public hearings and legislative oversight, gives me confidence that the final map will reflect both legal standards and our state's values.
For me, HB 4 is about securing Texas' influence in Washington to advance policies like border security and economic growth that matter to us. It's a practical, principled step toward fair representation, and I stand behind it as a way to strengthen our state's voice while upholding constitutional standards.

Allie Rodenberg
Self, Client Account Manager in Sales
Dallas, TX

I'm writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed Congressional redistricting plan currently under consideration. This plan undermines the principles of fair representation, weakens the voting power of minority communities, and prioritizes partisan advantage over democratic integrity.

Texas is one of the most diverse states in the nation, with communities of color accounting for over 95% of the state's population growth in the last decade. Yet the proposed map fails to reflect this demographic reality. Instead of increasing representation for growing Black, Latino, and Asian communities, the map dilutes their influence by cracking and packing districts - breaking up cohesive communities and redistributing them across districts to minimize their electoral impact.

This is not just unfair; it is also fully undemocratic. The Voting Rights Act was enacted to prevent exactly this kind of racial gerrymandering. By ignoring the needs and voices of minority voters, the proposed plan violates both the spirit and letter of federal law. It sends a troubling message to every Texan that some voices in our state matter more than others in the democratic process.

Moreover, partisan gerrymandering corrodes public trust. Voters should choose their representatives - not the other way around. When maps are drawn to secure one party's dominance rather than to reflect the will of the people, it leads to extreme partisanship, uncompetitive elections, and elected officials who are less accountable to their constituents. That's bad for democracy, regardless of your political affiliation.

Fair maps benefit everyone. They promote competition, improve responsiveness, and strengthen our institutions.

I urge this committee to reject this current proposal and instead support a map that reflects Texas as it truly is: diverse, dynamic, and democratic.

Please do the right thing. Protect our right to equal representation and draw fair congressional districting maps.

Mia Sanchez
Self
Hutto, TX

"Redistricting" aka gerrymandering texas even more to push your own agenda and line your own pockets even more while everyday Texans are struggling everyday to even afford rent and food is an absolute waste of time and money. You're so scared of being called out by democrats of your shitty behavior that you go and try to just erase them from THEIR ELECTED seats just goes to show how corrupt and small of a person you are with zero values or integrity all the while preaching about "Christian values". Its an absolute shame texas has become this weak pitiful state that everyone in America mocks im ashamed to have been born here and have you people be our "elected" officials. Instead of redistricting you should focus on the families and towns that were impacted by the flood and focus on becoming a better person.

Julia Watts
Self
HOUSTON, TX

No taxation without representation is the grounding principle of this nation. To deliberately undermine a representative democracy renders illegitimate the Government of Texas and of the United States.
The brazen nature of this attempt is corrupt and a violation of the Social Contract of our Republic.
I oppose HB 4 redistricting.

Margaret McGhee-Sufke
self
Austin, TX

Opposed to this bill and the intent to dismantle the current balanced structure. Quite simply this form of legislation is wrong. Focus on the job of government for the all people not just a select group. Everyone should be represented equally.

Resha Thomas
Myself
Houston, TX

I’m against this bill

Elizabeth Shumpert Ramirez
Self
Austin, TX

Not only is this completely unconstitutional, it sets up a precedent that basically removes half of the countries right to vote as their vote will no longer matter. We are a democratic nation and I strongly oppose the rewrite of districts in this way.

Jeff de Jong
Self
Austin, TX

I’m opposed to this attempt to further gerrymander our electoral maps! Shame on you.

Elizabeth Shumpert Ramirez
Self
Austin, TX

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Bethany Counts
Self/ nail tech
Tyler, TX

Pass the bill

Mary Lamoreaux
self Pilates teacher
Austin, TX

I do not support this Bill, which appears to be an extreme form of gerrymandering, designed to disenfranchise voters in Texas' urban areas. The map as currently drawn appears to have the intent of diluting votes in urban areas by shrinking, splitting, or attaching large rural areas to the anchor points in urban areas. The timing and urgency of this bill suggest this is not in the best interests of a representative democracy, instead serving the current Republican majority in an attempt to maintain power by diluting the interests of the major population centers. This is an example of Republicans putting party over country to impose their will in an authoritarian manner

Nicole Alexander
Self
LEAGUE CITY, TX

AGAINST.

Please remember you're voted in to represent Texans, not to do the bidding of Trump. Vote against this and take it up at the regular 10yr review cycle.

Tina Brady
self
Houston, TX

I am opposed to the redistricting that Governor Abbott added to the special session agenda.
Governor Abbott approved the current Congressional district map less than four years ago, in October 2021. He’s calling for redistricting now because President Trump ordered him to get five more Republican seats.
The special session should focus on work that serves Texans and heals Texas after the catastrophic flood that took at least 137 human lives last month.
Do not spend your time and our money redistricting in 2025, when we’ll be required to do it again after the 2030 census.
Do not rush redistricting on us with no advance notice, no explanation of the reasoning, and no time to process proposed district maps.
Take a moment to think about the people you represent. Consider how your children and grandchildren will view your legacy of disenfranchisement. Help us to build a system that hears the people it’s meant to serve, and where our votes matter.
Your constituents are being cheated by a system in which our votes don’t count. We feel it, and you know it.

Emily Hood
Self - public school educator
Dallas, TX

Hello, I’m a white woman, mother and wife, Christian and lifelong Texan. As Jesus taught me to love my neighbors, I strongly oppose moving the district lines in Texas. Our neighbors and fellow voters have chosen their homes with thought and purpose - often for school zoning, access to work, place of worship, and community features, and proximity to fellow like-minded Texans. You - our government representatives - have also made choices accordingly, and I ask, beg, plead that you do not vote to move district lines.

Agree or not, our government was designed to support difference of opinion and civil discussion. One party should not rule the land; the checks and balances built in are there for a reason. All things should have moderation, and our district boundaries need this, too. Difference of thought, perspective, cultural values and beliefs, and diversity of representation MATTER. Our government officials should reflect this beautiful diversity, as well, to best represent the incredible and rich melting pot that is our Lone Star State.

I plead with you, please refrain from redistricting. Please ensure all of our neighbors have true and real representation in our local and state government. Thank you.

Daniel Ford

Self, General Manager

Tyler, TX

Daniel E. Ford
Smith County Republican Party, Precinct 54 Chair
Written Testimony to the Texas House & Senate Select Committees on Redistricting
Date: August 1, 2025

Chair Vasut, Chair Huffman, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony in support of the proposed mid-decade congressional redistricting plan. I offer this testimony in my capacity as the Precinct 54 Chair for the Smith County Republican Party.

The proposed redistricting plan reflects significant demographic changes across Texas, including population growth in suburban and exurban regions as well as emerging community shifts within urban centers. The map update adheres strictly to constitutional requirements, ensuring equal population across districts and preservation of county lines, while adjusting boundaries to align more closely with current population realities. It also introduces additional majority-Hispanic districts in areas where demographic trends warrant enhanced representation.

Equally important is continuity in constituent services. Texans rely on established relationships with congressional offices for help with immigration matters, veterans' benefits, Social Security, and related federal programs. Redistricting mid-term can disrupt these essential connections and create confusion for residents already in the middle of ongoing cases.

Under current Texas law, mid-decade redistricting is permitted when substantial demographic changes or legal developments justify map revisions. The Legislature exercised this authority in 2003, and courts—including in Abbott v. Perez—have upheld legislatively drawn maps unless evidence shows intentional racial discrimination?

Some have expressed concern regarding the plan's effect on minority representation. However, expert analysis and public testimony indicate that the map maintains or expands minority-majority districts in key metropolitan areas through race-neutral criteria such as population trends and communities of interest. No compelling evidence has been presented showing that race was the predominant factor in boundary drawing.

In summary, this redistricting proposal is lawful, demographically grounded, and focused on minimizing disruption for constituents. It responsibly updates Texas's congressional map in line with current community patterns and federal legal mandates. As someone serving at the precinct level, I respectfully urge the Committee to approve this plan as a fair and effective approach to modernizing representation in Texas.

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel?E.?Ford
Smith County Republican Party
Precinct 54 Chair

Gwen Turner

Self, customer service

La Vernia, TX

Redistricting is unnecessary right now, do not let Trump control Texas. As a Texan, I do not want this.

Susan Cameron

myself

Garland, TX

This is illegal, immoral and goes against what we stand for in this country. Democracy must prevail and the choice of the people needs to be respected.

Lindsey Wolf
Self
Plano, TX

I support this bill.

Stefanie Fox-Marin
self
San Antonio, TX

Public Comment on Proposed Texas Redistricting Maps

Submitted August 1, 2025

From: Stefanie Fox-Marin

City: San Antonio, TX

Subject: Strong Opposition to Proposed Redistricting Map and the Targeting of Rep. Jasmine Crockett

To the Members of the Redistricting Committee and Texas Legislators:

I am submitting this public comment as a San Antonio resident to express my strong and unequivocal opposition to the redistricting map currently under review. This map is an assault on democratic representation and a clear continuation of a pattern of political retaliation and racial and geographic disenfranchisement.

Most egregiously, this proposed map removes Congresswoman Jasmine Crockett from the district she currently represents, despite her being duly elected to represent a majority-Black community (Texas Tribune, 2025). This is not a neutral redistricting decision—it is a deliberate act of political punishment targeting one of the most vocal and principled members of the Legislature. By drawing her out of the district she serves, you are punishing dissent, silencing voters of color, and sending the unmistakable message that advocacy for equity and justice will be met with retribution (Dallas Examiner, 2025).

This is not isolated. In San Antonio, we have long seen this playbook—splitting our city into sprawling districts like TX-23 and TX-28, lumping us with faraway rural regions to weaken our collective voice. These maps are not designed for representation—they are engineered to entrench power and suppress urban, diverse, and progressive constituencies (Texas NAACP, 2024).

The process itself has also been disgracefully opaque. Why was this map not made available during earlier hearings? Why are we, the public, only allowed to respond at the eleventh hour, when the outcome already seems predetermined? This is not public input—it's damage control. A fair map wouldn't require secrecy (Texas Redistricting Coalition, 2025).

This map also fits into a broader pattern of failure by Texas leadership to serve the people. For decades, the state has neglected public needs:

- Texas still has the highest uninsured rate in the nation (Kaiser Family Foundation, 2024).
- Public schools are chronically underfunded, and the state pushes private school vouchers instead of investing in children (Texas Education Agency, 2025; EdBuild, 2024).
- Gun violence remains unchecked, even after Uvalde, because meaningful reform has been stonewalled (Texas Tribune, 2023).
- Property taxes rise as state leaders shift the financial burden onto local governments (Texas Comptroller, 2024).
- The 2021 grid failure killed hundreds of Texans, yet our power infrastructure remains vulnerable (ERCOT, 2022; Texas House Select Committee on Electric Grid Security, 2022).
- And just last month, the July 2025 Kerrville flood tragedy devastated lives and exposed critical weaknesses in our emergency planning and infrastructure. Despite years of warnings about flood risks in the Hill Country, th

Phillip Cook
Texas
Longview, TX

"I believe the representation of we the people, should be reflective of the voters within each district. Voting districts do not stay stagnate. with fluid changes from year to year. (Our every10 year Census may need to be every 5 years). We know there has been massive voter migration within states and voter out migration to other states. Why not be transparent of this shift. To ensure each district has roughly the same population, compliance with the Voting Rights Act and fixing outdated or inequitable maps I highly recommend the passage of HB 4 without delay."

Pamela Keirnan
Self/Retired
Lago Vista, TX

Texas has bigger problems to deal with. This is purely for political gain and a waste of time. Gerrymandering is wrong by either political party..An independent commission should be appointed to do the next redistricting in five more years. Please do what is best for Texas and not your party just to stay in power.

Kimberly Smith, Ms.
self
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose redrawing of our electoral maps to "find 5 GOP seats" per the demand of President Trump. It's CHEATING!! It's OUTRAGEOUS!! Do the right thing, just say NO to GERRYMANDERING. Gerrymandering is an assault on democracy. All Texans have a right to be fairly represented in government, not just Republicans.

Suzanne Collins
Self
New Braunfels, TX

The redistricting doesn't fairly represent everyone and gives a very unfair advantage to the Republicans. These districts were very unfairly gerrymandered before and now the new maps make it worse. Our representatives should work for everyone and not a select group. Please do not change the maps to give more power to the Republicans when they already have a very unfair advantage.

Rebekah Ellis
Self
Austin, TX

The proposed redistricting in order to gain five more Republican seats is an absolute affront to the citizens of Texas and their ability to choose their representatives. It will do harm to the entire electorate process and the People's faith in it. This is unabashed cheating, pure and simple - Texas is better than this.

Bethany Grissom
Self
Fort worth, TX

This is a disgraceful move and clearly unlawful. This special session should be focused on the tragedy of the lives that were lost in the Kerr county flooding and how to safeguard against future natural disaster tragedies. If you must use trickery and shameful means to hold onto power then you never really had power to begin with

Heidi Case
Self
Spring Branch, TX

Gerrymandering again! Does it not bother the Republicans that they are chipping away at our beloved Democracy? Forget about Texans. All hail power and the monied campaign donors.

Kim Staman
Self
Terrell, TX

It’s time the elected representatives of Texas start representing their constituents. You work for we the people, not the person who is residing in the White House. This blatant and illegal attempt to further gerrymander the state is an egregious overreach.

Margaret Sudderth
Self
Fort Worth, TX

I am opposed to this bill

Marigold H
Self
Houston, TX

As a Texas resident, I oppose the redistricting changes outline by HB4. The changes are clearly an attempt at gerrymandering in favor of the Republican party and will harm the voting power of communities of color. The proposed maps are unfair, inequitable, and abhorrently violate what is supposed to a basic right of living in the United States: the ability to vote in a FAIR election for your representative. I ask that the supporters of this bill critically question how much of their democratic integrity they are willing to sacrifice in order to make for personal and unfair gains for their political party.

Norman Wright
Self
Austin, TX

No to redistricting

Renee Thomas
Self retired
Southlake, TX

I stand and support of the HB4 redistricting map

Julia Babcock
Self
Cuero, TX

I absolutely oppose the proposed redistricting map.

Rhonda Griffin
self
ARLINGTON, TX

We see you and we know what you are doing. Trying to disenfranchise the citizens you are representing. Is power the only thing you self centered republicans can think about. You were elected to represent all of the people of Texas. Winning by cheating is not winning. VOTE NO on this bill!!!!

Megan Kelly
Self, Communications Specialist
Austin, TX

To the Leaders of the Texas House Redistricting Committee,

I respectfully submit this comment to strongly oppose the Republican-proposed mid-decade congressional remap, which appears designed to secure five additional GOP seats—shifting representation to a 30-8 split from the current 25-13 split in Texas's 38 U.S. House districts. This effort disregards traditional redistricting principles and undermines the core democratic value of one person, one vote.

1. Disproportionate Political Engineering:
The proposal targets Democratic-held districts in Austin, Dallas, Houston, and South Texas using "crack-and-pack" tactics—packing Democratic voters into a few districts and cracking others to dilute their influence. This partisan tilt suppresses competition and weakens the alignment between votes cast and seats won. Republicans already outperform Democrats in statewide vote share, but this map exaggerates that advantage and creates outcomes that do not reflect how Texans actually vote.

2. Risk of Racial Voter Suppression:
While the GOP claims the map increases majority-Hispanic or Black districts, experts like Thomas A. Saenz of MALDEF note that numeric increases alone do not satisfy the Voting Rights Act if district lines dilute minority influence. Texas has a long legal history of redistricting litigation—Bush v. Vera, League v. Perry, Abbott v. Perez—demonstrating that courts reject maps that prioritize partisan gain over protecting communities of color.

3. Harm to Communities and Public Interest:
Beyond legal concerns, this map fractures neighborhoods and disrupts essential constituent services. Splitting long-standing communities weakens relationships with representatives who help residents navigate Social Security, veterans' benefits, and other federal services. Redistricting should strengthen—not undermine—community cohesion.

4. Short-Term Gain, Long-Term Risk:
The map relies on last cycle's unusually high Latino turnout, which may not recur in midterm or down-ballot races. If voting patterns shift, these engineered districts could backfire, leaving Texas with distorted representation and diminished public trust.

To preserve public confidence in our democracy, I urge you to:
• Reject the current proposal, which undermines fairness and minority voting power.
• Pursue transparent maps that respect population equality, community integrity, compactness, and the Voting Rights Act.
• Recognize that federal and state courts have repeatedly intervened when Texas maps fail to meet these standards.

Thank you for considering this comment. I urge you to uphold democratic values and reject partisan gerrymandering that sacrifices representational integrity for political gain.

Sincerely,
Megan Kelly
Austin, Texas

Mel Spell
Self
Beaumont, TX

Good Afternoon, members of the committee. My name is Mel Spell. I'm a small business owner, taxpayer, and lifelong Texan.

I'm here because Let's be honest this redistricting process isn't just about politics—it's about race, and about whose voices get to matter in Texas. Dividing districts could diminish the representation of Black and Brown Texans. That's not democracy. That's exclusion, plain and simple.

This could not just shift political power even further but strip representation from entire communities. I work with and advocate alongside these groups every single day. I see how hard they fight to be heard, and removing coalition districts will make that fight even harder.

This isn't just about boundaries or district borders. It's about whose stories matter, whose needs get met, and who gets left out. If you divide and silence historically underrepresented neighborhoods, you're sending a clear message about who's valued in this state—and who's being forced into submission for a corrupt agenda.

I urge you: don't turn this process into a tool for erasure. Texans deserve districts that reflect our real diversity and give every community a voice—not just the ones already in power.

This isn't about partisan advantage. It's about equity, justice, and the kind of Texas we want to build together. Please choose inclusion. Please choose fairness. Do what's right for every Texan.

I want to remind this committee The man asking Texas to do this, pardoned people who tried to cause physical harm to law makers just like you, for doing their job.

Thank you for your time and for listening.

Lindsay Reynolds
Self
Fort Worth, TX

This is blatant voter suppression. This is unconstitutional & not what the people want. Please vote NO!!

Rebekah Janes
Self/office manager
Austin, TX

This mid-cycle redistricting is purely political. It's a power grab by Republicans who know they are not strong enough to win fairly. Abbott is handing Texas over to Trump on a platter, and Texans will continue to suffer as a result. This bill seeks to suppress people of color. Anyone who supports this bill will be declaring that they are Trump's lackey and that they have no regard for their constituents. They should be ashamed of themselves.

Savanna Polasek, Mrs.
Self
Cedar Park, TX

I am disgusted by this attempt to silence our voters. We all know this is not the right time to redistrict and further gerrymander. You are wasting our legal funds. This is despicable. This is why people are leaving our great state. No taxation without representation!

Leslie Gomez
Self
Houston, TX

I am AGAINST this bill as it proposes unfair redistricting plans. Stop making it harder for Texas voices to be heard.

Judith Zamorsky
Myself, Retired
Austin, TX

To Texas congress members. It is imperative that people, not the legislature, select who they want to represent them. Instead, you are trying to pit in who YOU want. That is not how a democracy works. You all know that. But instead if thing of your constituents, you want to "please" your dear leader, the President. Your job is not to please him, but to support your constituents, and that includes letting them choose their representatives. Gerrymandering should not be used. You will fail us again!
Judith Zamorsky

Patricia Potter
Self, Marketing Director for architecture firm
Fort Worth, TX

I do not approve of what this bill proposes. Please vote against it. Republicans have had control of Texas house for decades and they want to tip the scales to keep it that way because they're afraid of the ramifications of their actions of late. I'm so frustrated with the Governor and Texan politicians stomping on human rights, discriminating against minority groups and pandering to our ridiculous and treasonous president. Do the right thing and vote no. You know what you're proposing is wrong and illegal. If republicans were doing a good job, they wouldn't have to cheat and redraw our district to win elections. I don't know one person who thinks this bill is a good idea or legal. Vote no, for the people. Prove your worth.

Autumn Hardin, Dr.
Self
Beaumont, TX

Let me be clear: these Republican representatives work for us, not the other way around. I live in a heavily Republican area, and even here, people are starting to see this for what it is. It’s not about representation. It’s about rigging the system.

This map isn’t designed to reflect the will of the people. It’s designed to dilute it.

If our elected officials were truly confident in the values they claim to represent, they wouldn’t need to gerrymander districts to stay in power. The fact that they resort to these tactics shows they fear accountability, even from their own voters.

I will make sure every person in my community knows: these politicians do not respect their voices. They do not care about fair representation. They care about control and lining their pockets.

We deserve better. Texans deserve fair maps. And we won’t forget who fought against them.

You really want to test the memory of the Texas electorate?
Our motto is “Remember the Alamo.”
We don’t forget.

Carol Saucedo, Ms
Self - retired
Austin, TX

I live in Anderson Mill where our neighborhood will be split off into the proposed district 17. My interests align with urban residents, not the rigged rural district u created. I will continue to fight, vote and protest against the corruption of our democracy by Trump and his gutless henchmen. I will also work to encourage my neighbors to vote to save our country and our state from the cruel and inhumane actions of persons more interested in their own greed than the struggles of my fellow citizens. By passing this bill, you'll create a firestorm of hate that will only serve Trump - not Texans. Who do you serve - your constituents or Trump? God help us!

Suzanne Levy, Precinct Chair, Smith County
Self, Retired Teacher
Tyler, TX

As an active citizen, I urge the Texas Legislature to approve HB4. The current districts drawn in 2021 followed the flawed 2020 Census which officials have acknowledged significantly undercounted several states, including Texas, while overcounting others. Further, recent court decisions including the U.S. Fifth Circuit's 2024 ruling in the Petteway v. Galveston County established that districts based on "coalitions" of minority groups are not protected by the Voting Rights Act. It is time to correct the error of 2021, pass HB4, and restore fair Congressional seat representation in Texas. Thank you.

Thomas LePori
Self
copperas cove, TX

It is unconstitutional to have an autocracy in the state of Texas. I am a native Texan. Redistricting to please the members of the current white house is unconstitutional. I do not condone, and will not stay complacent, when this is a standing issue of MY great state of Texas.

It is critical in this time that you stand on the right side of history.

All my best, Thomas LePori of Fort Davis, Texas.

Nancy Lemmon
Self
Austin, TX

I understand that every politician wants to increase the chances of getting re-elected, but I want you to consider: re-elected to serve in what form of government? Not a democracy, that would require you to hear from and represent all people. The districts you're proposing silence those you don't see as worth hearing, effectively creating a government for the chosen, not for all. A government that doesn't represent all and where we all have rights is not a democracy and sets the stage for long-term unrest. Please don't silence people like me and my family, life-long Texans who also deserve a government that represents us.

Jillian Summar
Self
AUSTIN, TX

I urge you to reject House Bill 4. The proposed congressional redistricting plan undermines fair representation in Texas and appears to be a deliberate effort to dilute the political power of communities of color, particularly Latino, Black, and Asian American voters.

Texas's population growth over the past decade has been driven overwhelmingly by people of color. Yet, HB 4 fails to reflect this reality in its proposed maps. Instead of expanding representation for these communities, the bill packs and cracks minority voters in ways that diminish their influence—raising serious concerns about compliance with the Voting Rights Act and constitutional protections.

Fair maps should ensure that every Texan has an equal voice in our democracy, regardless of race, ethnicity, or political affiliation. HB 4 does the opposite: it protects incumbents and entrenches partisan power at the expense of meaningful, representative governance.

This kind of gerrymandering erodes public trust, weakens accountability, and harms the integrity of our elections. Voters should choose their representatives—not the other way around.

I respectfully urge the Legislature to reject HB 4 and adopt a redistricting plan that reflects Texas's diverse population and protects the voting rights of all communities.

Thomas Heathman
self
San Marcos, TX

Redistricting is required by the Constitution every TEN years based on the results of the Census taken every ten years. Redistricting is based only on NEW Census data. This proposed redistricting has no basis in the census that was not undertaken last year. So what is the basis of this redistricting? Race? Polls? Politics? Whatever excuse the Texas Legislature is using is illegal, immoral, AND racist. Do not pass any redistricting, regardless of who is calling for it for political purposes. Do not force a racially divided redistricting map down the throats of the Texas population. Use your brains, redistricting is for the allocation of seats in the House of Representatives after a census shows that population growth or loss requires those seats to be redistricted. Not to take away seats from some party to the advantage of an opposing party.
I strongly urge each of you to vote against adoption of this ridiculous racist political ploy to give the president more power to continue to destroy America.

Kate Walker
None/myself
Lampasas, TX

I am a republican and I disagree with this plan.

Sean Tanner, VP
Self
Colleyville, TX

I support the Republican led redistricting

Karen Wiseman
Self
Fort Worth, TX

I stand in support of the HB4 redistricting map. We need this.

Ruben Griess
Self, retired
Bayview, TX

I support the redistricting bill.

Leah Bellon
Self
Austin, TX

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Edy Lou Mayfield
Self/retired educator
Fort Worth, TX

I do not support the mid-decade congressional redistricting of Texas. At the hearing on HB4 held in Arlington, the speakers overwhelmingly spoke against this mid-decade redistricting that will silence people of color and people in large urban areas. President Trump's fear of losing seats in the house is real. I suggest the Republican Party change its policies not the Texas districts for the election of members of the United States House of Representatives from the State of Texas. I do not support this redistricting, and if HB4 passes, I will join many others to make sure it backfires and Republicans lose more seats than this gerrymandering would potentially give them.

Bristol Samples
Myself / housekeeper
Austin, TX

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the current redistricting and gerrymandering practices in Texas. These maps do not reflect the true makeup of our communities and instead serve to protect political power at the expense of fair representation.

This issue disproportionately affects Black and brown communities, whose voting power is often diluted through tactics like cracking and packing. These communities are growing, contributing to the strength and diversity of our state, yet they are being silenced in the political process.

I believe every Texan deserves a fair and equal voice in our democracy. I urge you to reject gerrymandered maps and support a redistricting process that is transparent, accountable, and rooted in equity.

Kelsey Ross
Self
Austin, TX

I very strongly oppose this bill. Redistricting effortsshould be tied to census updates. This is a blatant partisan paragraph and I'm frankly disgusted that it's even being floated as acceptable. Please withdraw this bill before will become a national embarrassment, and disenfranchise voters.

Amelia Shannon
Self
Austin, TX

I 100% oppose this new map!

Teresa Gonzalez
Self
Austin, TX

My name is Teresa Gonzalez and I'm speaking today as a concerned Texan who believes in fair representation and a government that reflects the will of the people.

The redistricting plan currently being proposed is a blatant attempt to silence millions of voters in our state. Almost 5 million Texans voted for Democratic candidates in 2024 — the second highest total in the nation. Yet this plan seeks to erase their voices, dismantle diverse communities, and entrench political power through manipulation rather than merit.

This is not about fair representation. This is about preserving power for a single party at the expense of democracy.

Gerrymandering in the middle of the decade — just because Texas is finally in play — undermines the trust voters place in our system. Representation should be decided by voters, not by those desperate to hold onto power.

I urge this body to reject any redistricting map that prioritizes partisanship over people, and to stand with Texans who want their voices — all of our voices — to count equally.

Thank you.

Judy McInroy
Self retired Speech/Language Pathologist
Round Rock, TX

You can say this will help minorities, but in reality you know that not to be the case! You are trying to do the dirty work of a president who is out of control! He has blurred the lines of the 3 branches of government and now you want to help him to do more harm to our state. Please think seriously about what you are doing. There is absolutely no good reason for this redistricting. Thank you for your consideration,

Brandon Patterson
Republican chair for precinct 30
Hooks, TX

Good

LuAnn Howell
self
AUSTIN, TX

I am a Texas resident and I reside in District 37. I OPPOSE HB 4. I am concerned that this new map will have a discriminatory effect on our communities of color. It is important and a foundation of our democracy for individuals to have the representation in Congress who understand the needs and challenges of their communities. This map does not provide that opportunity. Due to the demographics of our state, we should have more representation for communities of color, not less. This redistricting plan is not based on censes data and is being conducted mid-decade as a power grab to obtain more seats in the House to support the current administration. We are currently in litigation for the previous plan, and no other plan should be considered until this is resolved. Please oppose this bill and support any plans to have more districts drawn up for communities of color.

Ann Nguyen
self
Austin, TX

My name is Ann Nguyen, and I am an educator in Austin.

I am expressing my concerns with the radical redistricting process. This is a dangerous precedent establish by obvious partisan gerrymandering. It is disappointing to see the priority placed in creating unfair maps suddenly mid-decade instead of focusing on emergency care, education, and actual concerns constituents need you to center.

As an educator, I try to emphasize on the daily the need for integrity -- to help guide students to be contributing members to society. And as adults, especially in leadership, we need to be strong role models for those who are watching. Please do the right thing and act accordingly to demonstrate the same integrity that we wish to pass down to future generations. Texas deserves better.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Whitney Bright
Self
Austin, TX

According to the U.S. Census, 95% of Texas' population growth over the last decade came from Black, Latino, Asian, and other communities of color, yet HB?4 fails to create new districts where these communities can elect candidates of their choice. Instead, it slices through diverse neighborhoods and packs voters of color into as few districts as possible, diluting their political power.

These maps would lock in underrepresentation for at least the next five years and undermine the promise of fair elections in Texas. We the people are calling on lawmakers to reject HB?4 and draw maps that reflect the true diversity and growth of our state. Every Texan deserves equal representation—our democracy depends on it.

Kathy Shafer
self/attorney
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose the redistricting maps that have been been submitted. We live in a democracy in which all citizen's have the right to give input and elect the person/ party of their choice. Gerrymandering so that one party is dominant over another circumvents the founding principles of our country and supports pettiness and corruption by a few rather than the will of the people, no matter what their party or beliefs. Diversity makes us better, fear not the corruption of the powerful and do the right thing by making the maps truly representative of the population and not ridiculously drawn to enable a few. And focus on things that really matter to the people of Texas and what was originally promised as the purpose of the special session, dealing with emergency weather conditions and flood control/saving lives. Be strong Texas legislators, not controlled by others. We're smarter than that and want to make our state the best it can be for all the people, not driven by the whims and desires of one party.

Krystal Vega
Self
Kyle, TX

I absolutely oppose this bill. As a resident of Austin/Kyle area I don’t think this is good use of money and time for our state. It seems oppressive in ways that are not so obvious. We do not need to be picking up 5 GOP seats for an administration who threatens the very existence of due process and other protected systems that ensure equality and proper representation for constituents in USA. We will not let this stand!

Timothy Maxwell
Self software developer
Austin, TX

We shouldn't be breaking the rules to redistrict and further gerrymander the state.

Randall Bohn
Self
Galveston, TX

Shameful corruption done out in the open. Cheating to consolidate power for a lunatic, moron, aspiring fascist dictator, and pedophile. your betrayals will not be forgotten when he is over

Penny Green, Dr.
Self/retired
Kerrville, TX

As the daughter of a WWII veteran, I strongly object to the proposed redistricting in HB 4. My father put his life on the line to promote democracy and fight authoritarian rule. An important component of democracy is the right to political representation. Yet HB 4 is a blatant effort to disenfranchise Democrats and people of color and support authoritarian rule in Texas. This proposed redistricting dishonors my father's service and the service of all who fought in WWII against authoritarian rule.

Lisa Choinacky
Self
Austin, TX

A president with a low approval rating is calling for the manipulation of Texas district lines serves the purpose of eliminate voices that challenge and hold accountable them reeks of fear and authoritarianism. Clearly this redistricting scheme is fueled by people who understand that their unpopular, unwanted, divisive, hateful, fascist, oppressive legislation won’t move forward without manipulating districts. This is not democracy. Do not change the maps. Stand your ground, Texas! Respectfully, Lisa Choinacky

Haylee Werner
Self/Student-Future Medical Professional
Paint Rock, TX

I urge the committee to reject this mid-decade redistricting proposal. As a future medical professional, I see the outcomes beyond the suppression of minority voices. This redistricting can harm the health care of millions. Texas, especially West and South Texas, already have a dire healthcare crisis. We don’t need it to worsen by this atrocious gerrymandering. Thank you for your consideration.

Mark Brantley-Gearhart
Self, retired
Austin, TX

Here we go again. GOP leadership seek to gerrymander districts because they cannot win elections honestly. Instead, they purposefully redraw districts in order to steamroll the constitutional rights of minorities and non-GOP voters to representation in state and federal government. We citizens know what's going on: the president called our governor and demanded that he come up with five more seats in the U.S. House of Representatives. That is in the same corrupt vein as when he called Georgia in 2020 and told them to find him the votes. This bill is a bald mockery of fair representation. Stop the corruption! Leave our districts alone, or else prepare for another lawsuit, just like the last time you carved Austin into pie pieces and my district ran from southwest Austin, out into the Hill Country, and down to north San Antonio. Stop the corruption and vote NO on HB 4!

Stephanie Barron
Self
Grapevine, TX

I urge the legislature to vote NO to redistricting. Forcing your party no matter what party it is is NOT democracy. Removing the voices of our Latino and black populations is reprehensible, and there is no reason to redistrict. Not to mention it's illegal to be attempting to redistrict mid-decade.

Jeff Sharp, Mr.
Self - Software Developer
Dripping Springs, TX

This attack on our democracy is just another brazen attempt by Trump and the Republicans to rig elections and stay in power through illegitimate means. They know Trump's policies and those of Project 2025 are highly unpopular and they are once again trying to subvert the will of the people of this nation and state. Republicans can only win elections through gerrymandering, election tampering, and voter suppression tactics and they know this, which is why we're here now fighting this awful rebuke of our democracy. THIS GERRYMANDERING IS ILLEGAL AND IMMORAL AND SHOULD BE THROWN OUT. STOP STEALING OUR ELECTIONS!!!!!

Leslie S Barrows
The Barrows Firm
Southlake, TX

Please pass to keep Texas Red!

William Sleek
Self telecommunications technician
Hooks, TX

Texas districts need to be redistricted to be more fair and balanced

Meghan Fernandes
Self, publisher
Austin, TX

I oppose mid-census redistricting. I support compact districts reflecting communities of interest.

Marc Metteauer, Mr
self/marketing consultant
Tyler, TX

Please serve on behalf of the citizens of Texas and get HB 4 passed! If passes, this plan would create FIVE new Texas Republican seats in the US Congress.
If Texas sends five new Republicans to Congress, it will help this administrations executive orders codified into law. This MUST happen to sustain the success we've had as a country – especially securing the border and deporting illegals.

Scott Coburn
Self
Southlake, TX

I support HB 4 Texas Redistricting.

Ann-Marie Haley
Self
Austin, TX

I am against the proposed redistricting for the election of the US House of Representatives from the State of Texas. The proposed redistricting is an obvious attempt at gerrymandering by Texas Republicans under direction of the current administration to dilute the votes of Texas minorities and strengthen the vote of white Texans. As a white Texan myself, I do not believe my vote should carry more weight than anyone else's. Texas Republican representatives are scared of losing power, and this proposed bill is a blatant attempt at cheating to "secure" more votes. This proposed bill is racist, evil, and anti-Texas. The role of government is to represent the voices of all, so, please, don't erase these voices. We're watching.

Diane Barksdale, Mrs.
Self
Helotes, TX

This redistricting action is unconstitutional and politically motivated. Texas has enough to contend with without the current DOJ adding mid-decade action. Texas already certified the current districts as fair and unbiased. Do you say now that your oath was false? If state and federal legislators do their jobs with the best interest of their constituents in mind, they having nothing to fear from a fair election. Re-balancing the voters through this bill indicates your doubts about your record. We urge you to do the jobs we faithfully elected you to do, in the best interests of Texans, and reject redistricting.

Zaena Zamora
Self
McAllen, TX

I strongly oppose Texas' proposed congressional redistricting map, which undermines fair representation and discriminates against communities of color. This plan is a blatant partisan power grab, designed to flip Democratic seats by dismantling competitive districts and diluting minority voting strength—particularly in Austin, Dallas, Houston, and South Texas.

The map fractures communities of color, packing Black and Latino voters into fewer districts while spreading Republican voters into Democratic-held areas.

These changes contradict the Voting Rights Act and decades of legal precedent. The fact that 30 of 38 districts would now favor Trump by double-digits—despite Texas' growing diversity—proves this map is about rigging elections, not reflecting voters.

I urge you to reject this discriminatory proposal and adopt a fair, transparent process that respects all Texans'—not just one party's agenda.

Ileene Pickett
Myself
Round Rock, TX

Please don’t cheat

Brittany Tovar
Self
Spring, TX

I strongly oppose the current redistricting practices in Texas. These maps are clearly drawn to entrench partisan power rather than represent communities fairly. Gerrymandering undermines democracy, silences voters, and fractures communities of interest. Every Texan deserves equal representation—not manipulated maps that favor one party over the people.

Diane Galando
San Jacinto County Republican Party
Coldspring, TX

It’s time Republican Representatives step up and stand with te people of Texas. We need bold initiatives and strong leadership.

Sage Sutton
Self - Public School Teacher
Austin, TX

The redistricting being presented is an abomination to the citizens of this state who deserve to have their voices heard. We constantly hear about how terrible our districting is and Texas is almost always used as an example of partisan gerrymandering. This has to end, every citizen in this great state deserves for their vote to meaningfully count.

David Kline
Self
Austin, TX

The only reason for redistricting now as opposed to the normal 10 years is obvious partisan gerrymandering. I opposed this.

Patricia Everist
Self
League City, TX

I oppose congressional redistricting in this special session. There is no purpose for these districts to be redrawn at this point in time since Congressional district lines are drawn from census data and were redrawn in 2021. The current map was already defended in court to be fair back in 2021, so how can there be a need for new maps. This is a blatant attempt to jerrymander these 5 congressional districts whose lines have been redrawn and starve voters of their right to choose representation in the Texas House and Senate that will work for their needs. Shame on those Texas Congress members who support this bill. I deeply oppose this bill and redistricting the congressional map without new census data.

Patsy Lesley, Ms.
Self
Houston, TX

No gerrymandering. It would be good if you would listen to your constituents and abide by the oath that you took. Thank you.

Mathieu Saenz
self
Austin, TX

This redistricting is an absolute travesty. I am staunchly opposed to it. Should it past, you will be making Texas an embarrassment.

Sandra King
self - LCSW
Dallas, TX

It is inconsistent with democracy to be drawing random district boarders to accommodate either party in future elections. By doing this YOU, the Texas legislators, are basically following the wishes of one person, the current president, whose only "deal making" capabilities consist of putting pressure on state legislators to do his bidding. Pull up your big boy pants and vote your conscience and not because of fear of retaliation by a president who has already demonstrated his leanings towards authoritarianism. This is the United States of America - not United States of Donald Trump. Stop this insane cowardly behavior and make decsions based on the good of the people you represent and not for your personal power agenda. What did you learn in Sunday School and/or government classes? Wake up to how you are being used.

Wayne Hoyer, Professor
Myself
Austin, TX

This is an absolute outrage! I strongly feel that my rights are being violated! Our representatives need to stop kissing Trump's butt and start representing their constituents!

Christen Towne
Self
Katy, TX

I oppose the proposed redistricting maps.

Amy Huggins
C2
Houston, TX

Please pass the map out of committee today! The citizens of Texas need our representatives in Congress to reflect and represent our beliefs and by redistricting, more people will be properly represented. Texas reps can provide a buffer in DC and allow America First policies to be implemented. Texans favor freedom and liberty--pass the map so we can vote for and elect common sense, freedom loving candidates

Marilyn Snider
Self
Point Blank, TX

Texas is a conservative state. Texans are watching very closely what and who vote to secure our conservative way of life. We believe in election integrity, no social transitioning or mutilation of children, keeping our state for citizens and friends of the United States, no Sharia Law, no illegals, and many other conservative beliefs. It is up to you to make this state what it should be, free and safe again.

Hannah Norris
Self
Austin, TX

The proposed redistrictricting for the Texas House of Representatives is a shamefully obvious attempt to prevent equitable representation. This was already successfully done in 2021, and this new map continues to make things less representative, not more. I strongly oppose these changes and request that the House work bipartisanly to draw district lines so that the people may be fairly represented in our legislature.

Jasmina Hughson, Miss
Self
Houston, TX

It is unethical, illegal, and morally indefensible to suppress the voices of the very people you were elected to represent. This is taxation without representation, the very injustice our nation was founded to oppose.

In 2021, you deliberately silenced Black and Brown communities—despite the fact that their growth is the reason Texas gained new representation in the first place. That was not governance. That was an abuse of power. And now, once again, you are attempting to manipulate district maps for political gain, putting your party above the people.

Gerrymandering does not protect democracy—it destroys it. It robs communities of their rightful influence, keeps politicians unaccountable, and entrenches power for a few at the expense of the many. This is not about policy differences. It is about whether or not we have a government that reflects the will of the people.

History always keeps receipts. You may think you are securing your power for the next election, but history will not be kind. One day, your grandchildren will ask where you stood when democracy in Texas was under attack. Do you want to tell them you traded away their future for a few more years in office? Where do you stand?

Stand on the right side of history. Protect the voices of all Texans—for our posterity and the soul of our great state.

Erin Magrath
self
Austin, TX

I urge our Texas lawmakers to put a stop to the proposed redistricting measures for our congressional districts. We all know the protocal and procedures for the drawing of congressional districts (which occurred in 2020 during the national census, in which there was no racial bias or major discrepancies reported, and was a non issue until now), and the current measures are a clear overstep from the federal government, specifically the presidential branch.
Although I have only been a citizen of the state of Texas for 15 years, one thing I immediately learned upon coming to this state and making community here, is that Texas are fiercely independent; proud of their self reliance and unique history of individualism. Texans do not bow to the powers that be, but make their own decisions that help take care of their community. Like any critical thinking member of society, I haven't always agreed with all the Texas legislative decisions, but I have always marveled at the confidence, charisma and freedom inherent in Texas culture. I like to think being here over 15 years has made me consider different walks of life and accept people different than myself because I now see it is such a privilege and gift the freedom to choose your path - a value that is held higher than most here in the great state.

With these values in mind, I am writing today for Republican Texas lawmakers to consider these core values that unite us as Texans. Regardless of religion, race or zip code, we do not need or want federal government intervention into our state congressional districting. This is a blatant power grab by the President of the United States to ensure more power over our state and people, many of us are already feeling the effects of this centralizing of power through damaging tariffs, impending loss of medical benefits/food assistance, and crippling of the public education system. This redistricting to prevent the voices of people within these democratic districts will only exacerbate the measures that are meant to enrich the wealthy and disenfranchise the rest of us. For the Republicans supporting this measure, look beyond your blind obedience to President Trump, and consider the suffering of your constituents from federal legislature already in place and the elimination of freedoms to come as you offer up our voting autonomy. Furthermore, Republicans, if you do indeed only care about your survival, consider that redistricting will dilute your districts with democratic voters, giving even you less of a voice and representation!
The redistricting of Texas must never come to pass. It goes against all principles Texans hold dear, and creates a future where none are represented and the seeds of authoritarianism are allowed to flourish. This is not who any of us are -- stop this now.

Lori Perry
Self
Austin, TX

Gerrymandering because a president instructed you to is not governing for the people.
It is obviously just to keep Republicans in power.
I strongly urge you to stop representing Donald J Trump and instead consider the damage redistricting will do to our Democracy.
The democrats can do the same thing in their states, so where will this take us as a country?
Chaos and subjugation to the federal government is not a sign of strength, nor is it going to end well for our State.
I strongly oppose this bill, and I urge you to vote against redistricting.

Linda Sears, Ms
Self, professor
Richardson, TX

I’m outraged that the Republicans have created districts that do not reflect the people they are supposed to represent. I used to be in a safely Democratic district until it was gerrymandering out of existence. Now I have a representative who is so alien in her views to my own that I don't even communicate with her. I used to be proud to have a representative I could count on. If the Republicans had good ideas that were actually popular with the people, they wouldn’t have to cheat. It’s disgusting and unAmerican.

Mindy Rossetto
Self
Austin, TX

This redistricting is unconditional. I, as a voter living in the suburbs of Austin, have already been in a district that encompasses a tiny sliver of my neighborhood, all the way out to College Station. My congressional needs are not the same as Aggies or a university town. On the new proposed map, it looks like I would be in a district that extends to Midland. My congressional needs are different than a whole region full of refineries and oil production. This will not hold up in courts. Anyone supporting this map should be ashamed of themselves for the blatant way this divides neighborhoods and splits people who deserve appropriate representation.

Joel Cabello
Christian Texans
Austin, TX

How can this gerrymandering be possible? This is unlawful. It doesn't represent the people in each district. I can't believe this is happening.

Pamela Mueller
Self - self employed bookkeeper
Dallas, TX

Texas Republicans and Democrats work hard for their U.S. representatives that represent them where they live. The new maps make a mockery of the concept of being represented by an elected official that understands the needs of the people living in their district. The amount of money wasted, on both sides to campaign in the new districts is shameful. Elected officials need to be spending time on real problems in Texas.

Rhetta Washington McCoy
self and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc - Southern Region
DeSoto, TX

I have reviewed the proposed redistricting maps and strongly oppose this unnecessary initiative. These districts were previously described as race-neutral, yet the current proposal appears designed to diminish minority representation. The voters have already selected their representatives under the existing maps.
I urge you to reject these redistricting proposals and instead focus your efforts on the urgent issues facing Texas residents. Redrawing districts at this time undermines the democratic process and fails to serve the people's interests.
Please vote against any redistricting measures and prioritize the pressing matters that truly require legislative attention.

Patrick Lim
self
Austin, TX

I am AGAINST the proposed redistricting.

The changes to my district would cause our representation to be diluted. The proposed changes would put us in District 11, spanning all the way to Odessa. How would someone in Austin have similar concerns to the Permian Basin and vice versa? The proposed changes are a disservice to all affected voters.

Regan Gillett
Self
Dallas, TX

I oppose redistricting in this special session, as it is a blatant power grab designed to further marginalize voices in Texas who deserve fair representation. Redistricting to curry political favor is shameful when there are real, legitimate issues you should be tackling in the wake of the tragedy of the flooding in Kerr County. Those families deserve better than this legislature. Three generations in my family have attended Camp Mystic, and your choice of focus here is craven.

Chris Bell
Harris County Precinct 678
Houston, TX

I am the current Democratic Chair for Harris County Precinct 678. The Precinct is located in Congressional District 18. Our Precinct is composed of hard working citizens who actively participate in elections. The individuals who have represented CD18 over my 30 plus years of residing in the district have been active and responsive. I cannot say that for all other office holders. The district lines have already been changed over the three decades and the proposed map changes put us in an entirely other Congressional District. There are a number of questions surrounding this current Special Session agenda item: "Who drew the maps? What demographers were used? Where is the data and analysis?" There are currently more questions than answers to this agenda item that is taking away time and bandwidth from more pressing items to include addressing the recent devastating Texas flooding. I am a 6th generation Texan and have never seen legislators "cow down" to anyone like I'm witnessing today! We didn't fight, defend the Alamo and win at San Jacinto to just rollover and let someone who has never spent time in a West Texas oil field, cutting timber in East Texas, shrimping in the Gulf, practicing medicine in the famed Texas Medical Center, or working in refineries or shipping ports dictate how we govern in the Lonestar State! Stand tall like "Big Tex" at the State Fair in Dallas or General Sam Houston along Interstate 45 in Huntsville! We are all watching!

Gina Bastone
Self
Austin, TX

My name is Gina Bastone, and I have lived in Texas since 2007. I hope by now that means I can call myself Texan! Since redistricting in 2010, I've been disheartened by gerrymandering in our state. It's undemocratic, and it's not in line with Texas values. It's dirty. It's cheating. It is not an act done with integrity. These proposed maps are the same. It's dirty cheating that robs Texas citizens of their right to fairly elected representation. I urge all committee members to act with honor and NOT advance this bill. Texans deserve FAIR representation. I deserve a representative who lives nearby, a representative who is member of my community, not someone who lives hours away. All Texans deserve that! Do the right and honorable thing. Act with integrity. Vote NO on HB 4. Thank you.

Adriana Wechsler
self
Houston, TX

I oppose mid-census redistricting. I support compact districts reflecting communities of interest.

Brian Tillman
Self
Mertzon, TX

This bill does NOT represent the will of the people of Texas and is a strike against Democracy! Vote against this bill! Stand up against this power grab by our president!

kia gomez
Self
Houston, TX

Let's be honest, gerrymandering isn't governance, it's election theft with extra steps. Texas has been struggling under Greg Abbott's leadership: from the failing power grid to attacks on public education and basic rights. And yet he stays in power, not because Texans are thriving, but because the maps are rigged. Pair that with the nonstop Trump worship like he's some kind of authoritarian idol, and it's clear this isn't about public service, it's about clinging to power. Texas deserves better. We need fair maps, real leadership, and politicians who serve the people, not themselves.

Amalia Morales
Self
Austin, TX

I’m writing to you not just as a constituent, but as a lifelong Austinite and a first-generation American who loves this state and believes deeply in the promise of our democracy. What’s happening with redistricting in Texas is an outrage — and I’m urging you to stand up and do the right thing.

My family became U.S. citizens the "right way." We’ve worked hard, played by the rules, and believed in the power of our vote. But this redistricting process is a slap in the face to communities like mine — intentionally dividing and silencing us to hold onto power. That’s not just wrong — it’s un-American.

Let me be clear: I know what this is really about. It's about bending to the will of America’s number one bully — Donald Trump. It’s about catering to fear, not fairness. And I’m asking you — don’t bend the knee. Not now. Not when democracy is on the line.

Redistricting should reflect people, not parties. It should empower voters, not manipulate them. If we allow our maps to be drawn to serve one man’s ego and agenda, then we are no longer a democracy — we’re a playground for power-hungry politicians.

You have a choice: stand with Texans, or bow to Trump. History is watching — and so are your constituents.

I urge you to protect our communities, defend our voices, and push back against these unjust and undemocratic redistricting efforts

Jesse Brown
Self/Business owner
Richmond, TX

I oppose this bill.

Linda Litzinger
Texas Parent to Parent - Advocacy and Policy Director
Austin, TX

Thank you for the opportunity to speak. My name is Linda Litzinger - I serve as Advocacy and Policy Director for Texas Parent to Parent, a statewide nonprofit that supports families of children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities, many of whom are medically fragile.
We oppose HB4 because it threatens to silence the very communities whose lives depend on consistent, high-quality medical care. Families with medically fragile children often move to large cities - like Austin, Dallas, Houston, and San Antonio - because only in these metro areas can they access the complex network of specialists, therapies, and hospitals their children and adults require. These families don’t move for convenience; they move for survival.
The recent passage of H.R.1 has already devastated rural healthcare systems across Texas, forcing even more families to relocate to metro areas. Now, HB4 threatens to redraw political lines in a way that dilutes representation in those very urban districts - undermining the ability of these families to advocate for themselves at both the state and federal level.
For example, my daughter, born with quadriplegia, relies on a surgically implanted pump to deliver Baclofen, a medication that controls muscle spasticity. If that pump runs dry, the consequences can be fatal. But because of low Medicaid reimbursement rates, neurologists across central Texas are refusing to take on patients with these pumps. There are currently over 500 patients in crisis - frantically searching for doctors as emergency rooms struggle to step in without knowing the patients’ medical histories.
This is just one glimpse of what H.R.1 has already caused - and now HB4 proposes to make it even harder for affected families to fight back.
Please vote no on HB4. Protect the voices of families whose lives depend on access to medical care and the ability to be heard.
Thank you. I’m happy to answer any questions.

Donna Nystrom
Self
Southlake, TX

I stand and support of the HB 4 redistricting map

Glenna Cromer
Self
MCKINNEY, TX

There is no reason for gerrymandering today. This is a calculated, anti-democratic attempt to take power away from our neighbors by diluting their voice and vote in our state, and thus weakening their representation in our government. Texans deserve a fair and transparent process with district maps that reflect all Texans.

Linda Almaguer, Citizen of the Great state of TEXAS
Self
Coldspring, TX

Good morning Representatives of the people.
Please know that the people of San Jacinto County are concerned with the events happening in Austin and monitoring the activities and voting done in the interest of the PEOPLE YOU SERVE.
THE PEOPLE SPOKE IN NOVEMBER 2024 THAT WE WISH A MORE CONSERVATIVE AGENDA OF GODLY VALUES.
FOLLOW THE HIGH ROAD, FOLLOW THE LIGHT, WE ALL HAVE A PURPOSE AND ARE ACCOUNTABLE FOR OUR ACTIONS OR INACTIONS.
CAREFULLY CONSIDER WHY YOU DO WHAT YOU DO AND WHO YOU ARE SERVING IN THIS TEMPORAL LIFE.
PRAYING FOR THE BEST OUTCOME FOR THE WILL AND WELL BEING OF THE PEOPLE YOU SERVE.

Laura Pritchett
Self
Azle, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map

Hung Nguyen
Self
Austin, TX

I am against HB 4 because of the way it clearly uses racial data to gerrymander the districts in a way that extremely favors one party and for the fact that a mid-decade districting - which is illegal - also does not use any updated census information from the last redistricting, so there should be no new data to decide to redraw from. It is also a sad state affairs when bills meant to help real everyday Texans, such as bills to address flood preparations and recovery efforts, are being held hostage to force this bill into being pushed through.

Mark Treat
Self
Bastrop, TX

Please support this bill

Ashley Cano
Self, Program Analyst
Buda, TX

I am abhorred what this bill is trying to do to our most vulnerable community members. In the wake of a devastating flood almost one month ago and this is what my state decides is more important is frankly sad and pathetic. I am against this bill because it is not a fair representation of the state: it is racist and unethical. Do better.

Chase Fleming
Self / Photographer
Austin, TX

As a voter in Austin, I strongly oppose the proposed redistricting map under E1.030. Merging TX-35 and TX-37 unfairly forces two sitting Democratic representatives into one seat and effectively silences Austin's diverse and growing population.

This map intentionally dilutes the political voice of Black, Latino, and progressive communities (not just in Austin, but across Texas) and undermines fair representation. I urge you to reject this plan and instead pursue a transparent, nonpartisan redistricting process that reflects the actual demographics and voting power of all Texans.

Texans deserve districts drawn for people, not political power grabs.

Sharon Parker, Mrs
True Texas Project
Burleson, TX

I support HB4. We need to increase our House numbers. The Democrats are losing support!

Roseann Thornton
Precint 6 Burnet County
MARBLE FALLS, TX

HB 4 is a power grab . Stand for the people of Texas and refuse to "kiss the ring" of D Trump. Don't mess with Texas.

Nathaniel Hampton, Jr.
self
Keller, TX

My name is Nathaniel Hampton Jr. I am a constituent of Texas Senate District 12, Texas House District 98, and U.S. Congressional District 24. Just a few months ago, several minority voters in Tarrant County were targeted by a blatant, racially motivated redistricting plan. Black, Hispanic and Asian voters were cracked from Tarrant County Commissioners Precinct 2 and packed into Precinct 1. As a result, their political power, acquired over time through population growth and coalition building in the Southern sector, was diminished by elected officials that chose to silence them instead of engaging them politically. That was a textbook example of racial gerrymandering which is illegal. Now at the request of President Trump, Governor Abbott and the Texas State Legislature are seeking to employ the same racially motivated redistricting plan to silence minority voters at the federal level to maintain power of the U. S. House of Representatives.

First, I call on members of the Texas House and Texas Senate to vote NO regarding this mid-decade redistricting plan that is nothing more than a racist power grab intended to dilute the political power of Black, Hispanic and Asian voters in large urban centers throughout the state of Texas.

After (attending/watching/hearing about) the public hearing held in Tarrant County, it is abundantly clear that I am not alone, and the majority of North Texans have no interest in seeing new maps being drawn. As a fellow Texan, I encourage you to tap into your independent, lone star spirit in this moment. This is not the time for our elected officials to abdicate our state's priorities to carry out the desires of those in Washington, D.C.

Christina Taggart, Ms
Self-retired
Southlake, TX

I stand and support HB4 redistricting map.

Steve Crow, Dr
Self
Austin, TX

I oppose this bill because it essentially eliminates representation of minorities in Texas and the United States. Please don’t do this.

Shiloh White
Self
HOUSTON, TX

Please stop redistricting and making it hard for EVERYONE to be represented and heard. Selfish tactics leads to terrible decisions and outcomes.

Peggy Aschenbeck
Self
Austin, TX

No bowing down to Trump. The GOP must stop trying to rig elections. If you have to win by cheating, then you don’t deserve to win.

Johnnie Page
Self
Austin, TX

I am opposed to redistricting at this time as is planned in HB 4. Because the sole purpose for redistricting is to give 5 additional seats in the US House to Republicans. Rather than campaign to convince more voters to vote for Republican candidates , the Texas Legislature is unashamedly gerrymandering to achieve the majority. The Texas Legidlature obviously has no faith in the structure of our democracy. Their methods are crassly cheating to win. Obviously the Republicans have no faith that they can convince the voters to support their ideas. If this redistricting bill passes it slaps the voters in the face and silents any healthy discussion of the issues. Please do not acquiesce to the pressures of Greg Abbott and Donald Trump to impede the democratic process and destroy the democratic fabric of our beloved country.

Michelle LaValley
Self
Austin, TX

This is wildly inappropriate use of our legislators time. Stop this ridiculous bill for an obvious power grab that no constituents actually want. Do not redistrict. Help people rebuild their homes and make sure kids have food to eat. It is completely unnecessary and outrageous to be even debating this bill at such a time. Voters will remember this is how lawmakers wasted valuable time they were elected to use to govern and help people survive. Unacceptable. Do not pass.

Kim Taylor
Self
Southlake, TX

I stand and support of the HB4 redistricting map

April Kissinger
self
Austin, TX

I am strongly opposed to this bill. We need to spend our valuable
time and resources making sure texans are safe. We need to secure water and food, ensure flood/natural disaster prevention, access to information, access to healthcare and affordable housing.

We do not need to redistrict to prevent voices from being heard and ensuring that none of the things I lised above will happen.

This is your legacy. Please ensure protecting all of our citizens is top
priority.

Ross Crow
Self
Austin, TX

I am AGAINST this bill because it will undermine the voting power of people of color and underserved communities in Texas. It will also negatively Texas' democratic representation of its people, and unfairly uphold power for a few. I oppose this bill, and believe that it goes against the interests and well-being of Texans.

Jennifer Cerny, Ms
SELF
Fort Worth, TX

This is simply a power grab by Republicans. The voting districts should be left as they are!

John Scanlan
Self
Austin, TX

Very short-sighted and bad public policy. What goes around, comes around!

Angel Martinez
Self
AUSTIN, TX

This is a clear effort by our representatives to further deny the voices of our marginalized communities. Austin has already been the subject of intense gentrification and further subjugation to dividing our communities suppresses those our government is meant to represent. As a born and raised Austin resident, I implore the decision to keep our districts as they are, rather than simply redrawing lines to maintain seats to avoid democratic voices.

Barbara Hall
Myself retired
San Antonio, TX

No redistricting!!!!!

Sylvia Catalla
Self
Manchaca, TX

I was born and raised in Texas and I OPPOSE redistricting! Redistricting will not represent the voice of the people.

Amy Tanguay
Self
Sugar Land, TX

This is a naked power grab that seeks to disenfranchise Texans because you're afraid that you can't win unless you dilute people's voices. For shame, you cowards.

Susan Kozell
Voters that pay attention
Fort Worth, TX

Redistricting should absolutely NOT be done outside of the regular 10 year pattern. If Texas does it, the blue states will also do it. There is no "win" to be had and this attempt makes the republicans look desperate.

Josh Parks
Self
Austin, TX

I strongly urge all representatives to reject the proposal to redraw congressional maps. This is a clearly partisan attempt to give an unfair advantage to congressional Republicans that disenfranchises Texans and thumbs its nose at democracy. Furthermore, it will trigger similar attempts to redraw maps in other Republican led states which will, in turn, compel states run by the Democratic Party to redraw maps, deepening our country's partisan division. I would instead encourage congressional Republicans to consider why their policies are so unpopular that they face electoral backlash next year.

Journey Moreno
Self, Legal Assistant
Austin, TX

My name is Journey Moreno, I was born in Houston and live in Austin, Tx, two historic and great cities in our nation, and I belong to the 37th Congressional District. I oppose the redistricting. The proposed maps specifically target Austin by potentially combining Representatives Greg Casar and Lloyd Doggett's districts to eliminate a Democratic seat. As a native Texan, I stand firm with my community that this is an abuse of power and Republican power grab at the hands of Donald Trump. This is collusion to secure a Republican majority and is a blatant miscarriage of democracy. Texas's current congressional map diminishes the influence of non-white voters, who accounted for 95% of the state's population growth. 95%. Let that sink in. The current map is already egregiously gerrymandered, and the proposed new gerrymander, and even more extreme gerrymander, adds even more insult to that injury, Black voters and Latino voters will have even less opportunity to have their political will considered on an equal basis. Simply adding additional majority-Hispanic districts isn't enough to evade scrutiny under the Voting Rights Act, as it will diminish the opportunities of Hispanic voters to elect their candidates of choice because there are a number of Hispanic majority districts where Democratic-leaning Hispanic voters will be outnumbered by a coalition of conservative Hispanic voters and white voters. The Voting Rights Act requires states to draw districts that give minority groups the chance to elect their preferred candidates. Simply basing representation on the number of "majority Latino districts" does not answer the question of whether the Voting Rights Act is being violated. What we will see with the creation of these majority Hispanic districts in this bill are districts with large Latino voting population that historically has a lower voter turnout than others with large Latino population being created, leading to a result that will not actually elect the candidates of choice of the Latino community. This state is not loyal to Trump or any political figure or political party, it should be loyal to its communities and the people that have built and fostered the culture of our diverse state. I will focus on the legality of this matter and urge you not to waste precious time and efforts in courts once this is inevitably challenged if it were to be passed. Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act prohibits election and voting practices that disadvantage minority groups, including drawing boundaries that dilute their ability to elect their preferred candidate by packing them into a single district or dispersing them throughout multiple. These changes threaten democracy by allowing politicians to choose their voters, rather than the other way around. With this being said, I oppose mid-decade redistricting and urge you to stand up against the power and fight for fair representation. Thank you.

M O
Central Texas Interfaith
Austin, TX

This redistricting is not legal and cannot be allowed. It is very decimating against people of color in our communities. It is very emphatically voter suppression which is against our American right for EVERYONE to be able to vote. Blacks, Latinos and every other American has been given that right and we will not sit back and allow this to take place in such a blatantly illegal manner.

Kiyono Vanstory
Self
McKinney, TX

I am pleading for a NO on redistricting. I have seen my community not represented already. I am a white upper class woman living in a largely Hispanic neighborhood in Collin County. My neighbors do not have representation in Congress already. Please don't take more away.

Jennifer Priester
Self
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose the redistricting and oppose the new map.

Brenda VENABLE
self, retired
SAN ANTONIO, TX

I am against redistricting Texas to enable Republicans to gain 80% of the congressional seats, when only 56% of the residents voted for the Republican ticket in 2024. How is this a fair representation for the state?

Petrina Bonnick-Higgins, Mrs.
Arlington Black Chamber of Commerce
Arlington, TX

Good morning, Chair Vasut and Members of the Committee.

My name is Petrina Bonnick-Higgins, a proud resident of Arlington, Texas, and an engaged member of the Arlington Black Chamber of Commerce. I am here today to express my unequivocal opposition to House Bill 4.
HB 4 poses a direct threat to the principles of fair and equitable representation. It dilutes the political voice of communities of color, particularly in rapidly diversifying and expanding regions such as Tarrant County, by advancing district maps that neither reflect the demographic realities of our state nor respect the core tenets of representative democracy.

Rather than being informed by transparent public engagement and demographic integrity, this mid-decade redistricting effort appears to be driven by partisan calculation. Such a course undermines the public trust and violates the constitutional mandate for equal representation.

I respectfully urge this Committee to reject HB 4 and instead champion a redistricting process that is data-driven, transparent, inclusive, and anchored in the democratic values that serve all Texans—not just a select few.

Thank you.

David St Martin
Self
Aledo, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Michelle Voorn
Self
Katy, TX

This is authoritarianism. Not only disenfranchising minorities and people of color. You're robbing people's right to choose their representation. Stop gerrymandering now.

Stacy Gomez
Self
Austin, TX

We deserve representation and proper distracting. The current map is horrid and the proposal even worse— we want a healthy government. Resign if you cannot do the job and serve diverse voices

Linda Taylor
Self, Retired
Friendswood, TX

I support HB 4 and the proposed redistricting map. Please pass this bill.

Britt Garner
Self/HR Director
Austin, TX

This effort is meant to disenfranchise millions of Texas voters whose political views are different than Trump and Abbott. Our districts are already ridiculously gerrymandered and this just makes it even worse. Politics is about common sense solutions to real problems and compromise is required for differing view points. It is not to hold on to power at all costs; that is dictatorship not democracy.

Kelli Kirk, Ms
Self
Austin, TX

This redistricting initiative is a move to silence the voices of African American and LatinX Texans. Gerrymandering creates less incentive for lawmakers to respond to what voters want and undermines democracy by letting legislators, who are supposed to be democratically elected, choose their voters instead. For many years, my East Austin neighborhood was included in an Italy shaped district, # 25, and was represented by Roger Williams, a car salesman from Arlington. The district boundaries ran from the Dallas area, all the way down through central Austin. I continuously felt politically invisible and unrepresented in this state, and as a Texas public school educator for the past 35 years, honored to serve our community for the greater good, alongside fire fighters, police officers, and medical professionals, has felt particularly frustrating.

Gerrymandered districts are almost never competitive. Candidates feel more beholden to party leaders and their funders than they do to their constituents. Texas is a prime example of the ill effects of gerrymandering, as a party can win the majority of votes in a state, but end up with only a small minority of the legislative seats because for years, the Republicans have controlled the last remapping.

Research supports that geographic districting lends an advantage to the GOP. That's because Democratic voters tend to cluster in urban districts and Republicans in the more numerous rural ones. There are more democratic voters in urban districts for many reasons, one of which is that democratic lawmakers have historically been more supportive of family, woman, and worker friendly policies. In urban areas, we live, work, have conversations, and play with our neighbors, which typically represent a wide diversity of cultures and lived experiences. This leads to enhanced empathy, care, and motivation to support one another. In the words of the great Jim Hightower, Everyone Does Better When Everyone Does Better.

Despite one of the largest natural disasters in modern Texas history, Republicans are making Trump directed redistricting their priority. It should be flood first!
Every citizen should have a right to be heard. Citizens should be able to elect someone to represent them in Congress, who can related to their lived experiences, be accessible, and accountable.

Do not draw and quarter Texas communities! Let's support a government of the people, by the people, and for the people!

Kelli Kirk
Austin, Texas 78722

Mary Sullivan
Author/Illustrator Self
Cedar Park, TX

Gerrymandering an already gerrymandered map? Please don't do this. Please.

Catherine Oliva
Self - Public Services Manager, Harris County
Houston, TX

I strongly oppose this bill. It's not fair and I do not wish for it to happen. I do not feel my community will be properly represented if this bill passes

Mariela Ghisani-Rich
Self
Wylie, TX

I oppose.

Linda Beranek
Tarrant county Democratic party
Fort worth, TX

This blatant attempt at gerrymandering is a shameful situation! Has anyone in Republican party spoken with their constituents to make them aware of how their representation will change and asked for their opinion? Does any Republican care about representing in a fair manner your black and brown constituents? Why does Texas, who supposedly believes the state doesn't bow to anyone, bending a knee to a man who will destroy our country as we know it? SHAME!

Mary Smith
Self
Arlington, TX

Redistricting is a good idea. It is not racist but thoughtful and smart. It needs to be done to better balance the state.

Brock Hand
Self, VP - Finance
Dallas, TX

I don’t think I would be well represented by having my congressional district go across the state. The proposed map has my district going from my home in Dallas up and east almost to Marshall. How will that allow for my needs (or those of East Texas) to be advocated for in the halls of Congress? This does not seem to be a serious map and it shouldn’t be treated as one.

Carol Cappadonna
Self. Attorney
La Ward, TX

No to gerrymandering

Jase Sutton
Self
MARBLE FALLS, TX

This attempt at districting is the most brazen attack on democracy in recent time. How can you justify it? You are diluting the votes of certain communities in order to give yourselves more power. You are betraying your duty to serve the people of Texas. This measure is unfair, unjust, racist, and undemocratic. I beg of you, do not allow this to happen.

Lindsey Woods
self - marketer
Round Rock, TX

I completely oppose the congressional redistricting that is an obvious power grab and attempt to silence the will of the people, who you are all elected to represent. You should be ashamed at this attempt to force through a subversion of democracy. I encourage you to vote against the new map.

ellen Bartel
self Adunct Professor
austin, TX

Good afternoon, my name is Ellen Bartel
From 37th congressional district my representative is Lloyd Doggett
I am concerned about the speed in which the maps are being redrawn and the lack of transparency. I am concerned about the racial discrimination that the new, and current, lines are drawn, 60% of the population are people of color with 21% of the congressional delegation make up. There needs to be MORE districts for communities of color not LESS. Drawing new lines in the middle of a decade is eroding the public's faith in our democracy. The new lines only help the republican party who have already taken away many of the rights of people of color, women and the LGBTQ communities and are destroying attempts of reducing climate change. This is an extreme power grab, and we must stand up fight against it.

Carrie Abrahamsen
Self, small business owner
San Antonio, TX

Our founding fathers said that taxation without representation is tyranny. There is no reason why we need our state to be further gerrymandered. I am repulsed by the actions of my state "representatives" almost weekly, but this is taking the partisan politics that Greg Abbott likes to play much too far. Please find the courage to stand up for what is right. Throw this whole idea in the trash.

Taking away what little representation our fellow citizens have is abhorrent, unjust, and disgusting. Texas is supposed to stand for liberty and freedom, this plan spits in the face of the values professed by Texans all my life as I grew up in this great state. I have lived here all my life. I chose to raise my kids here and open a business here. I shouldn't have to uproot myself, my family, and the livelihood of all the people who depend on us in order to live in a place where I feel safe from the tyranny of fearful, small minded men. This is my home too.

If fairness and justice dont fit into your worldview, if you're morally okay with cheating, you're a disgrace and an embarrassment. Texans do not agree with this proposed redistricting. It would be a miracle if, for once, the extremists who have gotten themselves enshrined in our state "leadership" positions abided the will of the citizens instead of their own selfish wants. Texans are fed up.

Karen Arnold
KARW
Humble, TX

Please allow this redistricting, we are tired of the left trying to take over and Houston has redistricted without approval!

Sharon Loveall
CWA
Fort Worth, TX

Pass this Bill. It is time for an honest redistricting of Texas in light of all of the illegal aliens the Biden admin tried to push onto Texas as citizens. May the Democrats remember the words of President Obama: "Elections have consequences.".
Thank you.

Jennifer Williams
Self - Sr Director / Lit Support
Kyle, TX

This gerrymandering is a blatant act of corruption and capitulation. Please block this effort. Represent ALL Texans because fair voting rights are foundational to democracy. Stop this ridiculous Trump-directed/Abbot-directed nonsense that is a manipulation of our government. This is just wrong.

Cody Felici
self
Austin, TX

Member of District 37. Fully disagree with the proposed redistricting as the new proposed 37 is far too large and would not be fair and accurate to represent my interests via geographical differences. Completely unacceptable.

Thomas Wilkins
TAS TEXAS, LLC
Dallas, TX, TX

No adjournment. Pass the Big Beautiful Map out of committee! Republicans, we are watching!

Manuela Garcia
Self
El Paso, TX

I’m writing as a resident of El Paso, TX to strongly oppose the proposed redistricting map that places our community under representation from someone over 500 miles away. This completely disconnects us from fair and local federal representation.

El Paso is a unique urban and border community with specific needs that cannot be understood or effectively advocated for by someone who doesn’t live here. We deserve a representative who lives in El Paso, understands our lived experiences, and is directly accountable to our community.

I urge you to reject this map and keep El Paso’s voice united and represented by someone from our region.

Gregory Petersen
Self, business analyst
Frisco, TX

This redistricting proposal is blatant partisan politics. This is an embarassment for Texans and is utterly unacceptable.

Lynne Giffin
Self
Georgetown, TX

I write to express my unequivocal and deeply rooted opposition to the proposed mid-decade redistricting effort currently being pursued by the Texas House of Representatives. This initiative is nothing less than an egregious, anti-democratic power grab designed to silence millions of Texas voters—particularly Black, Latino, Asian American, and young voters whose voices threaten entrenched political power.

Let us be clear: redistricting is intended to occur once every ten years, in accordance with the decennial U.S. Census. That process concluded in 2021. The districts drawn then—flawed though they may have been—were the product of a lengthy public process. Now, in the middle of the decade and on the heels of multiple elections conducted under those maps, a sudden and rushed effort to redraw lines is not about fairness, legality, or compliance with the Voting Rights Act. It is about raw partisan manipulation.

This proposal is not rooted in democratic principles—it is rooted in fear. Fear of changing demographics. Fear of voter engagement. Fear of accountability. The communities being targeted—especially TX-9, TX-18, TX-29, and TX-33—are majority-minority districts that have consistently chosen Democratic leadership. These districts are home to diverse, civically engaged populations whose voices deserve representation, not erasure. Let us be clear: this is not just an attack on maps—it is an attack on political dissent. By dismantling these districts, lawmakers are attempting to suppress any meaningful opposition, mute the policy priorities of millions, and entrench one-party rule by silencing viewpoints that challenge their agenda. In doing so, they betray the foundational democratic principle that all voices—regardless of party, race, or region—deserve to be heard in the halls of government.

The courts recently ruled against “coalition districts” where Black, Latino, and Asian voters collectively elect candidates of choice. While that ruling may have given the green light to revisit certain maps, it does not give license to break apart strong communities of interest, diminish minority influence, or engineer districts designed solely to guarantee Republican victories. Redistricting cannot be used as a weapon to suppress competition, punish dissent, and undermine the political participation of millions of Texans.

This mid-decade redraw is being carried out with no transparency, no published draft maps, and no real public engagement. The recent hearing in the House Redistricting Committee was nothing more than political theater. Not one member of the public voiced support for this effort. Instead, Texans across the state—urban and rural, Black and brown, young and old—rose to condemn it. That testimony has been ignored.

By pursuing this plan, Texas lawmakers risk throwing the legitimacy of future elections into chaos. They invite legal challenge, public protest, and federal scrutiny. They also send a chilling message to communities of color and

Cristina Gamez
Self; Psychologist
Houston, TX

I stand against this measure to change the districts for the election of members of the US House of Representatives from the State of Texas. I could provide my reasoning for this to include the reasoning behind this effort at this time. It is wrong to do this plain and simple. It is wrong legally and represents suppression of the voice of the people of Texas. Do not pass this bill. Uphold the right of all Texans to be heard.

Adrienne Brown
Self
Georgetown, TX

This bill does not represent Texas. It represents your greed, selfishness, and cowardice. It does NOT represent the people of Texas. We will fight against this. To forsake the people of Texas, to make Trump feel better about himself?? Do you think you are special? Do you think he won't turn on you on a whim? You are trying to erase our history, our representation, our existence. Texas is not Texas without ALL of our communities! You cannot erase us! We ARE Texas. YOU ARE NOT! I don't know what will appeal to you. I don't know what will open your eyes to the crimes you are committing by attempting to pass this atrocious bill. But Texans see it. We see you. We see your willingness to betray the people you represent. We see your refusal to fight back. We see who you really are, not Texans, but cowards. And we will not stand for it.

Chad Lehrmann
Self
College Station, TX

The attempt to redraw Congressional District lines on a non-census year is a drastic overreach of power and a blatant attempt to disenfranchise minority voters. The most telling aspect of this move is that Governor Abbot was not looking to take this action until President Trump made a call. This initiative is all about an attempt to secure Republican control by means other than a free and FAIR election. Please vote "no" on HB 4 and oppose gerrymandering to pander to the whims of President Donald Trump.

Gerald Doyle
Self
Houston, TX

Stop the undemocratic and purely partisan power grab! Your actions will further erode our democracy and disenfranchise Texans.

natalie maisel
Galveston Island Pachyderms
Galveston, TX

I r support the new redistricting maps that will add 5 new Congressional Seats in Texas

Kay McClain
Self/Retired
Plano, TX

The maps from the 2020 Census are still being litigated. To change again is a waste of time that will result in additional litigation and waste of tax dollars. This is nothing but a brazen attempt to dilute the voice and power of voters. This special session should be working issues to make Texans lives better, not suppressing the voices of their constituents.

Celeste Scalzo
self
Carrollton, TX

I am against this undemocratic gerrymandering of districts. There is no new census data to cause new maps to be drawn, and if you vote for this bill, you are voting to enable someone who was best friends with known sex trafficker Jeffrey Epstein to grab more power. If you vote for these new maps you should be ashamed of yourselves, you know that your ideas, beliefs, and policies are not popular with the American public, so instead of winning elections and following the laws you do whatever you want to retain power.

Michelle Petersen
Self
Fort Worth, TX

I am strongly opposed to this bill that is nothing short of election tampering.

Teresa Danforth, Mrs.
Self
Dripping Springs, TX

HB 4 is a critical step in ensuring fair and accurate representation for Texas voters. As population growth continues to shift across the state, this bill reflects those changes by realigning districts in a manner that upholds the principle of “one person, one vote.” The proposed map corrects prior imbalances and better represents conservative communities whose voices have been diluted under outdated lines. By adding four Republican-leaning districts, HB 4 enhances electoral integrity, respects communities of interest, and ensures that Texas’s growing population is accurately reflected in its legislative body.

Bonnie Tyler
self, Product Manager
Fulshear, TX

I am writing to express my strong support for HB 4, the proposed redistricting legislation in Texas, which addresses the significant population changes across our state. As a resident of Fulshear in Fort Bend County, I have witnessed firsthand the rapid growth in our region, necessitating updated representation to ensure fair and equitable governance. Over the past decade, Fulshear’s population has surged by approximately 256.5%, growing from 16,856 in 2020 to an estimated 59,321 in 2025. Similarly, Fort Bend County has experienced substantial growth, with its population increasing by about 40.66% from 2013 to 2023, rising from 651,770 to 916,778. This remarkable growth underscores the urgent need for redistricting to reflect the current demographic landscape accurately.
HB 4 is a critical step toward ensuring that our legislative districts align with these population shifts, providing fair representation for all Texans. Equal representation is vital to addressing the needs of rapidly growing communities like ours, where infrastructure, education, and public services must keep pace with population increases. By adjusting district boundaries, HB 4 will help ensure that our voices are heard and our communities are adequately represented in the Texas Legislature. Furthermore, this redistricting effort sets an important precedent for local governments. The population boom in areas like Fulshear and Fort Bend County highlights the need for city and county governments to review their own districts. If necessary, they should undertake redistricting to reflect these changes, ensuring that local policies and resources are distributed equitably. I urge the swift passage of HB 4 to address these pressing needs and to promote fair representation across Texas. Thank you for considering the needs of growing communities like ours in this important process.

Jill Malone
Self
Fort Worth, TX

WE THE PEOPLE HAVE HAD ENOUGH!! NO ONE WANTS THIS HERE IN TX. QUIT BOWIJG TO THE WANNABE KING IN THE WHITE HOUSE.

Paige Flink
Myself
Dallas, TX

I oppose this bill for a variety of legitimate reasons. There is no precedent for redrawing the voting districts mid decade. The action this bill supports disenfranchises millions of Texans. If Republicans are a party of the people, why are they disenfranchising so many? I thought Texans were independent thinkers. This action is being driven by the current president for no reason other than a power grab. Where is the honor and cheating to win? I am against this bill because the lines that are being drawn don’t bring communities closer together. It means that our needs are not necessarily the same as others who will be in our district. It will be impossible for elected officials to meet the needs of urban and rural communities at the same time. This redrawing feeds extremism and creates more divides in a time when we need to be working together. Please vote no.

Kathleen McKinney
Rains County Republicans
Emory, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Linda Kaden-Ihnat
Self/ retired
Colleyville, TX

I support HB4! We worked tirelessly to keep Texas conservative and this will re-enforce all those efforts. Thank you

Sheri Thompson, RN
Myself
Austin, TX

I reject the redistricting. It’s been done & the Republicans are being greedy& trying to pull a fast 1.

Cheryl Rechner
Self
San antonio, TX

No redistricting to benefit elected officials

Tiffany Parker
Self / Contracted
Katy, TX

I strongly oppose the proposed redistricting plan in Texas. This redistricting effort appears to be politically motivated and undermines the principles of fair representation. Communities of interest are being split apart, and the voices of marginalized and minority populations are being diluted. This is not democracy, it’s manipulation.

Redistricting should be based on accurate data and guided by fairness, transparency, and equity. Instead, this plan seems designed to favor incumbents and suppress opposition, ignoring the real needs and concerns of Texas residents. I urge decision-makers to reject this map and commit to a process that truly reflects the diversity and will of the people.

Fair maps are fundamental to a functioning democracy. Texas deserves better.

Stephanie Moncada Stephanie Moncada
Self, researcher
Austin, TX

I oppose the proposed redistricting.

Amy St Clair
self, retired farm and ranch
Hico, TX

It is time for Texas state government to stand for 'state's rights', and REJECT the Congressional Redistricting that President Trump's interference in state redistricting timing and design has initiated. The midterm change in boundaries will create unnecessary expense for both political parties as well as taxpayers. The political ploy in Texas will only be met by other Governors in blue states who will gain more blue seats in Congress. The current map is sufficiently red to keep the GOP in control in Texas.

Charity Cornelius, Ms.
Self antiques deaker
Dallas, TX

Gerrymandering is not legal. It’s morally wrong and it’s racist.

Hildegarde Richard-Crow
Self
Austin, TX

This attempt to redistrict the great state of Texas mid decade is both illegal and racist. It takes away the rights of the people. Please vote no.

Dan Jackson
Self
Austin, TX

This bill should not be allowed to pass. This redistricting is harmful and robbing Texans of having proper representation and should not pass.

Sara Patterson
Self
Pearland, TX

The out of timeline redrawing of these districts and our map is highly alarming! I'm 1000% opposed and see the corruption taking over our state. Stop trying to rig the election in your favor you cheaters! Let the Texas people and their votes decide the way the state wants to be run. Gerrymandering and redlining have Ben used by white men to silence voices for years! Stop the blatant racism and blatant power grab you greedy, old, egotistical, non empathetic, unfit for office, DOOFUSES.

Carley High
Self, self employed
Austin, TX

The redistributing of Texas that has been requested solely by Trump to give himself more power does not help Texans. Any votes made in favor of this will directly impact how I vote in upcoming elections as I cannot support people who vote for this or benefit from this.

Colin Donovan
NA
Round Rock, TX

This is taxation without representation. Shame on Texas for even proposing this theft of voice

Deann Cline
self
Fort Worth, TX

If what this bill is for is to provide equal representation to all Texas citizens no matter their race or creed, then I would support wholeheartedly. My understanding of this bill this far is that it is politically motivated and would not be providing equal representation, but would manage to sway representation to one side of the political spectrum. This is unethical and not in line with our democratic processes as well as our value in equal representation for all citizens. Texans and those elected to represent is must be diligent in maintaining these principles no matter what side of the political spectrum is in power at the time.

A Davidson
Self
Austin, TX

I object to the approach being taken in the effort to redistrict the state.

Deborah Calvin, Ms
self
Plano, TX

Please PASS the redistricting map out of committee tomorrow as soon as testimony ends as you have a quorum of the committee. It's critical that this be done now, before the 2026 elections.

Charley Street
my self
Austin, TX

Ahead of our 10 AM meeting today, I want to share that I do not support the redistricting and gerrymandering happening in Texas. These maps don’t reflect the people who live here. Instead, they’ve been drawn to protect political power and silence the voices of entire communities.

This issue doesn’t impact everyone equally. It disproportionately affects Black and brown communities, who are often cracked across districts or packed into a single one to limit their political power. These are the same communities that have driven much of Texas’s growth, yet they’re being pushed out of the political conversation.

Texas is growing and changing, and our districts should reflect that. I hope the House will consider a more fair and transparent process that actually represents the people. Voters should be choosing their representatives, not the other way around.

Chasady Mirkes
Self
Temple, TX

I strongly oppose redistricting.

Joshua McVey
Self.
Austin, TX

Doing away with representation may help the Republican party hold control of the government for now, but the lasting implications are massive and untalked about. Yes this will disenfranchise millions of people in the state but it will also decouple our government from we the people. Republicans would be foolish to think that they are the only ones who will exploit this and that is going to disenfranchise many more millions of Americans in the future. You are setting a dangerous precedent, an un-American precedent, and one that is the antithesis of small government freedoms you claim to stand for.

If my point is unclear, it is my opinion is it scholar of American politics and policy, and as a working class Texan, that this redistricting should not happen. Regardless of party the American people come first. Regardless of personal political gain, our systems of representation come first.

Do not lose sight of that.

Carey Henderson
Self - paralegal
Austin, TX

Please do NOT let this unconstitutional and unconscionable redistricting of Texas happen. This bill will silence the voices of hundreds of thousands of Texans and serves no purpose except to kiss the backside of a horrible human being. If Trump's policies are so unpopular that he can only win by boldly and blatantly cheating, then he should change his policies. Do you really want your legacy to be that you had no spine of your own; that you were so weak and insignificant that all you could do was crawl along in the slime trail left behind by this pitiful excuse for a human? Be better. Stand up for the people you were elected to represent. Protect the democracy to claim to love. Vote against this redistricting.

Veronica Rizo Morales
Self
Dallas, TX

I oppose this bill and request did the move to pass this bill is completely against the democracy that the US stands for. It is pure party manipulation an election stealing in its most blatant form.

Amy Warren
Self, graphic designer
Euless, TX

I was a kid when I learned about Gerrymandering, and remember thinking it was a sly scheme. Now I'm 50, and don't want to be represented by someone who lives 100 miles from me in a snake-shaped district. Please reconsider this loyalty gerrymander. Let us be represented by someone nearby.

Meagan Gilland
Self, teacher
Justin, TX

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed changes relating to the composition of the congressional districts in the State of Texas.

Redistricting should reflect the genuine demographic, geographic, and community interests of the people—not serve as a political tool to dilute votes or undermine fair representation. The current proposal appears to prioritize partisan advantage over equitable representation, and risks disenfranchising communities across the state, particularly those that are historically underrepresented.

Texas is a diverse and rapidly growing state. Our congressional districts should reflect that diversity fairly and transparently. I urge you to reject any redistricting maps that do not uphold the principles of fairness, transparency, and equal representation for all Texans.

Thank you for your attention and your service to our state.

Camden Bergenholtz
Self, software engineer
Plano, TX

I strongly oppose HB 4, introduced by Rep. Todd Hunter, which proposes what I believe is a deeply flawed congressional redistricting map for Texas.

Instead of this proposal, we need an independent redistricting commission to ensure fair, transparent maps that reflect our communities.

I urge you to reject HB 4 and prioritize maps that promote equity and competition. Our democracy and the will of Texas voters deserves better.

Brian Fox
Self
Garland, TX

Do not pass this bill. This will stop Texans voices from being heard on critical subjects that directly affect them. Republicans have been in power for 27 years, and keep getting elected as problem solvers. But 27 years have passed and there are a lot more problems now than when there was a Democrat in power. You had 27 years to fix things and didn't. Don't stand in the way of people's choices for their families and neighbors.

John Marshall, Mr
Myself
Colleyville, TX

Wait till 2030 to redraw maps and avoid lawsuits and bending a knee to Trump!

Sue Evenwel
Myself
Mt. Pleasant, TX

HB4 gives fair representation to the growing population in Texas. It will fairly strengthen and support the President's agenda in the U.S. House. It will more fairly represent the Hispanic voters in South Texas, Dallas and Houston.
Vote Yes on HB4 and vote directly after the hearing to get this legislation out of committee and to the floor.

Teresa Ferguson
Self / Marketing
Austin, TX

Stop the steal of Texans' voting rights! We deserve to vote in districts that reflect where we live - not in gerrymandered districts that fit the Trump agenda. This is so wrong and will lead to disenfranchising of so many Texans! With all of Texas shortcomings (health care for one), why are you focusing on redistricting?!? Stop it!

Kerrie Monahan
Self
Austin, TX

The fact that this proposed bill so blatantly gerrymanders the entire state of Texas to exclude populations and their constitutionally/given representation is offensive and illegal.

Sabrina Berus
Self
Plano, TX

This practice, known as gerrymandering, undermines the foundational principle of representative democracy by allowing politicians to choose their voters rather than voters choosing their leaders. By drawing lines that fragment communities or pack opposing voices into a few districts, redistricting distorts the political landscape and skews election outcomes in favor of one party, regardless of actual voter demographics.

This partisan redistricting also deepens political polarization and erodes public trust in the electoral process. When voters see maps engineered to produce predetermined results, they become disillusioned with the idea that their votes truly matter. Furthermore, it often results in legislators who are less responsive to the diverse needs of their constituents, as they are shielded from competitive elections. In a rapidly growing and diversifying state like Texas, fair redistricting should reflect demographic changes and ensure that all voices are represented—not just those that benefit the dominant party.

Stan Ruth
Self
Beaumont, TX

This bill is out of order and should not be considered for another five years. The gerrymandering this bill attempts to provide and exacerbate is unacceptable. The house and Senate in Texas have larger problems to deal with such as flooding in central Texas and the poor response by local officials because they had no warning systems in place. That was the only reason to call a special session for this summer. What your citizens expect from you is for you to deal with problems like that problems that were entirely preventable had Kerr county simply installed better monitoring and warning equipment like other neighboring counties did 10 years ago.

Hopefully, you will fund better flood prevention measures, including monitoring of rivers and warning systems. This needs to be done at the state level because obviously the local counties are not all capable of protecting their own citizens.

Stop this distraction of gerrymandering and kill this bill to redistrict at this time.

James Reno
Self
Austin, TX

I implore the committee to set aside partisan differences and the “us” vs “them” narrative that has become so prevalent. Consider what is right for the people of Texas. This isn’t about what can we get away with or what cockamamie reason are we willing to hide behind. This is about the foundation of our government. This is about citizens of Texas having their right to choose their representatives.

I believe you know the difference between right and wrong. I believe that, regardless of what promises are made, you won’t be tricked into trading your neighbors voices for political favor. I believe you know that winning by cheating isn’t winning. I believe in you. Take a moment, set aside all the noise and ask yourself is it right and good for the people of Texas to take away their voice to interfere with the intended function of our government. Please, do what is best for Texans.

Lori Ice
Self
Houston, TX

This is a naked power grab by the same president who tried to bully the state of Georgia into finding him votes except now it’s worse because you are purposefully working to redistrict the voters to hold onto and expand power for him and yourselves. You care nothing for the people you are supposed to represent. You are not public servants, you are public leeches. I would say you should be ashamed of yourselves, but you have proven you have no shame.

Richard Ziegelmair
Self
Centerville, TX

I support HB 4 redistricting

Rebecca Reeves
Self, Teacher
Dallas, TX

This is an absolute insult to Texans on both sides of the political spectrum. Gerrymandering our beautiful state to increase the power of a single political party erodes our democracy and goes against everything this country was built for. Our current map was originally submitted by the same party that is now claiming it’s unfair. We should be working to make sure the map accurately represents the people of Texas, not working to make the map represent the opinions of the president. That’s not democracy; that’s fascism.

Naomi Nye
Self - Texas State Writer, 2024
San Antonio, TX

Texans are tired of being manipulated. Our Republican state government in no way represents us. You care more about guns than humanity. Stop twisting the districts for your own benefit. It's visible, and disgusting.

Sabrina Settle
Self
Houston, TX

I am deeply opposed and disheartened by this bill’s attempt to clearly gerrymander and disable a Texans ability to be represented. It’s a divisional act, and brings Texas no closer to supporting those who need support. I deeply oppose this bill’s attempt, and hope that law makers can focus their time energy of something else.

Stan Childs
Self retired
Kerrville, TX

The state of Texas needs to reflect the conservative people of the state. Not let the disproportionate population of the Democrat run cities have control of congress. Yes to redistricting to increase the Republican seats in the House of Representatives.

Dawn Bowles
None, just a Texas voter
San Antonio, TX

I strongly oppose Texas plan to further gerrymander my state. What you are doing is morally wrong. Don't act like you care about free and fair elections when all you are doing is cheating and stacking the deck against any opposition. If your policies were liked you wouldn't need to cheat. If you care more about democracy than power you will stop this craziness. We don't want an authoritarian. We don't want to live in a fascist, racist police state. TEXANS WAKE UP! P.S.release the Epstein files so the legislators can know who they are supporting and working to keep in power.

Lindsay Rose-Arellano
Self
Austin, TX

This is one of the more undemocratic bills I have ever seen. Our districts need to be created to be representative of the people that live near each other, and creating these false districts so that Republicans can have more votes is wildly immoral. This it blatantly cheating our citizens out of representation and should not be allowed.

Theodore Szelag
Self and my family
Houston, TX

My 19 month old son can draw a better map. Districts should be representative of the people’s and the areas interest, not the interest of people in Austin. How is it fair the so many school districts will now be split between two or three congressional districts?

Erin Williams
Self- Director Healthcare
Dallas, TX

I am opposed to the redistricting being done not concurrent with census and specifically to mute the voices of Democrats which make up 50% of this state and congressional constituents.

Elvira Aguayo
self -- retired educator
Weslaco, TX

I have lived in Texas all my life, as did my parents before me and their parents before them. I have always been proud to be a Texan. But at this moment, as I approach my 76th birthday, I feel shame. Shame because the people elected to office by fellow Texans to represent US are choosing to represent DJT instead. He wants 5 more RED congressional districts and you are jumping to his beck and call. I know that Governor Abbot called the special session...but YOU can choose to build fair representation into our districts. You can IMPROVE fair representation if you so will...so WHY in the world are you gerrymandering to dilute the voices of the people you are supposed to represent. The possible maps I have seen are absolutely shameful. That you even consider these is already a black mark on your legacy as representatives of the people who elected you. I urge you NOT to destroy any good you may have done to date by this travesty!
I know the governor has the ability to call you to special session...but you are NOT obliged to do the bidding of the president of theU.S. nor even his bidding.
I urge you instead of bowing down to the president and the governor, you give consideration to the people you represent and use this session as a way to correct the inequities of the current map. Redistrict, but do so in a way that provides FAIR representation to all your constituents.
Thank you.

John Walker, Mr.
Self - IT Manager
Austin, TX

I support the redistricting bill HB4. Every administration has the right to to do it and Democrats have always taken full advantage of it. Please get it done!

Danielle Corrick
self/Manager, Customer Service
Kyle, TX

This is classic "cheating to win" and we see what is happening. The gerrymandering of this state has caused enough problems to make it worse is to admit that the GOP cannot win without cheating and they are devoid of all morals.

Hali Smith
Self
Plano, TX

I disagree with the redistricting. We have bigger issues in Texas that need to fixed first. Starting with guns in schools, floodings, etc. We do not want this!!!

Julie Dishman
Self
Jersey Village, TX

I oppose HB4. There are other urgent issues the Texas legislature should be addressing. I do not consider redistricting an emergency that needs to be addressed.

Alethea Vasquez
self
San Antonio, TX

We JUST districted not that long ago. I think we ALL know this isn't exactly super legal, regardless of it's been voted on.Y'all already didn't do enough for the Kerrville victims, y'all hate your Texan women, hate folks who ain't white and rich and it couldn't be clearer. So what if republicans LOSE the fair way? Lose with some dignity. For government officials that are so God-fearing, y'all don't fear judgement and the inevitable. Nothing comes for free, and not even this will come for free. There will be a day where all this becomes history for future historians of all kinds to dissect. There will come a time where YOU all and WE all will face consequences and judgement, and our sins will come alive and become us for judgement. God will not forgive you, and never will your educated Texans. Because y'all would rather care about yourselves and cater to the pedophile in office who has yet to release those Epstein Files. Thank you, and may God help you find a working heart.

Paul Sullivan
self, retired teacher
Austin, TX

I oppose mid-census redistricting. I support compact districts reflecting communities of interest.

Keith Shannon, Esq
Self
EL PASO, TX

I oppose the new map for the following reasons:
1. The republican party has two-thirds of the TX districts 25 seats to 13 by democrats, there should be a limit on partisan such control in a two party system.
Several voting districts are needlessly fractured into islands (maybe for a tropical gerrymander) with the islands separated by several counties
By assigning Fort Bliss, the El Paso International Airport and the VA Hospital to congressional district ("cd") 23 from cd 16 they appear to be trying to defund El Paso TX for voting democrat. Congresswoman Escobar I believe I saw her at the Port of Entry meeting with Homeland Security at 4am less than 7 days after i made a complaint; a representative based in San Antonio is not going to do that.
Districts 13, 3, 15, 10 and others appear to be needlessly fractured having several islands that are separated from the mainland by several counties, (probably for a tropical gerrymander), which does not facilitate adequate representation of those on those isolated islands.
A purpose of the two party system is so that one party can perform a check on the other. The goal is not to crush the other party; that would be tragic for America. Why don't elected officials know that. Following elections each member of the opposing political party should be regarded as esteemed counsel for the other,but they don't perhaps that is the answer to the question i ask myself every year, Why is it that with all the, manpower (everyone in American)resources, data and intelligence, America can solve a single problem in a year's time." This map is an example of waste of time resources and intellectual prowess that does nothing to make America great again.

Saul Arizpe
SELF
Austin, TX

TEXAS IS A RED, CONSERVATIVE STATE, MOVE FORWARD WITH REDISTRICTING TO SUPPORT IT!!!!

Rachel Velasco
Self/Manager
Woodway, TX

I am opposed to this redistricting measure. I urge you NOT to spend precious legislative time on partisan political posturing. Instead of bowing to the demands of Washington, it is my hope that the Texas legislators would instead focus time and energy on issues that matter most to Texans: equitable access and funding for childcare, healthcare, housing, water, infrastructure and education. There are already processes in place for redistricting on a regular cycle. A deviation from this signals one thing: that the Texas House is only interested in playing power games instead of working toward the betterment of all Texans. I am hopeful that our elected representatives will decide that the people of Texas matter most. Not the whims of partisan political power grabbers. Thank you for your time.

Lisa ODonnell
Self
AUSTIN, TX

As a proud Texan, I am deeply ashamed of my state's kneeling to Donald Trump to take away the voices of our citizens. Governor Abbott signed off on a new set of Congressional maps in 2021, diluting our voices ahead of the 2024 election. Now, just 4 years later, he has called a special session to do the same for the 2026 mid-terms.
The proposed redistricting is deeply biased and serves to minimize the representation of the general public. It fundamentally undermines core democratic principles like fair representation and equal voting power. My vote should carry the same weight as any rural landowner's. After all, I pay just as much – if not more – in taxes My voice matters, and I demand fair representation. Our government operations should reflect the will of the public majority, not be distorted to benefit a specific political party. The principle of fair representation should transcend party lines. Ensuring fairness in redistricting is critical not only for holding elected officials accountable, but also for preventing government corruption and protecting the integrity of our democracy A skewed system undermines stability in both government and economy. When every vote truly counts, we secure a healthier, more responsive political system for all.
I encourage my State to implement the following measures to ensure a fair and transparent redistricting process:
1. Independent Commissions: Establish independent commissions to create fairer boundaries.
2. Non-partisan Algorithms: Use computer algorithms to draw district lines based purely on population and geographic considerations (rather than political considerations)
3. Clearer Legal Standards: Establish stronger legal standards for what constitutes fair redistricting and curb practices that disproportional favor one party over another.
We all deserve equal representation. And we all deserve to be heard. The proposed maps should have been made publicly available with enough time (at least a week) for review prior to scheduling today's public hearings.
Without full transparency and meaningful public input, we need to call this what it is -- a blatant power grab by the Republican party.

Jim ODonnell

Self

AUSTIN, TX

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Alejandro Rodriguez

All Texas Residents

Plantersville, TX

There are already plenty of rules/laws on the books to govern how and if redistricting should occur. Simply follow those rules and we will all be fine. Being a Trump ass kisser isn't in the rule/law books, I'm pretty sure. Everything you are doing is wrong. The way you are doing it is wrong. The reasons for which you are doing it are wrong. You are ending your political careers to satisfy Trump. It's just wrong on every front. I will do my best to get you voted out of office at the next election!!

Jennifer Steffenson
Self/ Acct Management.
Buda, TX

My name is Jen Steffenson and I'm upset that I've had to spend so much of my time on politics this year. I am a strong, intelligent, working woman, a mother of three young children (one with some additional medical needs & and an Individual Education plan, or IEP), the wife of a scientist, and a daughter who was raised by conservative parents in the Catholic Church. I have much more important things that I would like to be doing with my free time, but here I am, before my children wake up, drafting an email to the TX Lege to halt this unprecedented mid year redistricting.

Number 1 - I'd like to remind you all that you were elected to serve the people you represent in Texas. 40% of those people voted against the current objectives of the Trump presidency by voting for VP Harris, while another significant portion of Texans, didn't even vote. When we consider these (and the children who are harmed by almost all of these policies - gutting science funding/medical research, proposed closing of the Dept of Education, rollbacks on EPA/climate protections, etc), the policies of the Trump administration are unpopular, and unfavored by more than half of Texans. By redistricting, the voices of those 40%+ become further silenced, and a very significant portion of Texans fail to be represented in any meaningful ways.

Number 2. I believe I'm in one of these districts impacted and I appreciate what my Rep - Greg Casar - has been doing. Unlike when I call my Senator's office, I speak to someone nearly every time. They listen. They hear - They don't preach their policies to me about why I am wrong or hang up on me when I do get someone on the line and ask them "Do you like living in an educated society?" (This question was to Ted Cruz's office by the way and was not rhetorical. When I asked it again, I was told that I was angry and she was going to end the call. Yes, I am angry. These are not things that most RATIONAL Texans want. But, I digress.). I see Greg speaking up for working Texans, and Americans. He does not just represent his local district, but many of your average Texans he is fighting for.

Three - When trump came to abbot and asked for 5 seats --- the answer should have been "We do not work for you Mr. Trump, we work for the people of Texas". But no, these maps already existed. When Abbot came to you and asked you to redraw the lines - the answer should have been "we don't work for you, we work for the people of Texas". Our government is failing the people they are set to serve and instead bowing down to a president whose policies are becoming INCREASINGLY unpopular. You know in your hearts that this is wrong. You especially know that putting this in front of critical flood relief/disaster plans is sickeningly wrong, yet you are allowing it to continue. Think more about the people in your districts that you supposedly represent. Speak for them. You know silencing them by gerrymandering is wrong. You know it is.

Thank you and please do us right.

Jill Bradshaw
Self
Austin, TX

No president, no matter which party, should be able to demand a new district map to be able to obtain more seats in order to gain more power. This is a huge violation of our democracy and I am seriously concerned for the direction of this country. This should never be allowed. And if our representatives feel this is what the people want, they are greatly mistaken. This type of behavior is not what I expect out of our government. It’s the type of petty power that I try to teach my son NOT to do. These are adults and they should act accordingly because we the people deserve better.

Esperanza DeHoyos
Self
McKinney, TX

To Whom It May Concern,
Thank you for the opportunity to comment on HB 4. My name is Esperanza DeHoyos and I live in McKinney, Texas. I am a tax paying citizen and work at a non-pofit.
I am writing to convey my concerns about House Bill 4. The purpose of redistricting is to secure the appropriate representation of voters across our extremely diverse state. As stated on the “Legal Requirements for Redistricting" webpage on the official capitol website, redistricting is to be completed following the publication of each United States decennial census in order to “equalize population” among electoral districts. It is extremely unusual for redistricting to be pursued mid-decade. More concerning is that this redistricting would effectively dilute the voting power of people of color in contravention of the Voting Rights Act.
I believe House Bill 4 is not only untimely and unnecessary, but if enacted would directly harm your constituents. Texas is an extremely diverse state across every dimension– topographically, racially, linguistically, economically, etc. It is essential that the full spectrum of voters’ voices are represented in lawmaking, and you have been elected, in part, to protect the interests of the people and the democratic principles of this country.
I urge you to reflect upon Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act. The map under House Bill 4 “packs” certain voters of color into a handful of districts, and “cracks” the remaining voters of color between other districts, effectively diluting their collective voting power. It is unconstitutional for a vote in one district to have less of an impact on the outcome of an election than a vote in another district because of the way districts have been strategically drawn.
Please vote NO on House Bill 4, and protect the interests of your constituents as well as your constitutional and legal obligations.
Sincerely,
Esperanza DeHoyos

E Lee Self, Rev.
Self. Chaplain
Hickory Creek, TX

Do not do this. It is unethical.

Sarah Chambless
Myself, Higher Education Administrative Asst
Austin, TX

I highly oppose and object to the redistricting being proposed. I do not feel that it is what is best for Texas and I believe that it will disenfranchise Texans.

Cindy Fountain
Self/Retail Merchandiser
Cleburne, TX

Committee, you have an obligation to serve all Texans. Yet this legislation, from the highest office in the land, is point-blank about the desire to disenfranchise Texans. Those of you carrying on for this are bowing down instead of serving all Texans. I have lived here all my life. I have volunteered in civic life for many of my adult years, and my fellow Texans and I don't deserve this fascist treatment.
One of the speakers at a redistricting hearing said this: "Please tell us that disenfranchisement is not the point." I say prove it in the only way you can. Set this bill on a path to nowhere and get to work for Texans on disaster prevention.
Thank you,
Cindy Fountain
Cleburne, TX

Jenny Hoselton
Grassroots Texas
Canyon, TX

There is NO reason to postpone the redistricting issue. I am very much in favor of this, so get it done as soon as possible. It will greatly benefit Texas.
Jenny

Megan Gaskins
Self
Austin, TX

Redistricting before midterms is Unamerican. If you aren't going to get the votes to win, you change your policies, not the map. Do not pass this new map.

Elizabeth Kubala
self
Austin, TX

This mid-decade redistricting is not normal. It's a calculated, anti-democratic power grab. Don't do it!

Jessie Yoste
Self
Austin, TX

I am fully opposed to this action before an updated census to accurately reflect the makeup and needs of Texans. This is a political stunt and will not serve Texans or improve representation on the national level

Beverly Tolbert
Self
Austin, TX

I am OPPOSED to this!!

Danielle Iemola, Ms
Self
Austin, TX

this Trump-imposed gerrymandering, which relies on crooked lines instead of honest votes. I oppose this redistricting of my state.

Betsy Greenberg
self - retired
Austin, TX

I oppose this bill because it is intended to:
Dilute minority and working-class votes in key Texas communities.
Reduce the number of competitive districts significantly.
These changes threaten democracy by allowing politicians to choose their voters, rather than the other way around.
Please vote NO!

Janet Bertsch
Self
San Antonio, TX

I oppose this bill as unconstitutional

Dawn Graustein
Self
Houston, TX

As a citizen of this great state, I am AGAINST the redistricting. While I cannot be there in person, let it be known that I believe all districts in Texas should remain as-is. Leave it alone!

Jennifer Leidich
Self
Wimberley, TX

I strongly oppose the proposed mid-decade redistricting plan (HB?4) being rushed through this special session. This effort is not about fair representation—it is a blatant partisan power grab designed to flip up to five Democratic-held U.S. House seats, including diluting the voices of Central Texas communities in Austin.

This map merges two Austin-based Democratic districts—represented by Reps. Greg Casar and Lloyd Doggett—effectively eliminating one voice from our community and consolidating power.

These changes disproportionately target Black and Latino voters in and around Austin, Houston, Dallas, and South Texas—precisely the voters who fueled Texas's population growth over the past decade. This violates both the Voting Rights Act and constitutional principles of equal protection.

Key concerns:

· Mid-decade redistricting is highly unusual and breaks with democratic norms—it inherently prioritizes political gain over public interest

· The compressed timeline—with only a few regional hearings in a state of nearly 30 million people—means many Texans have not had a meaningful opportunity to comment.

· This shift could disrupt constituent services: ongoing cases and relationships with current offices may be severed, harming vulnerable individuals who rely on federal assistance.

I urge lawmakers to:

1. Reject this partisan map and any process that silences public participation.

2. Support an independent redistricting commission or establish clear, non-partisan criteria—including contiguity, communities of interest, compactness, and compliance with the Voting Rights Act.

3. Prioritize urgent public needs, such as flood recovery, instead of partisan political maneuvering during this special session.

Texans deserve representation based on fairness and integrity—not maps drawn to benefit one party. Democracy only thrives when voters choose their representatives, not the other way around.

Thank you for your service and I urge you to honor the voices of all Texans.

Sarah McCready
Texans
Dallas, TX

Absolutely not. This is obscene and wrong, no matter which side you are on

James Francis
Retired
Carrollton, TX

Your Oath of Office: IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, I,_____ , do solemnly swear (or affirm), that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of _____ of the State of Texas, and will to the best of my ability preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States and of this State, so help me God.

I see where the oath says defend the "Constitution and laws of the United States and of this State", I do not see a mention of defending the Republican Party, the President or the Trump.

Henrietta Morton, Ms
Self
Denton, TX

The current districts were done under different circumstances. The court changed the perspective and this makes it fair and necessary to redistribute. I support this bill.

Hindatu Mohammed
Self
Austin, TX

I urge you to vote to leave our congressional maps as they are. Texas already redrew its congressional maps in 2021, but now Donald Trump and national Republicans are demanding a second redraw, not because of new Census data, but to protect their grip on power. This special session should be focused solely on the devastating floods that hit communities across the state, and ways to protect Texans from disasters like these.

This mid-decade redistricting is not normal. It’s a calculated, anti-democratic power grab.

Tammy Blair
Self
Tyler, TX

Politicians must start respecting the fact that a majority of Texans vote Republican and pass the map that reflects it. We deserve representation and you have an opportunity to make it happen. Please pass the map out of committee and get it passed.

Kaila Stovall
Self
Bulverde, TX

Stop the gerrymandering!!

You are wanting to redraw lines so you can keep republicans in power. Do not redraw the lines. You should be focused on helping Texans who have lost so much during the recent floods. You should be focusing on Texan kids being fed and housed.

There are so many other things you can be doing with your time instead of sitting around trying to figure out how to keep republicans in power. The people do not want yall, and yall can’t handle that. You think we can’t handle a change of leadership; and you’re wrong.

Voting shouldn’t have to be this difficult. Allow the map to stay the same. If you’re that scared of losing, maybe it says more about you.

Caroline Dooley
Self, management
Dallas, TX

Strongly opposed to this clearly unconstitutional partisan power grab by the Republican party. Please do not let this pass.

Kimberly Borchert
Self
Cedar Park, TX

I am AGAINST this redistricting. This map does not represent Texas and our diversity. It is lumping together areas that have very different challenges and does not allow for proper representation. I don’t care that Trump wants 5 more seats in Texas, this is not what the people want and voted for and we are more important than the executive branch. Our representatives work for us and should be allowed to continue doing so. Vote NO on this awful bill.

Nancy Clemmer
self, retired
Driftwood, TX

I am a native Texan. I have voted Republican and Democrat, and always choose the person. I want to represent me, my family, and our great state because of who they are in their belief system. I was raised to believe that “we the people“ is the best for our Republic. Do not settle for mediocrity and authoritarianism..
I am firmly against redistricting to favor the White House. This is not OK.
Our children are watching all of us! Lead by example.

Raj Vats
Self
HOUSTON, TX

Redistricting is not needed at this time.

Karen Aikman, Mrs.
Self
San Antonio, TX

I oppose the redistricting that has been done to influence elections. You have officially abandoned the people of Texas and we see it.

Aarika Anderson
Self
Kyle, TX

This redistricting is unfair and unrepresentative of the people's will to secure more seats. Redistricting is not about better representation but benefiting those already in power at the expense of communities of color and democracy.

Carrie Williams
Self
Belton, TX

I am strongly against this bill. I don't believe in redistricting for gerrymandering reasons, and I certainly don't believe in Texas doing it at the behest of some D.C. politician, even the president. Please grow some balls and put our neighbors above the dollars in your pocket.

Jordan Constance
Self
Dallas, TX

I strongly oppose passage of this bill. It is unethical and disenfranchises voters.

Reynaldo Montemayor Jr.
Webb County Republican Party/ Pct. 349
Laredo, TX

All I will say is that if Democrats were in control, they would do EVERYTHING in their power to eliminate their political opposition and give Republicans practically NO CHANCE to get to get any political significance and influence in Texas and US politics. If and wherever our Texas constitution allows for the redistricting to accommodate a more favorable hedge against the Democrat anti American onslaught would be totally justified as a defense against their disastrous policies against human life and wellbeing, our nations borders and sovereignty, and a prosperous future for America.

Connie Edelmon
Self, retired
Coppell, TX

I oppose this unlawful redistricting of congressional districts ahead of the 2026 midterms, occurring simply to please Trump. 43% of voters in Texas are Democrats, and it is grossly unfair to gerrymander us out of a seat at the table. What happened to bipartisanship?

Valari Mancha
Self
Fort Worth, TX

For the majority of my voting years I loyally voted in the Republican Party. It wasn't until I saw the damage President Trump was doing to our democracy, our country, and its legacy that I realized I couldn't support the party that supported him. Now it seems Texas republicans work for him more than they work for their constituents and it is so disappointing. This redistricting is a grab for power that is unnecessary. Why is fairness a danger to you who are in favor of redistricting? This is my comment to let you know there are many who do not like the track Texas is on. It's the leadership that bows to money and power, a leadership that bullies and rigs the system. It's so sad what has happened to Texas republicans and I welcome the day you cut off the chains the MAGA/Trump movement has cursed upon you and you remember the values of Texas. Asking you to stand for fair elections and vote against redistricting.

Amber Pate
Self
Haslet, TX

I oppose the illegal gerrymandering of the state of Texas. If you truly feel the only way you can win is by rigging the maps then you don't deserve to keep your spot in our government. You aren't doing anything good for the people. You're silencing their voices. We elect you to represent us, but all you're doing is letting us down and shame on all of you for it.

Cindy Ybarra
Self
Austin, TX

Please no redistricting. If not illegal it is at least immoral, certainly undemocratic, serving the political ends of only a portion of the population.

Carla Smith
Self
Austin, TX

This is obvious gerrymandering and will not be tolerated

Andrew Cashman
Self
Dallas, TX

This map will strip Texans of the right to representation and rig the state for republicans. Gerrymandering is wrong to begin with but to further politicize this process is a mistake that will encourage the same behavior from opposing parties. To add on, it is an obvious power grab to rig the 26 midterms given that it's being redrawn mid decade. I hope that this map does not go into place.

Claire Nybro
Self
Burnet, TX

Due to the enormous population growth in Texas over the past five years, redistricting is necessary to represent the newcomers adequately. I live in Burnet County, which has seen and will continue to see population growth. The Burnet County Commissioners failed to redistrict two voting precincts in the county in 2025, so I would not want the Texas House to make the same mistake.

And please pass this bill right after public comments on August 1, 2025 - do NOT adjourn the committee until you have passed the map!

Christine Haun
Self
Austin, TX

I oppose the redistricting that is being attempted by Gov. Abbott.

Melanie Engerski
Self; Business Founder and Owner, Wife, Mother, Taxpayer
Austin, TX

Let's call this rare mid-decade redistricting in Texas what it really is: a Republican power grab to appease a power-hungry president at the expense of the people of Texas and our democracy. Republican leaders aren't listening to Texans; they are capitulating to Washington. Texas Republicans say redistricting is suddenly needed; I say you are rejecting your oath of office by crushing our ability to vote for or against those representing us who have made decisions that affect our daily lives. You are changing the rules mid-game. Again. And it's dishonest. Why are you so afraid? Why are you rushing redistricting when 1 out of 5 Texas children don't have food? Where is the urgency for a realistic plan for water? The list of Texas needs goes on.

This Republican acquiescence doesn't reflect my values and it isn't serving Texans. This isn't freedom. This isn't democracy. This is fearful behavior from scared politicians saving themselves at the expense of our children, our most vulnerable, our environment and our morals.

Shame on each one of you who forces this unnecessary redistricting under the guise of governing. This isn't governing; this is autocracy. I've lived in a dictatorship and Texas is more like that than the free society it pretends to project. Please stop this disingenuous redistricting and let every Texan have an honest voice.

Tracey Bleakley
Self
Georgetown, TX

Gerrymandering undermines the foundation of our democracy by allowing politicians to choose their voters instead of voters choosing their representatives. In Texas, the practice has diluted the voices of communities—especially communities of color—and distorted fair representation for partisan gain. Every Texan deserves a district map that reflects our real communities and gives everyone an equal voice. It's time to end gerrymandering and ensure fair, transparent, and nonpartisan redistricting in our state.

Reuben Leslie
Self
Austin, TX

Please halt the rush to recklessly kowtow to our would-be king now serving as President who has demanded a change to the data-based mandatory decennial redistricting based on actual census data and due deliberation for a public purpose. There are more important and urgent matters for the Legislature to handle now including flash flood prediction, monitoring, preparation, prevention, mitigation and recovery. Texas needs action on maps for flood prediction, not action based on maps solely to please Trump and elect more Republicans.

Mary Brodie
Self - consultant
Dallas, TX

We are doing this because Trump wants 5 more Republican seats in the House of Representatives. All this work and drama because Trump wants 5 more seats. Not because the people want it. Not because of any reason but Trump and the Republicans want to pass their agenda and they fear that the people will say no.

What about what the people want? I know that I don't want this. I feel that Julie Johnson represents me just fine. When I lived in Jasmine Crockett's district, I felt she represented me too. And now you are creating districts that people don't live in anymore because the president wants this change? It's absurd!

Republicans in the Texas legislature and Governor Abbott - shame on you! The US is about people power, not YOUR power. Many in this state elected you to power and they can take that power away from you in the next election just as they gave it to you. Remember that. Your job is to represent our interests, the interests of the people. Not your own.

Randy Emler, MSG, US Army (Ret)
Texas Citizen
Bullard, TX

Pass the bill out of committee, the sooner we get started the better for the whole country. Thank you.

Anaísa Garza
Self, Client Success Manager
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose this redistricting that is being used to cheat on elections and silence the voice of half of Texans.

Cynthia Johnson
self/ Medical Receptionist
NIEDERWALD, TX

Chairperson, Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify today. My name is Cynthia Johnson, and I am a resident of Niederwald, Texas, a proud Texan, and a concerned citizen deeply invested in the health of our democratic institutions. I come before you today in strong opposition to the proposed redistricting maps that would further entrench partisan gerrymandering in the state of Texas.

The Problem: Partisan Gerrymandering and the Erosion of Democracy
At the heart of my testimony is a simple but urgent truth: gerrymandering undermines representative democracy. When legislators choose their voters—rather than voters choosing their representatives—it erodes the fundamental democratic principle of "one person, one vote." The proposed redistricting maps reflect a cynical manipulation of political boundaries designed not to serve the people of Texas but to solidify and protect power for a particular political party, specifically the faction aligned with former President Donald Trump.

This is not a partisan complaint—it is a moral one, a constitutional one, and a democratic one. Redistricting must be about fair representation, not partisan advantage. And yet, the current proposals appear to disregard demographic realities, dilute minority voting power, and ignore public input.

Demographics and Disenfranchisement
Texas has undergone a massive demographic transformation over the past decade. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, over 95% of Texas's population growth between 2010 and 2020 came from communities of color—primarily Hispanic, Black, and Asian populations. These communities are not just growing; they are becoming the backbone of our state's economy, culture, and future. Yet, the proposed maps fail to translate that demographic reality into proportional political power.

Instead, the maps fracture communities of interest and pack or crack minority populations in ways that diminish their ability to elect candidates of their choice. This is especially troubling given our state's long and painful history of racial discrimination in voting. Time and again, federal courts have found that Texas engaged in intentional racial discrimination in drawing districts. It is disheartening, and frankly outrageous, that we are again being asked to accept maps that perpetuate this injustice.

Legal Concerns: Violations of the Voting Rights Act and the Constitution
The maps currently under consideration are not just unethical—they are potentially illegal. Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act prohibits voting practices or procedures that discriminate on the basis of race or color. It specifically bars the dilution of minority voting strength through tactics like packing or cracking.

Moreover, the U.S. Constitution's Fourteenth Amendment guarantees equal protection under the law. When district lines are drawn in a way that unfairly advantages one group over another—especially when that advantage is rooted in racial or partisan animus

Donny McKay, Mr.
Self
Wylie, TX

Do not redistrict. We don't need to spend tax payer money on lawsuits that this change will cause. Go out and try to win over the people in the district. Do not change the district to meet your political ideals, represent the people in the district based on their ideals.

Claire Ebert
Self
Coppell, TX

I am strongly opposed to redistricting mid decade. This adds even more partisanship into our fractured politics. Elected officials in this country represent the people, not themselves and their rich benefactors' interests. Stop trying to change the rules to hang onto power or to support the whims of a pedo president. If you want to win at the ballot box, represent the people and do right by Texans.

Sharon Clark
Self
Coppell, TX

Pass the map! Texas is a Republican State!

MICHELLE L LUNDAY
Self
Trophy Club, TX

I would like to voice my opinion on the current redistricting plan. If Texas is to redistrict mid-census, I think the resdistricting should actually reflect the make up of Texas not gerrymander Texas even more than it already is. We should not carve out districts to remove Texans' voices. While I understand that there is republican control in Texas, our state and our country work best when all sides are heard not just the to grab power.

I say this regardless of who is in power.

Please do not support the current recommendations to further gerrymander Texas.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sue Ann Kenmotsu-Butler
Self/retired
Austin, TX

There is NO justification for this congressional redistricting rather than revising every 10 years after a comprehensive and accurate census. This mid-period redistricting is unwarranted, unjust, and unethical. Not only that, the state will waste time and money during the special session and more wasteful time and money in litigation over whatever maps are proposed and adopted. Please stop this wasteful work and get to work for Texans who need you. What about legislation that affects how communities and the State will react to potential flooding where people live? Where's your true Heart for Texas. Please Stop your work on this gerrymandering with the redistricting maps.

Leigh Taylor
self, retired
Garland, TX

I wholeheartedly and completely object to Bill HB 4's redistricting map. It makes a mockery of our democracy and our ability to vote for a candidate of our choice. Gerrymandering is not the way to ensure that certain candidates are elected. This is not a situation that needs to be fixed.

Denise Allen Zwicker
Self, retired freelance business writer
Sugar Land, TX

Splicing and dicing the electorate in this way after every election reduces the number of truly competitive seats, which leads lawmakers to worry more about primary challengers than the general election. This is exactly why representative democracy is failing in the U.S. Candidates that become office holders become beholden not to their constituency but their primary voters. Eighty percent of voters don't vote in primaries. https://bipartisanpolicy.org/press-release/voters-dont-participate-primaries/ That doesn't speak well for the electorate, but its hard to get motivated when your choice is which schmuck you dislike the least. It should be no surprise office holders look past the majority of their constituency and cater to they minority primary voters that elected them. This results in a system rigged for failure. Office holders don't want to solve issues. Current office holders need enduring issues to fester and survive. Rather than seek solutions incumbents prefer that issues survive so they can be used as fodder to campaign against their opponents. Remember a certain bi-partisan immigration bill that was about to be passed by the Senate by a wide margin that gave Republicans most everything the asked for that collapsed when the House said it would not pass the bill. That came at the direction of Donald Trump because he wanted it as a campaign issue? If that isn't an example of dysfunctional government, what is? This, in turn, makes the so-called people's house less representative of the people and heightens the toxic partisanship that is tugging apart the national fabric.

Lisa Healy
Self
Midlothian, TX

I am in support of the proposed redistricting. The maps are fair and reflect the areas they cover and will allow for the most accurate representation for the voters. Thank you for your consideration.

Ken Lindstrom
Self/ retired
Sulphur Springs, TX

No to any changes in the present districts. One of many We the People. Any changes will have many consequences.

Edward George
Self
Hurst, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Anne Maxim, Mrs
Self
Dripping Springs, TX

Dear Sirs,
I would like to know how further gerrymandering of our State might benefit Texans. Must you really dilute the voices of anyone with a difference of opinion? It would seem that you have no interest in hearing the diverse peoples you represent. You may disregard my vote but I am watching you and I will remember.
Sincerely,
Mrs Anne Maxim

Laura Allen
Self
Dallas, TX

I'm a Certified Fraud Examiner, trained to spot government corruption. I'm really shocked at how Republicans aren't even trying to hide the corruption anymore. The redistricting map proposed is truly insane. Vote no.

Bernadette Devine
Self
Terlingua, TX

The state of Texas is doing an inadequate job of representing Texans. The Republicans are no longer the party of fiscal responsibility. You have become power hungry extremists.
Please improve the map to create a legislature that matches the values of all Texans. We should have a legislature roughly 55% Republican/45%Democrat

William Carroll
self
Austin, TX, TX

The mid-term redistricting is a naked attack on representative government. There is no credible argument to defend its necessity, and it appears, based on the map released only two days ago, that I will lose a representative that has clearly defended my values in exchange for one who clearly does not. Moreover, his offices are nowhere close to Austin and he has made no attempt to meet with the people in this area. The nature of this redistricting, quick and with limited public feedback, is undemocratic. The results, of course, are far less democratic. The ruling party in Texas should understand this could be a turning point that will have national implications including outcomes they desire but more that they don't. Turn back from this. Vote against it.

OPHELIA TAYLOR, MRS
Self
HOUSTON, TX

This is a disgrace taking rights from black and brown people this is my protest

James McCroan, Mr
Self
Sachse, TX

It beggars belief that the great state of Texas would carry water like a simple toadie just because our current president demanded it. In fact, to go so far as to work to effectively disenfranchise as many people as possible. Just the most anti democratic nonsense I've ever heard of from our leaders and I just don't have any other way to say it other than: Anyone who votes for this is a coward of the highest order. A person yellow to their bones with no spine to speak of.

Gail Chandler
Myself
Dallas, TX

The proposed gerrymandering of the district where I live is ridiculous. It is designed to take away my voice as a voter. Shame on those who seek to corrupt our democracy by manipulating voting like this!

Michael McCracken
Angelina County Republican Party
Burke, TX

With the unprecedented population increase in Texas since 2020, redistricting is necessary. It will more accurately reflect the area’s demographics and politics. Like technology increasing exponentially, redistricting every 10 years is a thing of the past. I support HB4.

Maria Sosa
Self
Austin, TX

I oppose the proposed redistricting of the current congressional map of Texas.

Janet Boswood
Self / retired
Austin, TX

So disgusted that the Republican Party no longer holds democracy dear or even seems to believe it in at all. There's been no change to census data indicating redistricting is needed other than a need to hold more and more power by Republicans. DO NOT SUPPORT THIS BILL!!!

Jeanne DeFriese
self/ retired nurse
Austin, TX

Please do not pursue this unlawful, totally partisan redistricting demanded by President Trump. This will disenfranchise millions of Texas voters, is just plain wrong, you all know this effort is gerrymandering and just plain wrong. Elections in Texas should be done in districts based on populations, not assumed party affiliations. Elections in TEXAS should be fair and square for everyone, not limited to the party in power or subject to their bullying. Appoint a bipartisan committee to make this happen, do not now redraw districts at the behest of party loyalty or loyalty to the most corrupt president the United States has ever had. Keep Texas independent, please resist the demand for this totally wrong redistricting

Robert Ulbricht
Self
Austin, TX

The state of Texas should not be so quick to allow the federal government to control the state government. This process is clearly racial gerrymandering and I strongly oppose the idea of a mid-decade redistricting process. If you plan to do anything with the districts, what you should be doing is creating an independent people powered commission to create these maps. A good plan is something like Fair Maps Texas

Jacob Kuta
Self
Austin, TX

Opposition to Off Cycle Redistricting and Proposed Maps

As a lifelong Texas, I strongly oppose off cycle redistricting and the plan currently under consideration by the Senate Special Committee on Congressional Redistricting. The proposed maps dilute the voting power of minority communities and undermine the foundational principles of fair and representative democracy.

Redistricting should reflect the true demographic and geographic diversity of our state-not serve partisan interests. The proposed plan is clearly designed to entrench Republican power. The members of this committee know that the redistricting plan is wrong and unfair. There is also no legitimate justification do redraw the maps mid-decade.

Our elections are supposed to function on the competition of ideas, a decision for the people to make about who best represents them. The proposed maps disenfranchise millions of Texans and distort our state's representation is Washington DC. How can you defend maps that would likely put 78% of Texas' congressional districts in republican control, when only 56% of Texans voted for Trump in 2024? This is wrong and you know it. This imbalance is not only unjust, it is unconstitutional.

Trump and his allies have made it clear that they intend to destroy every institution and principle that would check or limit their power. Do not let yourself be part of this destruction of our country. Stand up for what's right and oppose the redistricting plan. Fight for fair and representative government, not partisan power grabs. As elected officials, you represent all of your constituents. We deserve elected leaders who will put country before party, fairness over power, and truth over partisan loyalty.

I urge you to reject this redistricting plan.

Elise Sillers
self
Austin, TX

I am against this redistricting. This is anti democracy and it continues the gerrymandering that makes me angry and disgusted to live in the state of Texas.

Joanne Lee
Self
Dallas, TX

Please do not approve the illegal redistricting of Texas's voting districts. How does the legislature think this is legal? Shame on anyway that votes or pushes through this bill. Why is cheating allowed? Led by the White House to cheat again to win whatever he wants? Shame.

Dallas Windham
Self- retired
Fort Worth, TX

Quit with your power grab and listen to the will of the people. No to redistricting!

Patricia Banks
Self
Carrollton, TX

Please consider what kind of community you are creating for your citizens. One in which neighborhoods are divided just to keep one political party in office is just wrong and hateful. I have been voting over 40 years with the belief it counted don't take that same hope from many future voters.

Curtis Rath
Natural Fiber Solutions
Leesburg, TX

Strongly encourage adoption of new map. Note that in 2021, "California has a new congressional map, and the lines bolster Democrats' uphill quest to maintain their minuscule House majority."

Adrian Molina
self
austin, TX

this map is not fair and should be redrawn

James Bourque
Self
Cedar Park, TX

My Conservative friends, you are violating the funamental right to vote through viwepoint discrimination. Voting is a form of political speech. In essense, when we vote we are saying I support/want X to represent me in Congress etc.. Political speech is a fundamental right that is violated when the Legislature discriminates against that form of speech. It is called Viewpoint Discrimination. This is what you are doing. You are intentioanlly taking the content of one's speech when you create voting districts. To say this another way, you are segregating peole base dupon the contect of their political speech. Please stop. Thank you

Daniel Vasquez
Self, Houston business owner
Houston, TX

These new congressional districts are a shameless power grab by the governing party to suppress the voices of us urban voters. And we urban voters are in fact paying the highest portion of the taxes to the states. This will not be forgotten on the upcoming elections, count your days.

Jania Hoover
Self-teacher
Dallas, TX

One person, one vote. In a government for the people and by the people, there's no reason to manipulate districts to achieve a specific political outcome. Republicans should not have to cheat to win. There should be a nonpartisan committee to draw districts. If the policies are fair, people will vote for them. As a constituent, I vehemently oppose this blatant attempt to subvert the will of the people.

John Tucker
Home
Austin, TX

Can we please find a way to draw the districts such that they actually make sense instead of in a partisan way?

Leigh Ann Defreitas
Self
Katy, TX

I am opposed to the proposed redistricting of congressional boundaries. This dilutes and silences votes and voices for people of color.

Gini Pritchett, Mrs
Lioness
Fort Worth, TX

I oppose this redistricting effort. It does not represent the constituency of the area and it’s a blatant attempt to carve out power for Republicans.

Krystal Hamre
Self- Texan, mom, public school occupational therapist, pastor’s wife
Grapevine, TX

I am writing as a concerned resident of Texas to express my deep concern regarding the proposed congressional redistricting plans. Fair representation is the cornerstone of our democracy, and it is essential that district lines are drawn in a way that reflects the true diversity and interest of all Texans, regardless of geography, race, or political affiliation. Gerrymandering undermines public trust and weakens the ability of communities to have their voices heard in the political process. I strongly urge the committee to adopt a redistricting plan that ensures fair and competitive districts, upholds voting rights, and respects the will of the people. Please do not be swayed by those who seek to divide and manipulate for personal or partisan gain. Our state deserves leadership that stands above such tactics. Now more than ever we need public servants who are willing to resist the pull of negative power-seeking influences and instead prioritize the long-term health of our representative government and our great state. Please consider the long-term implications these decisions have on civic engagement and the health of our democracy. Thank you for your time.

Nick Mollberg
Self
Austin, TX

I am strongly opposed to this illegal power grab. Texas Republicans prove time and time again they do not care about democracy, and instead lick the bots of their corporate donors and MAGA master in DC.

TEXAS REPUBLICANS ARE COWARDS.

You're afraid of your constituents.
You're afraid of democracy.
You're afraid of trump.

When all of this is over, you will be held to account.

John Fretwell
Self
Austin, TX

I have lived under a system of representative government my whole life since I had no choice where I was born. I believe in a general live and let live philosophy.
However, this bill, is a bridge way too far. As a white male, I now personally identify with the Boston Tea Partiers. Applied taxes and laws without representation since my votes have been nullified on both state and federal levels. Obviously, this also applies to women and blacks who were denied the right to vote in our very recent past.
Since I have no agency why should I follow your laws? Texas' recent election showed a 56/42 ration between Trump and Harris. The current ratio of representatives is 25/13 R/D which is egregious given recent voting totals, but the proposed change to 30/8 is downright criminal. How do you teach your children about fairness or even sleep at night? Explain yourselves!!! Why are you not representing my interests at all?

paula linderman
self / system analyst
austin, TX

As a native Texan, I am fully offended by HB 4 and this attempt to rush into redistricting during a special session. This session is costing tax payers money we don't have for this nonsense. Rushing through this process before it is scheduled and using outdated census data is not only disrespectful to the citizens of Texas, but it is reckless and sets a dangerous precedent. Please reconsider and withdraw OR vote Nay on this attempt to avoid civil process and silence the voters. We will all make note of each representative's vote in this matter.

Kathryn Lewin
Self / Social Worker
Pflugerville, TX

I am firmly opposed to this unnecessary, and unprecedented, redistricting. While our state has so many needs, such as increased funding to public schools, additional mental health supports for our communities- especially following the devestating flooding- and housing, focusing on a purely partisan and politically divisive issue is disgusting. This move comes from a fear of democracy and a fear of your constituents. Your job as a politician is to be the voice of the people, all people, not just people who look or act or vote or pray like you. Diversity and culture is what makes our state great! Please, do not vote out of fear, but govern out of the desire to lift everyone up and care for everyone's needs.

Mona Maclay
Self
Austin, TX

This redistricting effort is a blatant effort by republicans to hang on to power. Trump is not a Texan why does his voice matter more than the thousands of Texans vehemently opposing this? This illegal gerrymandering effort must be stopped. Where are your spines? Where are your morals and values you claim to hold? Bowing down to Trump and handing him our state carved up into ribbons is crossing a line. You need to be advocating and protecting Texas, not trump. If you push this through you are even greater disappointments than I previously thought. You have a chance to redeem yourself by taking a step toward justice and fairness; take it! Do not use your vote and your voice to silence your community. Use your vote to lift up your neighbors and fight for the rights of Texans to a free and fair election.

J D
Self
Dallas, TX

I strongly oppose this bill because it purposely disenfranchises millions of voters for the sole aim of helping Republicans maintain power while enacting wildly unpopular policies.

Maggie Suisman
Self
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose this redistricting bill.

Robin Roubik
Self retired
Richardson, TX

I don’t approve of manipulating the boundaries of our electoral constituencies to favor Republicans at the behest of the president. It’s unfair.

Jordan Yeck
Texas Rising
Dallas, TX

Good morning, my name is Jordan Yeck. I am a consistent in district 32, where the proposed plan would wipe our current representative that we elected. It is not fair by any means and I think the legislators or Texas should know this. I am writing to convey my concerns about House Bill 4. The purpose of redistricting is to secure the appropriate representation of voters across our extremely diverse state. As stated on the “Legal Requirements for Redistricting" webpage on the official capitol website, redistricting is to be completed following the publication of each United States decennial census in order to “equalize population” among electoral districts. It is extremely unusual for redistricting to be pursued mid-decade. More concerning is that this redistricting would effectively dilute the voting power of people of color in contravention of the Voting Rights Act.

I believe House Bill 4 is not only untimely and unnecessary, but if enacted would directly harm your constituents. Texas is an extremely diverse state across every dimension– topographically, racially, linguistically, economically, etc. It is essential that the full spectrum of voters’ voices are represented in lawmaking, and you have been elected, in part, to protect the interests of the people and the democratic principles of this country.

I urge you to reflect upon Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act. The map under House Bill 4 “packs” certain voters of color into a handful of districts, and “cracks” the remaining voters of color between other districts, effectively diluting their collective voting power. It is unconstitutional for a vote in one district to have less of an impact on the outcome of an election than a vote in another district because of the way districts have been strategically drawn.

Please vote NO on House Bill 4, and protect the interests of your constituents as well as your constitutional and legal obligations.

Sincerely,
Jordan

Amado DeHoyos
Self - Retired
Crawford, TX

I've gotten a close look at this map and it is an abomination. It was clearly drawn to achieve a political goal and is not in the interest of getting hard working Texans across the state the representation that they need and deserve. These new district lines reek of the desperation of cheating. They are amoral and an affront to the principles of fairness and justice in governing. Those sycophants that drew up these extremely partisan maps should be ashamed.

Jennifer Cassell
Self
Dallas, TX

I am against redistricting. The governor and president are attempting to Gerrymander districts to suppress the vote of citizens of Texas. Most Texans are already misrepresented by officials who don’t look like the population

Lynne Kelsey
Self, retired
DENTON, TX

After 43 years in California, we moved to the free state of Texas. It was like rediscovering America! I support HB4 to keep Texas sane.

Brady Dubose, Dr.
Self
Richardson, TX

This bill is an abomination to our state, our nation, and democracy. It’s anti-American, which it’s clearly becoming obvious is the Republican party’s new stance. As a citizen of Texas, I am against this bill

Karen Jager, Ms.
Self
Austin, TX

This redistricting bill would strip Texans of their voices and of valid representation. As a Texan, I abhor this power grab by the GOP. There aren't even any maps to review prior to public hearings. This is just a blatant attempt by Trump to shore up power. It's disgusting and anti-democratic. We, as Texans, deserve valid representation in Congress. We should be able to justly draw maps that are representative of the people in each area of Texas. This power grab is unconscionable. It should not pass.

Dorean Bryant
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
Grand Prairie, TX

Please do not allow the racially, and power-grabbing attempt to silence minorities in the state of Texas.

Sheryl Hazelwood
Self
Tyler, TX

Since Texas votes overwhelmingly Republican, the districts should reflect the voters' preferences. Please move forward with the map as drawn!

Jonna Hitchcock
Self
Houston, TX

This is an outrageous anti-democratic power grab by the Republicans. We will remember all of you who caved to pressure from Trump and we will work to delete you from OUR government. Shame on you!

Meredith Whisenhunt
Self, consultant
Celina, TX

Strongly oppose this bill. It is unconstitutional and illegal. Our elected officials should be ashamed of themselves for listening to Donald Trump over their own constituents.

This bill will hurt Texans. This bill will hurt Americans. Do better!

Phil Casali
self
Point, TX

approve

Wendy Moore
Self.
Austin, TX

GERRY IN THE HOUSE? Not my house. No gerrymandering. NO HB4. Do you ever wake up in a cold sweat at night and worry what Jesus would think about your trickery? What WOULD Jesus do, anyway? Would he behave like this? Would he even want to be your friend? Or would he cross the street and pretend he didn't recognize you when walking your way? Do you even care that he's watching you? If you can't get the votes the honest way, you don't deserve to win. Restricting is for whiners, cheats, and liars. You know what Jesus does to liars. Saddle up and face facts and follow the rules like your mothers taught you. Your coaches and pastors would be ashamed of your spineless maneuvers. NO HB4.

Ellen Fell
Self
Carrollton, TX

Texas is already a very gerrymandered state, and this bill would make it unbelievably worse. 45% of the state votes Democratic, cutting that down even more is cruel and will come back to bite you.

Yadira Gonzales
Self
Pearland, TX

I am opposed to HB-4. the U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that excessive partisan gerrymandering is unconstitutional. However, in that same ruling, Rucho v. Common Cause, the Supreme Court deferred to the states to prevent gerrymandering. This is blatant gerrymandering disenfranchising under served communities in Harris county for the sole purpose to gain a political advantage for your Republican party at the behest of Donald Trump. This is in no way shape or form a valid part of the American democratic way and anyone of you that vote in favor will be placing another shovelful of dirt over America's democratic coffin.

Linda Guy
self
Austin, TX

As a native Texan & lifelong voter, I'm very sorry I cannot be there to express my horror at the current effort to steal the votes of so many Texans with this absurd power grabbing redistricting plan! I'm currently out of state visiting a family member with cancer & like so many Texans dealing with so many layers of grief our communities are struggling with, simply find it outrageous & infuriating that ya'll are seeking to take duly elected congress people away from those that elected them, diluting & destroying communities of interest that have trusted our duly elected officials to represent us when we can't be there to speak for ourselves. We have enough difficulty with people of this state not thinking their votes count or matter & this kind of irresponsible extremist manipulation only reinforces that problem. Thank you for your attention to this matter & please make maps that fairly represent our communities!!

Charlotte Craff
Self
Houston, TX

Gerrymandering should be illegal, regardless of who it benefits. This undermines the fairness of of our election system and dilutes our individual voting power. Whatever happened to one person, one vote? I want our Texas government to be a true representation of the people of Texas. We need a nonpartisan redistricting commission, not this ridiculous farce where the legislature gets to pick its voters. No legitimate government should behave this way. I am frustrated and disgusted and know this will lead to even more voter apathy in Texas.

Cara Dupre
Self, Organizational Development
Round Rock, TX

Do not redistrict or gerrymander this state more than you already have. You need to speak for the people you were elected to represent, not just the people you want to represent

Susan Markus
self
Austin, TX

NO! NO!NO! This bill is a disgraceful partisan power grab designed to rig our Texas elections and deprive Texas voters of a free and fair election. It is pathetic and infuriating to see our state leaders - the Governor, Lt. Governor, and GOP House leaders - so obsequiously do Trump's bidding. For God's sake, do your duty as independent , thinking legislators and defend Texans from this rip off.

Alison Lumbatis, CEO
Self
Flower Mound, TX

I strongly oppose HB 4. This bill represents yet another attempt to manipulate district boundaries for partisan gain rather than ensuring fair and equal representation for all Texans. Gerrymandering undermines the foundational principles of our democracy, silencing communities and diminishing the voices of voters based on political expediency.

Texans deserve congressional maps that are drawn transparently, using nonpartisan data and public input—not to entrench power or diminish competition. HB 4 fails to reflect the growing diversity of our state and instead reinforces partisan divides at the expense of fair representation.

I urge lawmakers to reject this bill and commit to a redistricting process that prioritizes integrity, fairness, and the will of the people.

Carolyn Smith, Ms.
Myself as a citizen
Austin, TX

We as citizens and taxpayers to the State of Texas are being pushed into a Republican agenda to control and manipulate the power grab of MAGA with illegal “their” of one party process of redrawing the map of Texas district.
This process is not right.
We are about to enter an era of controlling all with an unbalances representation of “all the peoples” opinions of/in the State of Texas.
This Republican legislative of total control is being picked with DJT propaganda and poison ideology of not only controlling the government and the people, but the practice of a non democratic society.
We are requesting that this issue is the least of Texas problems by Governor Abbott’s pretending of concern for the safety, empathy and democracy of all parties, instead of enriching one man’s (DJT) control of all the people.
This illegal act of redistricting will especially of large Texas cities will eventually cause financial hardship and a strong power grab of the forces of evil, against the State of Texas.

Christina Howard
Self / Counselor
Houston, TX

I would like my opposition to the proposed redistricting on record.

Christian Menefee
Self
Houston, TX

My name is Christian Menefee. I'm the Harris County Attorney and a candidate for Congress in TX-18. I submit this testimony in lieu of attending due to a death in my family.

I was raised in the 18th District. My wife and I are raising our kids here now. My story is the story of so many in our neighborhoods — families in Third Ward, Kashmere Gardens, Acres Homes, and more. My parents relied on WIC to feed us. They bought their home with a VA loan that only required $500 down. I attended public school on free lunch and relied on Pell Grants to be the first in my family to go to college.

These are communities built on faith, perseverance, and a shared history — but also on the legacy of state-sponsored discrimination. Just two generations ago, Black Texans faced poll taxes, whites-only primaries, and violence — even death — for trying to vote. We were shut out of schools, pushed into polluted neighborhoods, denied loans and homeownership, and locked out of the opportunities others were given to build wealth and stability.

That history is still with us. Today, these communities suffer from higher rates of asthma, heart disease, cancer clusters, and shorter life expectancies. They're full of concrete batch plants and food deserts. And many folks simply don't trust government — because they've seen how power can be used to push them aside.

The Voting Rights Act was meant to stop that. It gave communities like ours the power to elect leaders who understand our lives and will fight for our needs. TX-18 and TX-9 are the result of that progress. Together, they've empowered Black and Latino Texans to build political power and avoid vote dilution.

This map would unravel all of that.

It guts District 9 — a Black opportunity district — and moves it across town to create a Republican seat. It then packs those same Black neighborhoods into Districts 18 and 29, pitting communities of color against each other. That's racial gerrymandering. We've seen it in Alabama and Louisiana, and courts ruled it illegal. The same is true here.

And the consequences aren't theoretical — they're real.

These are communities with some of the highest SNAP usage in Texas — now at risk of being represented by someone who would vote to cut it. Families that rely on Medicaid — likely to be represented by someone who'd make it harder to access.

That's not representation. That's a political hijacking.

This map is bad policy and bad for our democracy. It takes communities that have already suffered from institutional racism and strips them of the little power they've clawed back.

It's wrong. It's unconstitutional. And it will not hold up in court.

But more importantly, it shouldn't hold up in this room.

I urge you to reject this map.

Thank you.

Aleae Pennette, Dr
Self Chiropractor
Tyler, TX

Pass the restricting now. Democrat run House is disgusting and unfair to the large majority of Texans who voted MAGA

Shannon Munoz
Self
Houston, TX

This is not for the people but for the politics of the Republican Party. Why is OUR government no longer leaving it to us to dictate how we are run.

Teddi Martin, Dr
Self
Mckinney, TX

No to redistrcting. Stop gerrymandering to pander to billionaires and MAGAS. Every Texan has the ight to have their vote count.

Amna Galloway
Self
Austin, TX

I am against this bill. It's undemocratic and unfair to the voters to do this redistricting. You are trying to do away with the two-party system of our democracy.

John van Compernolle
Self
Mineola, TX

When I testified at the hearing in Arlington earlier this week, I suggested that this committee had an opportunity to improve these congressional district maps.

Much of the testimony in the previous two hearings had suggested that this process would tend to gerrymander districts in some racist way, while at the same time saying that the current districts were already heavily gerrymandered. My assertion was the they looked more like a Salvador Dali painting that salamanders. My assertion was that this opportunity was to make them less so, and consequently more color blind and party blind. I also realized that reaching perfectly rectangular boxes was not likely to be the outcome, but an improvement could be made.

I am of the opinion that HB 4 does just that. Certainly this map is not perfect, but it is more so that the last one. I urge the committee to report this map favorably to the whole house.

Jacqueline Posada, Dr.
Self
Pflugerville, TX

I am submitting public comment to document my stance against early redistricting in the state of Texas. I'm a citizen of Pflugerville and once again my city is being sliced into pieces and my area is being grouped into a district that represents citizens from as far as Pflugerville, a relatively suburban area to Odessa and large swaths of rural Texas. This redistricting is blatantly gerrymandering and once again dilutes votes of Texans. This level of gerrymandering is contrary to representative democracy. What's even more upsetting as a citizen is that it is clear this redistricting is being done at the request of President Trump. I am disappointed that our lawmakers seem to have given up their ability to independently legislate for our state, and are capitulating to the requests of the president. Our state is growing, population is changing, why are we restricting early instead of waiting for census data and another election cycle? Our state was already gerrymandered into coalition districts to favor republicans. Minority and urban districts are being divided to serve blatant political interests. I am fully aware that I live in a Conservative, Republican state and there are policies that I agre

May not agree with, and I respect the hard work of our lawmakers. But if this redistricting occurs, it's simply proves that the Republicans are willing to stay in power No Matter What by silencing the votes of Democrats, moderates, or swing voters, and they don't really care about representing their constituents. What would be better for our democracy is lawmakers who are willing to represent the areas where they live, the district should be drawn relatively close to county or Geographic lines, and the lawmakers should talk to the citizens and run according to issues that are important to their constituents. Please vote against redistricting, keep the lines as they are, which are already gerrymandered and questionable, and wait the appropriate 10 years to redistrict.

Andi Tate
Self/ teacher
Bryan, TX

I oppose the redistricting map.

Celine Thibault
Self, Technologist
Austin, TX

Redrawing congressional maps with any purpose other than representing the population is wrong and is a sad attempt to maintain control when your party fears losing position in subsequent elections. Do not only is it illegal, it’s also embarrassing. WHO and what do you stand for?

Tiffany Clanton
Self - Business Analyst for Medicaid Managed Care Plan
Tyler, TX

As a born and raised woman in Texas, I already feel like my voice doesn’t matter anymore, but if this is done then every sliver of respect that I carried for my government will be gone. My voice has been proven time and time again to not be heard, with every single piece of legislation that’s gone against women, our school children, industries that we the people have expressed extreme support for, yet our wish wishes were not heard during the previous legislative session. Don’t do this again. This is not what the people want and you were elected to represent US, not for Trump. Do better.

Matthew Hardman
Self
Denton, TX

Stop this blatant racist action. Mid-decade districting is a farce. The current districts were deemed legal and proper and no new data has been offered. This is simply about Texas/Abbott doing the bidding of the felon/sexual predator in the White House.

Stephanie Vasquez
Self
Pflugerville, TX

This is unfair and illegal… gerrymandering for sure! Suppressing our vote and voice! Not very American.

James Lukose, Dr.
Self and pharmacist
Richardson, TX

My name is James Lukose, a pharmacist living in Richardson, Texas, serving seniors in long-term care and retail settings across Plano and nearby areas. I'm deeply concerned that the new redistricting maps will dilute the voices of communities like mine, making it harder to elect leaders who prioritize healthcare, affordable prescriptions, and support for the elderly.

Julie Johnson, our U.S. Congresswoman from Texas's 32nd District, represents us well—especially on healthcare and protecting vulnerable people. Fair maps are critical to keeping leaders like her in office.

Please ensure every Texan has an equal voice in decisions that impact our lives.

Frank Castillo, Mr.
Self
Laredo, TX

Stop messing with Texas. Tell TTrump hands off!

Briana MCKEE
Self, licensed esthetician
Frisco, TX

As a native Texan who grew up in Uvalde and has lived in Texas throughout my adult life, I strongly oppose HB4 and the current redistricting proposals that fail to reflect the values, diversity, and democratic principles that make Texas the best state in the nation.

HB4 overreaches state power by creating barriers for the rich and diverse communities who moved here seeking a better life. It risks turning Texas into a place where opportunity is conditional and people are treated with suspicion rather than dignity. Many families I grew up with and now work alongside have built stability through small business ownership, trade work, and community service. This legislation undermines that progress by casting entire groups as suspect and eroding public trust.

In the 1980s and 90s, my grandfather and father worked as land surveyors across South Texas, playing a key role in regional development during a time of change. Through their small business, they hired local crews, friends, neighbors, and young people from the community, creating steady jobs and career opportunities in a rural area where work was scarce. Their efforts paved the way for roads, neighborhoods, cellular communication, and agricultural growth. More importantly, they gave people purpose and a path forward. Their legacy reminds us that progress in Texas has always been rooted in hard work, local investment, and community opportunity.

I work as a sales representative in the professional beauty industry, calling on licensed estheticians and small business owners across North Texas. Many of these professionals did not pursue traditional college but have built thriving practices through trade education, state licensing, and entrepreneurship. They create jobs, generate tax revenue, and uplift their communities through skilled labor and personal care. The people I serve contribute meaningfully to the Texas economy and deserve a state that recognizes and protects their dignity. Policies like HB4 sow fear and marginalization among the communities that help keep this state running.

The redistricting proposals are equally concerning. Texas has grown because of communities of color, yet these maps distort fair representation and dilute voting power, especially in rapidly changing areas like North Texas. This is not just political maneuvering. It is an assault on the democratic rights of millions of Texans, including those who built this state.

I urge the Legislature to reject HB4 and pursue policies that uphold dignity, justice, and equal protection under the law. I also urge a redistricting process that reflects who Texans are today- not just who is currently in power.

Texas belongs to all of us. We deserve laws and leadership that reflect that truth.

Thank you.

Katy Wilkerson
self, social worker
Austin, TX

Mid-decade redistricting is unnecessary and uncalled for; the move will divide and dilute the voices of minorities and working class people. This move breaks established norms and sets a very dangerous precedent for our future. We need fair representation. Politicians DO NOT get to choose their voters. We the people get to choose who represents us. Shame on anyone who thinks otherwise or tries to manipulate the rules to silence voters. Never in a million years did I think living in the USA would feel like we are barreling toward being an authoritarian regime. I used to be so proud of my state and my country, but now I am just heartbroken for them and the direction they are heading. NO to mid-decade redistricting. Thank you for your time.

Kathleen Catlow
Self
Austin, TX

Why do laws not apply to everyone? Choosing to redistrict at the request of the current republican president smacks of being ruled by a dictator. My understanding is that we draw new districts every 10 years in relation to population changes. Our next census is 2030. Pushing new districts at this time is pure nasty politics and is not the will of the people. I do not support this! Stop changing the rules to cheat your way into power.

Teresa Rasti
self
San Antonio, TX

It is not a democracy when the minority wins by cheating. This act of gerrymandering is not happening for any reason except to cheat the majority of people out of their rights to a democratic way of life. The founding fathers are turning over in their graves as maneuvers like this are quickly turning Texas and the United States into a billionaire controlled autocracy. Stop this damage to our state and country. There was a reason people fled Europe to start a new country NOT dominated by the richest people. And that didn't last for Europe anyway. So, trying it again is just crazy by definition. Stop destroying our way of life. Your job in a democracy is to represent the majority of the people and their wishes. Redrawing voting maps to eliminate the voices of the majority is deceitful and undemocratic. Stop this now! Deceit and corruption are not Christian values.

Molly Anderson
Self
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose this redistricting map. It divides my community into two districts and lumps me in with the Texas coast. It only makes sense if you’re a republican leader who is scared you’re losing power because your policies are unpopular. Grow up. Win because people support you not because you have to cheat.

ronnie SCHLEISS
self
Austin, TX

It is a lie that we need new maps. The current gerrymandered maps were claimed to be fair by the republican members when they got pushed through after the 2020 census. And now, the republicans are running scared because even their MAGA folks are unhappy with the destruction the president is causing to the USA. Reasonable people who actually care about everyone living a life of opportunity are against this racist, white supremacist "christian" nationalist agenda. This is stealing votes and anyone who votes for this map is a racist thief and a puppet. VOTE NO on HB 4.

Dru Brown
resident
Austin, TX

I oppose the redistricting in Texas. Please do not support the bill and alternatively represent the people of Texas.

Vanessa Morales
Self
Austin, TX

We deserve a process that is transparent, accessible and allows for public input. These maps, JUST UPDATED IN 2021, should be reflective of the diversity of our state. This move is a power-grab and insulting to the lives lost in the Texas floods, as the special session is focused on redistricting rather than helping Texans recover. I live in Austin now, but am originally from Corpus Christi. I highly doubt that, if asked, the people of Corpus Christi would prioritize redistricting over addressing the myriad of needs facing Texans today. Do better.

Mary Hager
Self
Austin, TX

I’m writing in opposition to the redistricting effort. You serve the citizens of Texas. Not President Trump. Focus on the real issues facing Texans. This is not it.

Gary Graser
Self
Austin, TX

It is apparent that the Republican party is requesting that the map for election of officials representing the people of Texas be redrawn to enhance the Republican party's control of Texas's representation in the national House of Representatives. Is there no one in the Republican party of strong character to state that this is unnecessary? Why is it that no one is willing to exclaim that the state of Texas will be represented by the people, not the party? If the state is not being represented in an accurate and fair way, the people of Texas should vote for accurate representation in Washington regardless of party affiliation.

Greg Ellis
Self / Dad
Austin, TX

Only 56% of Texas voters chose Donald Trump in the 2024 Presidential Election. This gerrymandering of U.S. House districts in our state seeks to lock in 80% of them for the Republican Party and would disenfranchise a large portion of Texas voters. If you haven't noticed, Donald Trump is increasingly unpopular. His approval rating is among the worst of any president in U.S. history. It's not only unfair to voters but it's a terrible strategy for the Republican Party to double down on Donald Trump. He'll be gone before too long and voters won't forget what you are doing today. The tide will turn and we'll vote you out, precinct by precinct. Wake up from your subservience to the worst human being to ever be elected President of the United States.

Howard Langner
Self, retired
Austin, TX

Please do not vote in favor of this bill. The more we keep tinkering with our district maps for the purpose of giving favor to one political party over another the more detached we become from fair and equitable representation in Washington. Let the citizens of Texas decide who their representatives in Washington should be not the President of the United States who has asked our Governor to make these changes for the express purpose of favoring his political party over all others. While this activity can be technically justified, it cannot be ethically or morally justified. Slippery back room deals are nothing to be proud of. Texans can and should do better than that.

Lisa Duchon
Self, retired
Austin, TX

Texans believe in competition. Competition is a vital component of democracy. The opposite of fair competition in our elections is authoritarianism. Let Texas candidates compete for voters like me to choose them and not the other way around. Whether republican, democrat, or independent, voters in Texas and across the USA should have a chance to vote for candidates based on their ideas and beliefs, not the gerrymandered district artificially concocted to produce an uncompetitive outcome.

Stephanie Smith
self/retired
LUBBOCK, TX

The 10 year census maps were set up to adjust the population number for the representatives allowed in US congress. Allowing an obvious and different schedule is against what was established and for the reason established. With the obvious statement by President Trump that in redistricting he can pick up 5 more seats and the Texas Governor following that lead, both are complicit in promoting the gerrymandering of the population districts to allow them to obtain 5 more Republican seats in US congress. This is a political move that does not allow the people in close proximity to choose their representatives. By allowing this blatant abuse of the system set to protect the people and their deserved voting rights and say in the government, the governor has abused his office. The democracy we live in is based on proper representation. You remember "No taxation without represention", which was the reason for the Boston tea party in American history. To allow this redistricting to take place is a travesty to the American democracy and will stand as a coup takeover of a small number of people who are currently in power. Literally a power grab. That is not democracy.

Texas governor Abbott has called a special session under the guise of addressing the killing flood of July 4. His first agenda has been to start redistricting hearings even without a proposed map. Testimony at these hearings has shown that the thousands of people who showed up and testified are against this abuse of the current plan. The limitation of these hearings was rushed without proper notification to the general public. This is only a marketing ploy of "hurry up". If it is a part of sound representation, time would not be a problem. There were so many who tried to attend in person and virtually that never were able to get in. I was one. I was told that there were 20 people in the "room" and I had to wait. An hour and half later, I had not been admitted so I had no opportunity to speak.

Redistricting on the direction of the President smells like corruption to the core. You have secured even less support for the current administration that even before. The maps are not fair, they are specifically focused on giving the Republican party a political leaning to staying in power, not on fair representation.

Kelly MacDowell
self
Garland, TX

I do NOT WANT my district to be redistricted. I see clearly what is going on. Please do NOT make these map changes requested by our president and our governor.

DeAnn Ewing
Self
Austin, TX

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the current redistricting and gerrymandering practices in Texas. These maps do not reflect the true makeup of our communities and instead serve to protect political power at the expense of fair representation.

This issue disproportionately affects Black and brown communities, whose voting power is often diluted through tactics like cracking and packing. These communities are growing, contributing to the strength and diversity of our state, yet they are being silenced in the political process.

I believe every Texan deserves a fair and equal voice in our democracy. I urge you to reject gerrymandered maps and support a redistricting process that is transparent, accountable, and rooted in equity.

Patricia Sumrow
Self
Frisco, TX

I oppose this redistricting. We need maps that are less gerrymandered and more representative of our communities. These maps do the opposite. Representatives should be chosen by the people, not consultants and politicians.

Amy PritchardSwiney
Self
Burleson, TX

I oppose the proposed congressional redistricting plan for the state of Texas. This plan will not adequately represent the citizens in these areas. These wildly constructed districts are not made with citizens in mind but only in service to political machinations. Politicians are put in office to serve their local community not their own greed.

Glory Reichelt
Self
Austin, TX

It is incredibly disappointing and ineffective leadership to attempt to redistrict in middle of multiple critical issues that need to be handled in our country and state right now. To prioritize a task that is not even due for several years over lack of resources for citizens and action on dire economic and structural needs right now smells of corruption. Republicans have continually proven through actions like this that they care more about consolidating power than actually earning votes. I believe this is a tactic to offset what is surely coming, which is a reckoning of citizens who are frustrated and distrusting of their own parties, with good reason. Rather than fix those problems and hear and represent their constituents they are bowing to leadership that prefers to rig the system. I support any of my representatives who break quorum and fight against these ill advised and ridiculous attempts to delegitimize votes and further subdue the public’s wishes.

STEPHEN DENTON
SELF
GRANDVIEW, TX

this is cheating and embarrassing, and I must say a cowardly move by the Republican Party talk about trying to rig an election

Michael Orsak
Self
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose gerrymandering of congressional districts. Districts should be closely linked to geography and NOT based on a parties ability to control districts.

Peggy Gleghorn
Self
Plano, TX

In order to maintain our majority in Congress with more representatives, this bill needs to move forward. The way in which to increase our majority is to target Democrat districts in our state and to be more aggressive in promoting our candidates in these districts for the 2026 primaries. We have a quorum of the committee without any need to adjourn - do NOT ADJOURN the committee until the map has been passed.

Nelly Gyamfi
Self, TCDP Precinct 1734
Fort Worth, TX

My name is Nelly Gyamfi, I am a constituent of US Congressional District 12, a born Texan, 1st Generation American, a 2nd generation Disabled Army Veteran, a Former federal employee, a current precinct chair for the TCDP 1734, a black, Christian, mother, wife, sister, daughter, friend, and most importantly human! I hope I've added enough qualifiers to have my voice heard.

I am opposed to this illegal redistricting. This gerrymandering effort is no more than a racist power grab by Republicans ahead of the '26 mid-terms. Republicans pushing for this are trying to further silence the voices of constituents who know the truth about TX. TX is a purple state! Your efforts to gerrymander us will do nothing but weaken the conservatives hold and your works will be washed away by the coming Blue-nami!

I implore the legislature to focus on serving the people in their charge and stop chasing waterfalls!

Listen to the rivers and the lakes that you're used to. I know that you're gonna have it your way or nothing at all, but I think you're moving too fast.

Ivana Gonzalez
Self/ Full-Time Employed
Houston, TX

As a lifelong Texas resident and voter, I strongly oppose the proposed new congressional redistricting map. This plan appears to be a clear attempt to entrench Republican power at the expense of fair representation, especially for communities of color and urban areas whose voices are already underrepresented.

Redistricting should reflect the will and diversity of the people, not serve as a political weapon to silence opposition. Gerrymandering undermines democracy, breeds distrust, and erodes public confidence in our institutions.

I urge the Texas legislature to reject this map and instead pursue a nonpartisan, transparent redistricting process that respects the actual population and demographic growth of our state. We deserve fair maps, not manipulated ones.

Kiara White
Self
Austin, TX

I come against the redrawing of the districts. I hope that the House agrees to keep the composition of the districts as is so that the citizens of Texas have accurate representation. I stand in the gap and intercede on the behalf of all voters who would be affected by changes to the district. Please, House, reconsider this matter. Thank you.

Magen Manuszewski
Self
Austin, TX

I OPPOSE THE NEW REDISTRICTED MAP

Ann Wise
Self - Retired
Austin, TX

I’m AGAINST HB4.

--There’s no new census or evidence that Texas needs new maps mid-decade.
--Instead of helping Texans recover from the July 4 floods, lawmakers are wasting this special session on gerrymandering.
--Trump himself said: “Texas will be the biggest one. Just a very simple redrawing, we pick up five seats.” This is openly partisan.
--These maps disproportionately harm communities of color, stripping away their chance at fair representation
--This is about silencing communities instead of serving them.”

Sara Laipis Eno
self
Austin, TX

Texans deserve to choose their own representatives and be represented--along with their local communities--by someone who understands their needs. Further gerrymandering splits neighborhoods and communities and prevents true representation. This is ridiculous, and the fact that this map has been proposed at the behest of the president is unethical and anti-American.

Claire Lingenfelser
WCRW
Waller, TX

I support this bill for fair representation of Texas

rachel Velasco
self. Theater Scenic Designer
Frisco, TX

We all see you.
You think we can't but we can all see you.
We see you sitting there doing your damnedest to diminish the voting rights of the majority of the people living in this state.
They majority of Texans live in Dallas, Austin, and Houston and those are the places you are going out of your way to disenfranchise the most.
Every single congressman that votes for this is a disgrace to Texas and to democracy.
We see you.
We know you.
We know what you are doing and why.
Your blatant pathetic gerrymandering wont be enough to protect the seat you sit in, because if you pass this, Texas will remember.
You are all sitting here terrified that the people you claim to represent will hold you accountable in 2026 so you would rather stab us all in the back.
We'll remember the names of the members of the House that support this and when your name comes up for re election, all that we will be thinking about is this specific act of betrayal. We will remember that you rigged the system against the people you swore to represent.
Texas sees you.
Texas will remember you in 2026.

Thank you for your time.

Karina Bolger
Self
Georgetown, TX

I am appalled at this incredible partisan attempt to control the leadership of Texas. If the maps truly are not fair, let's have a bipartisan effort to create FAIR districts. I am becoming embarrassed to say I am a Texan.

Kathryn Miller
Self/Retired
Austin, TX

For years Republicans have tried to engineer how Texans vote rather than trusting us to select our representatives based on how well they represent their constituents. Now once again in a power grab, they are trying to cheat. Because redrawing districts to satisfy donald trump is cheating. No argument can be made for redistricting. No rationale has been presented for attempting to disenfranchise Black and Brown Texans by chopping up districts. It is simply cheating in order to increase one party's numbers. Texans see through this. We know what is happening. I'm an elderly white woman whose vote has never been in doubt. But this is not just about me. It is about our children and grandchildren whose future will be affected by these horrible actions. NO REDISTRICTING!

Sara Askey
Self
Seguin, TX

Districts should not change .

Eileen wolfard
self
lago vista, TX

Do not quiet the people of Texas. We all have a right to vote and have our voice heard and COUNTED. Stop catering to the oligarchs and child in the WH and start paying attention to the people in our state. If your policies are good and work for the people and our fine state, then people will vote for them. You don't need to gerrymander the districts to implement good policy and laws. Texans are better than this.

Lara Lohman, Ms
Self, LCSW
Houston, TX

This is unethical and enraging. I do not support the maps redistricting plans in the state that I reside.

Sonya Sauceda
Self
FRIENDSWOOD, TX

Don't do it! We need our voices. Don'tGerry Mander our votes

Brittany Owens
Self - teacher
Liberty Hill, TX

There is no reason we should be redistricting in Texas right now. Redrawing the maps for the benefit of the current administration at the cost of representation to minority communities in Texas is an outrage. This is a power grab and I will do everything in my power to continue to vote and encourage others to vote against it in any elections moving forward.

Sogol Ahmadinia
Self
Dallas, TX

I write today as a confused and concerned citizen. this body claimed that the prior redistricting was done in a race blind way in a court of law. The DOJ is now saying our districts are too impacted by race and so must be redrawn.
This leaves me with two possible conclusions: either this body lied under oath, or the DOJ is now lying. Either outcome is bad, but one, denying this seemingly false assertion by the DOJ, at least preserves your honor.
As someone who grew up in Oklahoma and has spent most of her adult life in Texas, this behavior does not exemplify all the honorable characteristics I've been told are quintessential Texan. Freedom. Fairness. Justice.
In this effort to disenfranchise people across the state, I see the opposite. Despotism. Disparity. Injustice.
Please hear your constituents, your actual bosses. Your boss is not Gov Abbott and it's most assuredly not Donald Trump. The people you actually serve don't want to be MORE gerrymandered. We want to be less. If that means you lose, regroup and come back with compelling policy ideas. Keep your honor. You claim to love the constitution and America: what's more American than allowing everyone a voice and letting the best ideas win?
But if my appeals to your honor and idealism won't sway you, I'd ask you to act out of self preservation and resist: If you do this now, what will your opposition one day justify to do to you? What will this administration do if you don't keep complying with their illegal requests? I hope for all our sakes we don't find out.

Sara Acevedo
Self
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose the proposed redistricting under House Bill 4. The process has been rushed and opaque, with only 48 hours provided for residents to review and respond to the proposed maps. This limited window effectively prevents working Texans from exercising their civic duty, as few people can rearrange their lives on such short notice to analyze complex maps and submit meaningful feedback.

Just because redistricting can legally occur at any time does not mean it should be done in a way that undermines the core American values of fairness and democracy. HB 4 represents a blatant power grab that prioritizes political interests over the voices of the people.

This process is fundamentally unfair because it disenfranchises residents, denies them a meaningful opportunity to participate, and erodes trust in the institutions meant to serve them. Texas deserves a transparent, inclusive redistricting process that reflects democratic principles—not one that silences its citizens.

Emma Matus
Self
Austin, TX

My name is Emma Matus. I am 27 years old, and I have spent all of those years in my hometown of Austin, TX. I love Texas, as it's where I attended school, where my family and friends live, and the land I've explored for all of my life.

I am appalled by the moves made by Governor Abbott to demote and demolish the voices of the people he is meant to protect. These map changes are an obvious ploy to protect the will of Donald Trump and disenfranchise the voices of Black and Brown Texans. These people also love Texas; they have also attended school here, have a network family and friends, and have explored and protected this land. They are the backbone of this state and deserve to have their voices heard, no matter what Donald Trump thinks of that.

Texas is more diverse than Governor Abbott, Republican Senators, and (already) gerrymandered maps would lead you to believe. It is this diversity— of thought, of background, of race, of gender— that makes us strong.

Here's what I will say: splitting up the map to diminish the votes of Texans will not erase the presence of those Texans. We are not going anywhere.

Rachel Deleery
Self, architecture
Austin, TX

It is unconscionable for the Texas to take this action. I as someone who lives in Travis county have completely different needs than someone in Llano by nature of living in a more urban environment. Both of us would have our desires diluted. Everyone here knows that this is really about partisan politics and trying to keep trump in power. The decisions already made at the representative level are horrifying and soon people will see what these cuts have done. Stop being cowards and stand up for what is right and the constitution

Louise Liller
Self
Austin, TX

This restricting is a blatant power grab that will disenfranchise Texans. This short-term capitulation to the far-right is will further degrade the democratic process.
I strongly oppose.

saxon hajduk
self
austin, TX

I fundamentally disagree with a redistricting that is done with the sole purpose of reallocating votes in such a way that certain parties are suppressed in an already underrepresented state.

Lilli Hime
Self
Austin, TX

I remember back in 2020 working at the Austin Chronicle as a journalist, one of my first bigger stories was about the Austin redistricting process, trying to not only elucidate the complex process to everyday readers but also to impress on them it's significance to representation in local, state, and even federal issues and its part in the very fabric of our democracy. For this reason, it happens once every 10 years, not only because the scope but to preserve the parity of the process so not to be swayed by whichever political party is in power in a moment. The brazen attempt right now to undercut this precedent, steal 5 congressional seats for the sitting president, and, explicitly declared, "preserve GOP control in the house" is tyrannical. It is the antithesis of the party that claims to love this country, its constitution, and our democracy, rather seeking to unravel these very pillars and their safeguards.

If constituent opinion as well as explaining the moral lacking is not enough to convince you not to move forward, I also urge to consider how effective this will even be or whether it will open a can of worms. California is already threatening to redistrict to retake 5 seats for Democrats in their state if Texas moves forward this this and there's no telling what will happen if each state undertakes their own this for that battle. This is a can of worms for children to quarrel over, not elected officials who are supposed to represent EVERYONE in their districts.

That is all not even supposing the law passes through the courts which itself could be a years long fight. Do not carry this illegal action forward. Do not redistrict.

Nora Aguirre
Self
Cedar Hill, TX

You represent us not the POTUS so stop the power grab and take care of your constituents.

Martha Spinks, LTC
self
San Antonio, TX

My Congressman, Chip Roy, has publicly stated that he does not respect me and has no intention of representing my interests. Here's what my Congressman had to say on Twitter, Apple and Facebook on January 8, 2021: I want to be clear to @Twitter, @apple, @Facebook…and all you leftist assholes. I don't care what you do. You are irrelevant to my life & happiness. We're going to do as we damned well please. #ComeAndTakeIt."

So my Congressman can dump me but I can't return the favor and dump him. The reason is gerrymandering.
Over the past two decades ticket splitting in elections has declined. Not so long ago a great candidate could beat a mediocre one, even when the partisan lean of the state was not in that candidate's favor. Today, that's almost impossible. Because the candidate is less important than the partisan make-up of the state and the performance of the presidential candidate. And to these candidates, their constituents are less important than their donors. As a result, political analysts say that candidates have become more mediocre. Our political system is not a marketplace for ideas: It is a pool for mediocrity. And Chip Roy is a poster child for that mediocrity.

Since Roy doesn't fear an opponent, he poses as a fiscal conservative then rolls over to vote for adding trillions to the national debt. In a predictable pirouette, Roy managed to disappoint both conservative and liberal voters with the same vote. He demonstrated that he truly represents no one but himself.

In an effort to assure that mediocrity continues for generations to come, President Donald Trump told Greg Abbott, who has been posing as Texas governor, to steal five Texas Democratic seats by gerrymandering more Republican voters into those districts.

I wonder whether our mediocre governor, who recently compared the Central Texas flash flood that killed at least 135 people to losing a football game, would care to make an analogy here? Would gerrymandering be like the Texas A&M football team making up special rules before playing the University of Texas to prevent the Longhorns from scoring a touchdown?

If Republicans had any intention of playing fair, they would bring redistricting into the public forum where it belongs and engage all the stakeholders:
- Compromise so it's a win-win for constituents and democracy by forcing candidates to compete and for incumbents to be held accountable.
- Be an example to all your constituents as well as to the loyal opposition of how democracy should work as you create the maps.
- Then top that off with having more hearings after you draw the maps so that we all can evaluate and embrace those maps.

Better yet, take redistricting out of the hands of politicians who inevitably have a conflict of interest and turn it over to a bipartisan special committee.

Jessica Black
Self
Arlington, TX

I am strongly opposed to the proposed maps in HB 4 and the fact that the Texas Legislature is attempting this mid-decade redistricting. This is not what the Texas Legislature needs to be focusing on right now. Please redirect your time and energy to addressing the issues related to the July 4th floods and delivering much needed property tax relief to Texans.

Brenda Hernandez
Self/legal assistant
Houston, TX

We all know what this bill is and we the people strongly oppose what you are trying to do to this country. Please do better. I strongly oppose the passing of this bill as it is illegal and basically gerrymandering.

Patricia Rivet
Self
Katy, TX

I am against any restricting mid decade. Uncalled for

David Bitting
Self
Amarillo, TX

This is so non-democratic. Republicans already control both houses and all state wide offices. Bow to the president and remove all representation from all majorities in the state

Jennifer Gerry
Self
Houston, TX

I strongly urge the Texas legislature to stop this redistricting plan. Your constituents do NOT want this and this is not what this special session should be about. Elbridge Gerry may have started this terrible practice, but this Gerry is asking you to stop Gerrymandering the state of Texas. We should be striving for more representation for ALL. Our fragile democracy rests in your hands. Redistricting should be done post census only, to make sure population changes are accounted for…not to rig elections and disenfranchise our fellow Texans.

Rachel McCallister
Self
Austin, TX

As a resident of Austin, 78721, I am opposed to this corrupt redistricting process and all gerrymandered maps. Gov. Abbott is letting Trump control him while ignoring the real problems in our lives. We should be focusing on helping folks after the floods and providing relief, not corrupt maps and a redistricting process totally out of alignment with the usual cadence. This is a disregard for democracy. It is corrupt, racial gerrymandering and I oppose it wholeheartedly.

Lynn Kurth
Self/environmental consultant
Austin, TX

Please don't do redistricting in this off year. Don't bow to trump. He will embarrass you. Focus on what Texans need PLEASE.

Kayla Dusenbery
Self
Arlington, TX

Please do not support this radical redistricting. We need you to speak out against this dangerous gerrymandering. Please, enough is enough, this is not what the people want.

Jolie Willis
Self
Austin, TX

I am strongly opposed to unnecessary redistricting. Trump's meddling in Texas voting maps is a clear overreach of the federal government and is based on nothing meaningful, concrete, or objective.

This frivolous, inane stunt is a waste of taxpayer money. Instead, our elected offices should be working to expand health care, ensure public school funding continues to increase beyond the biennium, enhance our state's infrastructure, and bolster emergency preparedness. These causes will actually improve the lives of all Texas. Gerrymandering will do nothing but disenfranchise voters and threaten our democracy.

Dakota Roberts
Self
San Antonio, TX

This attempt at Congressional redistricting at the behest of the federal government is a massive break from the norms and protections of democratic process. Voters should not be slotted in such a way that casts away your democratic voters. We deserve representation for our values as well. This is an underhanded tactic that historically has been used to silence people of color, natives, and members of the LGBTQIA+ community. You all took an oath to govern and represent for all. This would be a breaking of that oath, a silencing of voices that wish to be heard. Please do not be the stooges of the federal government. Let the people be heard, give our voices a chance to be met with the same dignity as you would have for yourself.

Chelsea Townsend
Self
Austin, TX

As a native Texan, I am appalled to see leaders who claim to love and protect their constituents' independent, hard working, "can do it if you put your mind to it" nature take advantage of and manipulate those same people just so they don't have to be held accountable for their actions. Redrawing district maps midterm without evidence to suggest a need, on the outright request of a federal office holder for his own admitted personal and professional gain, is just the latest indicator in a series that those in power of a state they claim to love are at the mercy of a federal office at worst. At best, they are showing maintaining or increasing their current personal favor, privilege, and level of power, on their own or as a result of their state and federal counterparts, is more important to them than the average Texan, who they are sworn to represent. There is but one way to show us all this neither of these is the case.

Reject this new map immediately. Swiftly and without qualification. When you took your current office, swore your oath, you promised your constituents you would represent them. Protect them. Look out for them. Not other office holders. Not federal office holders. Your duty is to your constituents. To this great state of Texas.

I'm not naive. Some of you made false promises on purpose. Some of you knew that Texans would not be your master if you won your office. But our right to vote, and to have our vote count accurately, is our right to hold you accountable. That is the check and balance you agreed to when you swore that oath of office. To attempt to avoid accountability by changing districts and affecting how much weight your current constituents votes can have on your ability to continue holding your office is cowardly, plain and simple. Instead of meeting their responses to your actions and understanding a level of scrutiny is required to hold your position honorably, you are entertaining cheating your way into another term. Shame on you.

Those of you with the courage to hold yourself accountable, to face your constituents concerns head on, a deep and resounding thank you is owed. There are only so many of you fighting the good fight here, and that is unfortunate. It is devastating to see how many fellow Texans vote against themselves when so much is at stake. When their livelihoods, and now their voting power - once again, is at stake. But this is a new degree of threat to voting rights. And I thank those of you that continue standing up for the right thing, rejecting this new map, when so many others are focused on only protecting themselves and their power, real or perceived.

For decency, this map needs to be rejected. For voting rights, this map needs to be rejected. For Texans, this map needs to be rejected. Because we constituents should get to hold every office holder accountable when you fail to uphold honor, dignity, and Texans lives above your own personal interests. You know who you are. Do the right thing.

Lori Williamson
Self
Round Rock, TX

Republicans have sold their souls. They know it. They know they are doing the absolute wrong thing. They know that everything that is said by their command chain is an absolute lie. These leaders aren't dumb; they just have sold their souls.
I fully support our Democratic leaders all across this nation who are doing the right thing…fighting against the cheating and lying. My mom lived for 5.5 additional years thanks to cancer research. I retired early to be her primary caregiver and now must pay out of pocket for insurance premiums with $9000 deductibles … all while Republicans push Project 2025 knowing good and well Trump lied to the nation about not knowing about it. I fully support Democratic leaders who will do all in their power to get back at the blatant cheating and lying. Thank you for doing what is right for the working (and retired) class people of this nation..all 50% of it.

jimmy kelly, Mr.
Self
lubbock, TX

I am opposed to the current redistricting plan aimed solely at removing representation from urban and democratic voting areas. The proposed maps do not help anyone where I live in Lubbock Texas. Lubbock is the home district of the current Speaker of the Texas House and our congressional district already leaves us connected to people far outside of our geographical region and undermines our interests. If you are going to redraw our district then please do so in a way that reduces the number of miles it extends outside the panhandle. We do not have much in common with those that live 400 miles away other than living in the large diverse state of Texas. Thank you, Jimmy Kelly

shannon evans
self
Austin, TX

As one of your constituent members, I am writing to urge you to reject the corrupt redistricting process and all gerrymandered maps.

Governor Abbott is absolutely letting Trump control him while ignoring the real problems in our lives. Please do everything in your power to fight back into put Texans first!

I strongly urge you: reject this process!

Thank you.

Roscoe McCormick, LTC (Ret)
Self
Austin, TX

As an Army Paratrooper, a college professor, and a middle school Mathematics teacher, I have speak out against the redistricting so called process. I am Black History Month, I integrated a grocery store when I was 16 years old. I know how it feels when you have drink out a colored water fountain and use a colored restroom. And sometimes, denying the opportunity to do so. Furthermore, not being able to try on clothing when shopping. I understood the map even though it was printed. You knew the redistricting map even though it wasn't printed before the hearing. Many Texans do not understand the concept or why redistricting is occurring. As an Army Paratrooper, we always had map and understood the mission. All the paratroopers were briefed prior to the mission. It wasn't a dictated mission as was the Texas redistricting process. My last point has a middle Mathematics teacher. I have a curriculum map to inform students and parents on the goal for the course. Even though I am a Mathematics teacher, I am an Executive Board member, Education Austin. My community, students are watching this undemocratic process as when I grew and a Black person in the United States. I am against the unfair redistricting process.The end result was known at the start.

Jarrett Reece
Self
Austin, TX

As a resident of Austin for over 26 years and a Texan my entire life, I do not want or approve of being impacted by redistricting. You are stealing my representation. This only serves the GOP who want to remain in power. The TX GOP have been in power for decades, however they have done nothing to serve their constituents or support the people of Texas. I condemn the TX GOP leadership for bowing down to a 34 time felon who only cares about keeping himself out of prison while enriching himself. The TX GOP should be focusing on state disaster management and prevention. The TX GOP leadership should be more worried about the power grid and providing healthcare and not cashing in on lobbyists and running scared from a corrupt TX AG, a cowardice Lt Governor, and a feckless Governor.

IAN GASS
SELF
AUSTIN, TX

Dear Representatives,
I write as a concerned constituent to oppose House Bill 4, which would allow off-cycle redistricting in Texas.
Proponents argue that Texas's rapid urban and suburban growth requires more frequent boundary adjustments than the usual decennial cycle. They claim mid-decade redistricting would keep districts aligned with shifting populations. However, this approach undermines voter trust and invites opportunistic map-making. It relies on interim population estimates that can be inaccurate and unevenly distributed.
Allowing legislators to redraw lines mid-cycle ostensibly increases accountability—voters could punish gerrymanders at the ballot box. In reality, it creates a conflict of interest: map-makers protect their own seats, turnout in off-cycle elections is low, and partisan battles only intensify. Independent or judicial oversight, though imperfect, helps ensure impartiality.
Advocates also suggest off-cycle maps can produce stable majorities, reducing razor-thin margins that stall policy. Yet engineered landslides often marginalize minority or dissenting voices, foster complacent incumbents, and drive extreme mid-decade policy swings.
They further contend that mid-cycle revisions could preserve majority-minority districts under the Voting Rights Act. But packing minority voters tokenizes communities, and courts frequently strike maps that use race as a partisan proxy—precisely the litigation HB 4 claims to prevent.
Finally, supporters say off-cycle redistricting avoids protracted lawsuits and clarifies rules early in the election season. Instead, mid-decade changes often spark new legal challenges, confuse voters and election officials, and require judicial intervention—prolonging uncertainty rather than resolving it.
Every redistricting model has drawbacks. Yet frequent legislative control lacks the stability and fairness that Texans deserve. I urge you to oppose HB 4 in favor of impartial reforms: independent commissions, algorithm-based map-drawing, or multi-member districts. These alternatives better balance fairness, stability, and accountability, safeguarding the principle that every Texan's vote carries equal weight.
Let's put partisanship aside and get back to engaging constructively in solutions that uphold the principles of equality and mutual respect.
We the people appreciate your thoughtful consideration.

Rodney Sims, Pct Chair
HCRP
Crosby, TX

Harris County Republican Party is working diligently to keep Crosby Huffman and Kingwood RED. PLEASE DO NOT send us a Democrat to represent us and kill all of the work that we are laboring intensely to accomplish.
God bless you!
Rodney Sims
HCRP Pct 502
Chair
Rodneysimsgop@gmail.com
936-391-5746

Elisabeth Brolin
Myself
Carrollton, TX

Pass the bill

Holly Hazlett
Parker County Chair Precinct 220 / self
Weatherford, TX

I support redistricting! Coalition districts are unconstitutional. Please pass HB 4.

Kayla Miloy
Self
Austin, TX

I am staunchly opposed to redistricting in Texas. This blatant gerrymandering dilute the voice of every day Texans and destroys our democracy. The appropriate time for redistricting is when nuisance data is available not at the whim of our so-called leaders I oppose these measures.

Pam Whitehouse
self / GM
Austin, TX

Gerrymandering is unlawful and redistricting to gain seats at the command of the President is illegal. House Republicans' proposed map redraws districts that are currently mostly racial and ethnic minorities in order to gain 5 new house seats for the Congressional Republicans. Courts have repeatedly found that Texas' district maps illegally diluted the voting power of minorities, and the new maps make it worse. I expect Governor Abbott and my representatives to publicly condemn the radical redistricting process happening in Texas.

Elise DiNuzzo
Self
The woodlands, TX

I am writing in opposition to the proposed redistricting laid out in HB 4. Presidents Trump has expressed running for a third term multiple times. We can't pretend anymore that he's just joking and that the redistricting as proposed will not aid a potential third term for President Trump. The two greatest ideas in human history (apart from the wheel) are -
The Golden Rule, "do unto others as you would have them do unto you." The golden rule can be found in every major religion of the world. It's one of the greatest ideas in history because it requires the cultivation of empathy and especially empathy for those who are not like us. Jesus said to love God and love your neighbor as yourself. Even if your neighbor is your enemy. Republicans in Texas, while claiming to love Jesus, raise and vote for legislation that hurts the most vulnerable among us. Jesus said, "what you do unto the least of these, you do unto me." HB 4 is designed to give Republicans more power to continue to pass legislation that is harmful to children, to women, to the poor and disenfranchised, to veterans, to immigrants and their families, to almost everyone except the rich and powerful who would benefit at the expense of everyone else. Jesus would be flipping tables.
The second greatest idea has got to be The American Dream - a unique governing combination of a democracy and republic. Where everyone in America is meant to have equal representation, due process, the right to vote, limited presidential terms and checks and balances in the form of the three federal branches of government. HB 4 threatens the fabric on which America was founded. HB 4 would shatter our right to free and fair elections. If republicans have to cheat to pass harmful legislation, instead of winning votes with ideas, then their ideas are missing the mark with their constituents.
Vote in opposition if HB 4, for the future of our country.

Aiden Arendall-Smith
Self, Self-employed
Dallas, TX

Absolutely not! Keep our cities as they are. The only reason a redistricting would be proposed is to try and get our cities to flip red. Do not approve this blatant gerrymandering.

Rachel Johnson
Self/Human Resources
Austin, TX

No

Jennifer Rassler
Self
Austin, TX

Sam Houston would be rolling in his grave to know how eager our state officials are to acquiesce to the will of the federal government. No on redistricting.

Melissa Ferrell
self
Austin, TX

This is ridiculous, partisan and not good for American. Stop. We want to work together for the greater good---not end up in an oligarchy.

Jordan Boenitz
Self - wholesale
New Braunfels, TX

I completely disagree with the proposed maps. This is clear gerrymandering and corruption at play

Lawana Gonzales, Mrs.
Self
Del Valle, TX

To all Texas Republicans trying to change the districts and zones for selection of representatives,
My adjectives for you are you are illegal , immoral, unethical and very likely racists.
You're trying to change the communities in which brown , black, yellow, or red, ethnic groups or races live in.
They have a right to live where they live and they have a right to representation. Just like with 1776 for American independence there's no taxation without representation.!
You don't get to change our neighborhoods or communities simply because most of you are not true Republicans you're Trumpians, or the minimum your puppets, step and fetch its, yes men and wanna be clones a little Donnie orange face.
If you haven't figured out yet, he's not a real republican. Neither most of you. You don't know our tenants, doctrines or platforms of the Republican Party. You've changed it completely and you're certainly not Christians. Most of you. You might be considered nationalists, but not true Christians.
Unfortunately, for you , your patriot and even your family, like the survivors of the holocaust history is not on your side. Continue to follow Donald Trump's stupidity., arrogance, entitled, chauvinistic, and racist, decision decisions and the rest of Texas will not be voting for you anymore.
You need to remember where you came from your own ancestors this country was already filled with brown and black and definitely red people before Texas ever became Texas. It was part of Mexico. You forgotten our history our traditions are culture, our ethics, and our morals that's why I say you were definitely illegal. I will not stand by or support any republican or independent or liberal or democrat whatever you call yourselves. We see you we know what you are and who are the liars; and our descendants will know also. It is time for you to step up make wise, ethical moral, decent decisions and not follow the pack not humor , nor compromise the values and morals of Texas. It's life liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for all who live here and our right to live where we want to live and have fair representation that looks like us.
As an angle woman married to Texan Mexican American for almost 50 years I have never seen so much disrespect, disdain, division and duplicity, and all my years as a voter. You voted in because you supposedly were honest, forright had the best interest for Texans at Heart; all Texan's and I say All , ALL Texans. Lastly , I don't care if you're Californians or New Yorkers it suddenly belatedly move to Texas Texas is the size of five states and we've got all ethnic groups, language groups, colors, and creeds here. Act like it. You need to remember that act like you're Americans not Trump clones. I know I'm not gonna say sincerely or courteously I'm saying seriously, make the Right decision for Texas. You need to vote no on changing the districts zones and trying to gerrymander.

Kara Kockelman
self, educator
West Lake Hills, TX

We Texans appreciate that Donald Trump and his allies aren't satisfied with just dominating Congress and the courts. They want to dominate the State of Texas, law firms, universities, businesses, and media institutions as well. This is textbook authoritarian overreach. Please do not capitulate by redistricting to make Texas' grossly gerrymandered maps even more embarrassing.
This month's special TX Lege session is a MASSIVE embarrassment to intelligent & honest people everywhere.
Such partisan politics wastes valuable time and taxpayer money at a moment when Texans need real leadership on the issues that truly matter—like economic recovery, public safety, and access to quality healthcare.
Redrawing district lines outside the regular cycle undermines public trust and distracts from urgent statewide priorities. Texans are facing rising costs, strained hospitals, and public safety challenges. We need solutions—not more political games.
My family, neighbors, & friends urge ALL TX legilsators to reject any mid-cycle redistricting plan and instead focus on meeting the real economic, safety, and health needs of our communities.
Please try hard to put the people of Texas before politics. And don't let criminals Take Over our state's leadership to kill US democracy at the polls.
Good luck avoiding the autocracy (& theocracy?) that so many republicans have put in motion!

Laura Kane
Self
Austin, TX

Please look at what you are doing to destroy districts. Re-drawing for trumps greedy power grab is not what your constituents want.

William LaViola, Mr.
Self
Austin, TX

Public Comment Opposing HB4 – Redistricting in Texas
To the Select House Redistricting Subcommittee
89th Texas Legislature, Special Session 1
August 1, 2025

My name is Bill LaViola, and I'm a Texas resident, a voter, and a father. I'm writing to express my strong opposition to House Bill 4 and to urge every member of this committee to vote NO.

HB4 is not a neutral or necessary update to our congressional maps—it's a politically motivated maneuver being pushed in response to the President's public demand for more Republican districts in Texas. This kind of mid-decade redistricting, outside of any Census cycle, is not routine. It is a coordinated attempt to rig the electoral playing field ahead of next year's elections.

And the process? It's worse than rushed—it's opaque and exclusionary. Texans are being given a mere 30 days to absorb massive changes with no meaningful opportunity for review or feedback. There is no guarantee of five days' notice to see the maps. No racial impact analysis. No requirement to retain communications or drafts.

We've seen this playbook before. In 2011, the courts found that Texas intentionally discriminated against communities of color when drawing its maps. In 2019, the same panel of judges said clearly: future processes must be fair, open, and transparent. HB4 fails on every count.

Instead of honoring the lessons of the past, this bill doubles down on the same discriminatory tactics—rushing maps through without public input and ignoring the voices of those most impacted.

Let's be clear:

- HB4 is designed to weaken the voting power of communities of color.
- HB4 shuts the public out of the redistricting process.
- HB4 fails to meet even the most basic standards of transparency or accountability.

If passed, HB4 won't just damage the integrity of our elections—it will erode public trust. As a father raising children in this state, I care deeply about the kind of democracy we leave them. This bill is not the example we should be setting.

I urge you to reject HB4 and to demand a process that puts Texans—not politics—first.

Thank you,
Bill LaViola

Robert Cash
Myself
Austin, TX

I was chief of staff for a state representative the during the 2003 redistricting ordered by Tom Delay. At that time Republicans twisted themselves in knots trying to hide the fact that they were taking orders from Washington and, insteasd, insisted that they were merely trying to produce map that was fair to all Texans. This time, with its transformation into a white supremacist fascist party, the Republican leadership doesn't even try to hide the fact that the goal is is to carry out Trump's orders to institute a new Jim Crow order that strips Black, Brown, and working class communities of representation.

Joel Armey
Self - Software Engineer
Midlothian, TX

I am strongly opposed to Mid-cycle redistricting.This seems like a blatant attempt to get more republic seats in congress and denies many their right to representation.

Rachael Harris
Self - Mortgage Technology
Houston, TX

The proposed redistricting plan is an embarrassment to our state. It will likely result in costly legal battles that the taxpayers must pay. Please FAIRLY draw lines to represent ALL Texans.

Maria Hatton
Self
Houston, TX

My name is Maria Hatton and I live in district 36 , which was gerrymandered in 2021. Due to redistricting I lost representation. I am a Hispanic woman and believe in inclusion for all. I’m represented by a white republican man who bows to trump every time. That is not representation. This is what will happen to the people of these districts that will be redistricted. I oppose this redistricting. There is no reason to do it other than to appease trump. Please do what is right! You know that this is wrong just like those republicans in Washington voting for that bill that trump wanted but was bad for the people and good for the wealthy. They knew it was wrong but did it anyway. Say no to him and stand up for the people you represent.

Monique Beacham
NA
Dallas, TX

This administration sent representatives from Washington, DC to tell Texans how to redistrict our maps—without the census data needed to determine what’s best for our communities. The Civil Rights Act of 1964 was meant to protect against racial discrimination, voter suppression, and lack of representation. Yet, within the first 100 days, this administration has targeted DEI rollbacks, undermining decades of civil rights progress. This doesn’t just affect some—it affects everyone.

In Texas, rural and urban communities have different needs. Fair district lines should reflect those differences, not be manipulated for political gain. But some districts are being packed or split to reduce certain voices. Who benefits from this? Not the people. Without accurate data, we can’t represent population growth or community needs. Winning a few seats isn’t worth silencing entire communities.
When officials ignore census data and gerrymander, they send a message: some voices don’t matter. This undermines democracy and deepens inequality. Rolling back DEI and targeting Black, Brown, and rural districts threatens to entrench systemic injustice.
To avoid these harms, we must prioritize accurate census data and fair representation. Every community deserves a voice and accurate representation in government.??Prioritizing underrepresented communities during redistricting ensures a more inclusive society. By considering diverse groups like Black and Brown populations, rural areas, Indigenous Communities, LGBTQ+ populations, low-income communities, immigrant communities, young people, and White suburban communities, we can create an equitable political landscape. Inaccurate district lines for Black and Brown communities dilute their voting power, while considering rural concerns helps address healthcare access and infrastructure development. Ensuring the perspectives of marginalized groups like Indigenous Communities, LGBTQ+ populations, low-income communities, immigrant communities, and young people are incorporated can promote equitable treatment for all. Addressing White suburban community issues like gentrification, education funding gaps, and infrastructure needs promotes fair representation for all. I have laid out all of my concerns that I hoped to be addressed soon.

Legal Protections:
US Constitution: Districts must be based on population, not politics.
Fourteenth Amendment: Prohibits discriminatory election practices.
Voting Rights Act of 1965: Protects against minority vote dilution.
Census Act: Requires use of accurate census data.
Federal Election Campaign Act: Maintains electoral integrity.
Anti-Deficiency Act: Ensures proper government funding for elections.
Supreme Court cases: Set precedent for fair representation.
Equal Protection Clause: Guarantees equal political participation.
These laws ensure redistricting serves fair representation and democracy—not partisan advantage. When these principles are violated, legal challenges are justified.

David Gray
Self
Austin, TX

I object to the proposed Texas redistricting map because it unfairly dilutes the voting power of minority communities, undermining fair and equal representation. The map appears to be drawn with partisan intent, prioritizing political advantage over the democratic principle of one person, one vote. It fails to reflect the true demographic and geographic diversity of the state.

Lorri Wright
Self
Fort worth, TX

Bending to the will of the current Federal Administration by redrawing the maps for the sole purpose of a GOP win is extremely troubling and abhorrent. Politicians should not choose their voters. The citizenry chooses them. Please do not be complicit in this action to dilute the vote.

Zachary LaViola, Mr.
Self
Austin, TX

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My name is Zachary LaViola. I am a 22-year-old musician, Texan, and DeafBlind advocate. I am writing to ask you to vote NO on House Bill 4.

I care about fairness. I care about honesty. And I care about being heard.

HB4 is unfair. It redraws Texas's congressional maps in the middle of the decade, not because of new Census data, but because powerful people want more control. That's not democracy—that's manipulation.

People like me, who are disabled, are often forgotten or pushed aside. But we vote. And we care. When you redraw the maps without public input or transparency, you silence people who already face barriers.

HB4 takes away public testimony. It rushes a process that needs time. It ignores communities of color and disabled communities like mine.

I know what it feels like to be excluded. To be underestimated. This bill does the same thing to entire neighborhoods of people.

Please don't pass HB4. Choose a process that listens to all Texans—disabled or not, sighted or blind, hearing or Deaf, rural or urban. Everyone deserves a voice.

Thank you for hearing mine.

Zachary LaViola
DeafBlind Texan, Musician, Advocate

David Reynolds
self - retired attorney
Austin, TX

Both parties have often elevated politics over the public good so I am not castigating just Republicans for this gerrymandering. It is 100% political and legal. Now Democratic states are threatening to play your game in a race to the bottom of the political trash heap. When both parties have reached the bottom, what is left of our democracy? With great power comes great responsibility. You have the power. How far are you willing to retreat from democratic principles toward authoritarian one-man rule?

Allison Cargile
Self
Austin, TX

I'm AGAINST HB4.

There's no new census or evidence that Texas needs new maps mid-decade.

Instead of helping Texans recover from the July 4 floods, lawmakers are wasting this special session on gerrymandering.

Trump himself said: "Texas will be the biggest one. Just a very simple redrawing, we pick up five seats." This is openly partisan.

These maps disproportionately harm communities of color, stripping away their chance at fair representation.

This is about silencing communities instead of serving them

Sharon Henson
Republican Party of Rockwall County
ROCKWALL, TX

I fully support hb4 and the new redistricting as mapped. Please vote for this ma that protect the rights of Voters.

Heather Agee
Self
Houston, TX

I want to express my concerns regarding proposed redistricting efforts in Texas occurring outside of the standard 10-year census cycle as outlined in HB4. Redistricting outside of this timeframe undermines the fairness, accuracy, and representational integrity of our electoral process. Redistricting now will lead to inaccurate representation and voter disenfranchisement. This is a violation of the voting rights act. Do not allow the current political environment and the Trump administration to dictate the electoral process that is so essential to our democracy.

Katelyn Parham
self
Fort Worth, TX

I am opposed to this desperate attempt for Republicans to maintain power by redrawing congressional maps ahead of the 2026 election.

Texans deserve fair maps and their voices heard. Not only does this map silence the voices of Texans, the Chair refuses to travel to impacted districts and hear from Texans in those communities. Until adequate hearings are held across the state, it is wrong for lawmakers to vote on this legislation as they have not had ample opportunity to hear from their communities.

I hope Republicans will take time and listen to their constituents rather than ramming through this bill without ample time for public input.

Erin Hamilton, Ms.
self
Manor, TX

I am very concerned that Governor Abbott and other Republican representatives in Texas are attempting to rewrite the district voting maps to disenfranchise the voices of those that might oppose them. This is not democratic, it is fascists and shows the weakness and fear that the republican party owns due to bending a knee to autocrat want-to-bes, felons, and pedophiles. Let the voices of our state stand true and stop this petty power play because the republicans can't win on their own merit. They have none. This has nothing to do with fairness or full representation. It is an old man with dementia's hope to remain in office and out of prison and to hold accountability for his reprehensible life choices. Stop the redistricting now. It is against the law, it is immoral, and it is cheating.

Sarah Brandt
Self, librarian
Austin, TX

This redistricting plan is unacceptable. To the state representatives: did you run for government office in the state of Texas just to fold to inappropriate demands from members of the federal government? You are supposed to represent and respond to your constituents in this state, and this plan does not represent Texans. Please do not disenfranchise us in this way. Please do not take away the voice and agency of your constituents in the state of Texas. This is not your charge and not why you were elected, please be honest with yourselves about what you are doing if you pass this plan- stealing the political voice of millions of Texans. We deserve a map that represents the votes we cast, without this kind of unethical rigging. Don’t do this, be better than this, please. Create districts that don’t chop up communities and that allow for competitive elections and a representative congressional delegation.

Michael McNoldy
AFCSME
Austin, TX

This is an unacceptable ploy for grabbing power at the behest of Donald Trump. The citizens of Texas see what you're doing, and how republicans are filing lockstep with the commands of their dear leader, who is an authoritarian, convicted felon and liable sexual offender as found in civil court.

I am a citizen of Texas and I demand fair representation, not a gerrymandered map that silences the voices of thousands of voting Texas citizens. This redistricting map must be voted down.

David Lethe
self
Plano, TX

Redistricting will move my family (and precinct) into a different congressional district. My wife and I are OK with this change, my voting-age daughter doesn't care. I believe redistricting is good for the people of Texas because we are overwhelmingly a conservative state and redistricting will better reflect the demographics. . Advocates for doing so are saying that blacks / latinos are racist by definition and only someone of their preferred race can represent them. I couldn't care less what skin color my rep is.

Kelly Hines
self/architecture design
Austin, TX

From the beginning of the founding of our country, the key component of our democracy has been representative governance. All Amercians who are eligible to vote have the right to vote for representatives that will become members of Congress to present, discuss, and debate issues that directly relate to the people who have sent them there. They represent the community's interests. They are the voice of their unique districts. They do not represent the mayor, the governor, or the president's interests. They represent the people. That is what democracy is made up of. The representation of districts gives the citizens a voice, creating the power behind the 3 equal branches of government. One branch does not hold power over the others. "Checks and Balances" are key to American Democracy. Our nation has led the world for centuries with this system and inspired other democracies. We should not devalue what the founders began. We should strengthen it with more engaged representation begining with the power of each individual's vote to select a member of Congress that represents them as a member of their community as an American in a democracy. This bill is destructive to democracy; it disgraces it.

Charles Griffith, Mr
Self
Irving, TX

I am in favor of any redistricting that makes sense to give voters a chance to have fair elections. The map of district 33 is a travesty that guarantees Democrats win by 70%. I have been to town halls with Marc Veasey stated that we need illegal immigration to pick our fruit and vegetables. Check the map of district 33.

Julie Daneman
Fort Worth
Fort Worth, TX

I am publicly coming out as against this ridiculous redistricting ploy. Texas has already admitted that the current districts are gerrymandered FOR Republicans, and now you want to make it worse??? This is not representation of the PEOPLE YOU WORK FOR. This is cowtowing to and kissing the orange behind of your cult leader. I'm tired of Texas being misrepresented as the reddest of the red states. We are much more purple than any Republican wants to admit, and you have proved that you will lie, cheat, and steal to keep your fabrication of Red Texas alive. Do the right thing for once and prove me wrong.

Amy Ontai, Dr.
Self
Leander, TX

Redistricting Texas in this manner is highly immoral, as there have not been any significant population or demographic changes to warrant such action. We Texans have governed ourselves as a separate country before, and we should not be bowing down to the will of the federal government, namely one man, to redistrict lines just because he says so. Additionally, redistricting Texas in this manner is essentially a form of voter suppression. The people of Texas will remember what was done here in regards to this bill. Please make the right decision.

Macelanie Hoglan
Self
Plainview, TX

I support redistricting

Michael Chapa
Self
Georgetown, TX

Pass the Big Beautiful Map Bill. I support the redistricting map and would like my representative to do the same.

Joletta Martin
Self
Houston, TX

I’m strongly opposed to the proposed redisticting map as it will systematically suppress the will of the majority population in my district. I currently live in Representative Al Green’s district which would be eliminated therefore leaving me without representation. I stand with the Texas democratic leadership in opposing any legislation to limit the voices of African American voters in Texas.

Monica Guyer
Self, Operations Director for Non-Profit
Lindale, TX

As an active citizen, I urge the Texas Legislature to approve HB4. The current districts drawn in 2021 followed the flawed 2020 Census which officials have acknowledged significantly undercounted several states, including Texas, while overcounting others. Further, recent court decisions including the U.S. Fifth Circuit’s 2024 ruling in the Petteway v. Galveston County established that districts based on “coalitions” of minority groups are not protected by the Voting Rights Act. It is time to correct the error of 2021, pass HB4, and restore fair Congressional seat representation in Texas. Thank you.

Sharisse Stephenson, Dr
TX 30
Dallas, TX

Please allow equitable and fair representation

Menka Goyal
Self
Flower Mound, TX

This is not fair. It should not happen.

Abigail Jackson
Self, Business Manager
Austin, TX

There is no reason for Congressional Redistricting to occur at this time. There has been no new census data. This is a blatant attempt at voter suppression that is happening only because the current Republican administration in the White House called on Gov. Abbott to do it.
Please reject these anti-democratic actions.

Luis Orama, Mr.
Self
Garland, TX

Good morning,

As a lifelong citizen of the state of Texas, I find it appalling the degree to which our elected officials are attempting to remove the voice of their constituents. Those of you in power were elected to a position where your leadership is valued not by those you gained votes from, but for the betterment of ALL Texans regardless of party affiliation. This bill stands to do nothing more than silence a great majority of Texans in an effort to provide the FEDERAL government with more power to continue their divisive approach to governance. I ask that you remember the work you do in Texas is for Texans and not for those attempting a power grab in Washington D.C. Please focus on issues that benefit Texas, like emergency disaster support, immigration reform, and public education. You've been called here, off session, because your governor wants nothing more than to gain favor with those in Washington. I ask you now, members of this Texas Congressional Committee, to stand with your fellow Texans rather than against them. Your complicity in the silencing of millions of Texans (some of which may have gotten you into this position) will not go unnoticed. Thank you for your time.

Janice Boomstein
self Project Manager
Dallas, TX

Please do not redistrict Texas. I was redistricted in 2021 and put in a completely gerrymandered district. It stretches miles and miles and miles and I was shoved into the end of it. We were told by State Leadership that the new districts were not racially drawn. Now in 2025 the same State Leadership claims that they are racially drawn. So were they lying then or are they lying now? In reality, they were lying then and now. The Texas leadership is taking orders from Trump - because of his extensive relationship with Epstein and his very open enjoyment of much younger women he is afraid he could be in trouble. So the Texas leadership decided to take orders from a rapist and a pedophile. And the Texas leadership who is insisting that the 10 Commandments be shoved down our throats is not following them. Do not redistrict us. Voters should be able to pick their representatives rather than the representatives pick their voters. Stop lying, stand up tall and do the right thing.

Molly Remes
Self
Houston, TX

I am AGAINST the proposed redistricting for the election of members of the U.S. House of Representatives because it eliminates fair voting in Texas. When you have one party in power— both statewide and nationally, the amount of corruption by elected officials is limitless and there is no accountability to voters. It will be the END OF DEMOCRACY!

Julie Brown
self/library manager
Austin, TX

This is transparently an effort by one party to seize further control of state government by disenfranchising voters of color.

Christopher Farral
Self
Oak Point, TX

This is a violation and an outright abuse of our democracy. Any representative who votes for this bill is openly displaying their distaste for America and its founding democratic principles.

Melissa Jenkins
Self
Greenville, TX

I oppose gerrymandering

Delvin Wilson, Director
Self / Director of sports information
Coppell, TX

Please reconsider this blatant misuse of power and constitutional undoing

Rich Wilson
Self
Sanger, TX

Please vote in favor of HB 4.

Amanda Aguilar
Self
Dallas, TX

I am completely opposed to redistricting. Please focus on the important matters of the state, especially prevention of more loss of life from catastrophic weather, instead of attempting to steal congressional seats.

Justin Roberts
Self
Copperas Cove, TX

I do not support this and will do everything to remove all that vote for it.

Paula Hansen
N/A
SUGAR LAND, TX

I am opposed to this redistricting ordered by this current President, to find 5 seats in the House, which is totally contradictory to our representative democracy. This is unacceptable. Because this administration's policies are unpopular and unconstitutional, they need to cheat to “win”.
When maps are manipulated, as illustrated by the just released map, it distorts the very foundation of democracy. It silences the voices of those already struggling to be heard. It’s about clinging to power at any cost. Voters in our democracy are supposed to choose their representatives, not the other way around. It is wrong – and unfair to all Texans – for the Legislature to take up this unjustified data-free mid-decade redistricting.

Archna Bhasin, Dr.
myself
Houston, TX

Dear Redistricting Committee,
I live in congressional district 7 represented by Lizzie Fletcher. I went to the field hearing on July 26 in Houston. Although I did not enter the hearing room, I completed the attendance form, submitted my opposition to redistricting without new census data online, and watched the livestream of the hearing. I did all of this hoping that you would proceed in good faith, abandon this charade, and focus on more pressing issues, such as flood mitigation and response. Although thousands of your constituents testified intelligently against this redistricting in-person and online , you are continuing with this charade. We did all this without proposed maps released. It was asked that maps be released with ample time for the public to review them and have time to plan to testify at a hearing, however you scheduled the hearing a mere two days after the proposed map was released. This is not in good faith. As was stated multiple times throughout the hearing by the public, we the people should choose our representatives. The representatives do not get to choose who they represent by redrawing lines without cause. I chose Lizzie Fletcher because she represents the needs of our racially diverse coalition district and communicates with us honestly and in an un-biased manner. I have attended two of her town halls and know that she has my interests at heart. In the proposed map, Fletcher's district will shrink and many of us minorities will lose her representation, which is a tragedy. Even more tragic is that Sylvester Turner's district 18 has remained unrepresented for six months, and rather than doing right by district 18's constituents, you are further taking away their representation by merging districts 9 and 18. The changes to districts 9, 18, and 29 significantly dilute the voices of Latino and Black American minorities. The minorities are the backbone of Houston and their voices need to be heard not diluted. If anything, the proposed maps are racially biased against minorities. Please stop this process or redraw the maps to represent Houston fairly. Nobody likes gerrymandering. Please form an independent redistricting committee. It is absurd that redistricting is done by representatives with a conflict of interest to maintain their position. Thank you for your time. Sincerely,
Archna Bhasin

L Lane
Self
Arlington, TX

Pls support HB4

Daniel O'Leary
Self
Fort Worth, TX

I ABSOLUTELY OPPOSE THIS TRANSPARENT POWER GRAB ATTEMPT BY A REPUBLICAN PARTY THAT IS DESPERATELY ATTEMPTING TO CLING TO POWER IN SPITE OF THE FACT THEY HAVE BECOME A CRIMINAL CULT.

Nichole Weller, Mrs
Self
Euless, TX

I am in full support of this bill. I see it as helping to increase efficiency and deliver the will of the people.

Paris Johnson
Self
Dallas, TX

The constitution is labeled WE THE PEOPLE and We The People will not stand for this Redistricting.

Mitzi Higginbotham
Self
Reklaw, TX

This Congressional District map is extremely good for all the People of Texas. It accurately reflects the commonalities within areas. It is geographically sound. It is not gerrymandered in the slightest. It simply makes sense. Please pass HB4 favorably from Committee.

Malone Malone
Self
Fort Worth, TX

My name is Lenroy Malone. I am a constituent of Texas Senate District 9, Texas House District 94, and U.S. Congressional District 24. Just a few months ago, several minority voters in Tarrant County were targeted by a blatant, racially motivated redistricting plan. Black, Hispanic and Asian voters were cracked from Tarrant County Commissioners Precinct 2 and packed into Precinct 1. As a result, their political power, acquired over time through population growth and coalition building in the Southern sector, was diminished by elected officials that chose to silence them instead of engaging them politically. That was a textbook example of racial gerrymandering which is illegal. Now at the request of President Trump, Governor Abbott and the Texas State Legislature are seeking to employ the same racially motivated redistricting plan to silence minority voters at the federal level to maintain power of the U. S. House of Representatives.

First, I call on members of the Texas House and Texas Senate to vote NO regarding this mid-decade redistricting plan that is nothing more than a racist power grab intended to dilute the political power of Black, Hispanic and Asian voters in large urban centers throughout the state of Texas.

After watching the public hearing held in Tarrant County, it is abundantly clear that I am not alone, and the majority of North Texans have no interest in seeing new maps being drawn. As a fellow Texan, I encourage you to tap into your independent, lone star spirit in this moment. This is not the time for our elected officials to abdicate our state’s priorities to carry out the desires of those in Washington, D.C.

Bill King
retired judge
Austin, TX

My name is Bill King. I am a retired judge. Since I retired a decade ago, I been involved in advocating for good governance.

We are a representative democracy. Our elected officials are supposed to represent the citizens, not some federal official. There is an established procedure for since, since 1789. The U.S. Constitution states clearly that a census is undertaken every 10 years in order to fairly assign representatives based on changes in population. There is no new census; therefore there is no new census date to base redistricting on.

Since the last redistricting after the census in 2020, Governor Abbott and Attorney General Paxton have spent millions of taxpayer dollars defending the current maps against claims of discrimination, claiming there is no legal reason to change the maps. Suddenly, after a secret phone call with Trump, Abbott made a 180 degree turn and now says the maps are discriminatory. A person could be forgiven for suspecting that something other than fair representative and elections is behind this plan. With no new census numbers, this plan is just a secretive power grab for Trump that has nothing to do with fair representation for Texans.

When roughly 2/3 of Texans are people of color but 2/3 of Texas Congressmen are white, the system is rigged. When 2/3 of Texans support Medicaid expansion and sustainable energy and common sense gun regulation but the Texas delegation always votes against them, the system is rigged. This plan just makes the rigging worse. We are no longer a representative democracy.

Representatives, you can do better for the people of Texas. The voters will remember next year.

Kristina Niblett
Self
San Marcos, TX

The new map does not allow for a true read on what voters want. Don’t we want to know what the people want? This rushed timeline does not give the public time to understand and weigh in on the effects of the new map. The governor is using special sessions to rush through redistricting with no timely review of the new map. So the governor doesn’t care what Texans think. This map avoids listening to the needs of black, Hispanic and other minority communities. Do better! Listen and care!

Carolyn Bischoff
Self
Onalaska, TX

I cannot let this cheating go by without commenting! I live in rural Polk County which is not one of the Districts being dismantled but I am still affected! None of this should be occurring at this time! Governor Abbott and President Trump are working together to take votes and the voices of both the Black and Brown communities. It is a racist act! Democrats and Republicans need to say NO! The only issues that should be addressed in the Special Session is the horrific loss of lives and property from the floods in the Hill Country! So basically I am saying DO YOUR DAMN JOBS FOR ALL TEXANS!
Carolyn Bischoff

Carla Schoonover
The 134 PAC
Palo Pinto, TX

Good afternoon. My name is Carla Schoonover and I'm the co-founder of The 134 PAC. We organize in the rural counties of Texas—places too often treated like afterthoughts in this state.

I'm here today not just as an organizer, but as a rural Texan who's tired of watching our communities get carved up and left behind.

This proposed redistricting map doesn't reflect representative government. It reflects power protecting itself. Rural voices are being split, drowned out, or merged into districts so large and scattered that there's no way a single representative can truly understand or advocate for our local needs.

We are already suffering. Our public schools are under attack by a voucher scheme that will strip millions from rural education. Our hospitals are closing. Our roads are crumbling. And still—still—we are expected to believe that these maps are drawn in good faith?

We are not pawns on a partisan board. We are Texans. We are families raising kids, caring for elders, running farms and small businesses. And we deserve a government that sees us—not just as votes to manipulate, but as people to represent.

The 134 PAC works every day to help rural Texans believe again that democracy can work for them. But if this is the map, if this is the future, it's hard to keep making that promise in good faith.

We need fair maps. We need honest representation. And we need this state to remember that rural doesn't mean disposable.

Thank you.

Cathy Levin
Cathy Levin
Hilltop Lakes, TX

This is a complete waste of taxpayer money. Redrawing districts between census cycles in completely unnecessary. It was just done after the 2020 census. It is a partisan power grab and undermines democracy. The public expects transparency and a process which is based on data not the fear of a real representation.

Joseph Fisk
Self
Galveston, TX

Dear representatives of all the people of Texas. I remember well, a day not long ago that I was assured that all of the representatives elected upheld a belief that they represented their constituents. Sadly, in my lifetime, I have seen politicians disregard their duty and represent only biased lobbyists and see themselves as extensions of their campaign donors. This jeopardizes our very belief in our democracy.
This latest measure, to gerrymander our voting districts is clear evidence of a willful disregard for voters and representative democracy. This appears to be a blatant attempt to disenfranchise Texans and to so dilute their voices as to make many of us mute.
Voting districts should be drawn fairly, and should not be drawn to disenfranchise voters. This appears to be an attempt to create a one party system and us as such un American and anti-Texan.
I urge you to reject this redistricting plan and to remember that which has made us great — the honest exchange of ideas and opinions, and free and fair elections.
I am not a member of a political party or movement, I am an independent Texan who knows we all do better when everyone has a voice. When debate is silenced, tyranny ensues.

Laura Diamond
multiple organizations and self
Dallas, TX

Against more gerrymandering for Texas. This idea is an assault on democracy! This president wants to get states like ours to bend and break laws, to cheat, to use ai and other technologies to actually rig the vote in his favor. It is time to limit this leader's excessive cruelty, not submit to it. We the people, do not want this ultra manipulated redistricting plan.

Mackenzie Gordon
Self
Addison, TX

To Whom It May Concern,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on HB 4. My name is Mackenzie Gordon I live in Addison Texas.

I am writing to convey my concerns about House Bill 4. The purpose of redistricting is to secure the appropriate representation of voters across our extremely diverse state. As stated on the “Legal Requirements for Redistricting" webpage on the official capitol website, redistricting is to be completed following the publication of each United States decennial census in order to “equalize population” among electoral districts. It is extremely unusual for redistricting to be pursued mid-decade. More concerning is that this redistricting would effectively dilute the voting power of people of color in contravention of the Voting Rights Act.

I believe House Bill 4 is not only untimely and unnecessary, but if enacted would directly harm your constituents. Texas is an extremely diverse state across every dimension– topographically, racially, linguistically, economically, etc. It is essential that the full spectrum of voters’ voices are represented in lawmaking, and you have been elected, in part, to protect the interests of the people and the democratic principles of this country.

I urge you to reflect upon Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act. The map under House Bill 4 “packs” certain voters of color into a handful of districts, and “cracks” the remaining voters of color between other districts, effectively diluting their collective voting power. It is unconstitutional for a vote in one district to have less of an impact on the outcome of an election than a vote in another district because of the way districts have been strategically drawn.

Please vote NO on House Bill 4, and protect the interests of your constituents as well as your constitutional and legal obligations.

Sincerely,

Mackenzie Gordon

Stephanie Phy
Self/speech pathology assistant
Marshall, TX

Re-districting and gerrymandering the state will cause misrepresentation and underrepresentation for those the republicans say they represent. This is a disgusting power grab, making it abundantly clear that the republicans are so disliked that they cannot win political races any other way than stealing them.

Hayden Martin
Self/Teacher
Austin, TX

Just don’t do it please! This will be so harmful and unfair

Allan Seils
Self
Austin, TX

Stop this insanity!! A short term gain for GOP, but in the long run this move will do more to damage ouir Country. History will frown on this and the people who kneel to the Trump/MAGA evil.

Carrie Richardson
Self
Round Rock, TX

I'm a 50 year resident of Texas and a 30+ year resident of Williamson County. The proposed map changes my representation in Congress again, for the third time in 5 years. Why?? Please focus on the flood disaster - redistricting any part of this state should not be a priority.

Cheryl Smith, Mrs
Self - Retired
Grand Prairie, TX

I am a concerned constituent and proud resident of Texas! I am also a Retired Legal & Grievance Specialist with The Dallas Local #2260 of the American Federation of Teachers, African American resident of Grand Prairie and Tarrant County-House District 101 and have been "gerrymandered" and moved constantly from my Senatorial & Congressional Districts for the past 10 years. I strongly disagree with the Governor's Plan to redraw the Texas Congressional Maps prior to the 10-year Census! I am a taxpayer and my voice matters! ReDistricting yet again violates the "Voting Rights Act of 1965." This ReDistricting Plan only targets key "Minority U.S. Congressional Districts" where Black, Latino and Asians Voters have resided and elected representatives who reflect our interest. I urge you to do the right thing and remove Congressional ReDistricting from the 89th Legislative Special Session. The Proposed ReDistricting Congressional Map will: 1. Dilute the Voting Strength of Communities of Color; 2. Disenfranchise urban and diverse constituencies; 3. Undermine the credibility of our democratic process and; 4. Invite costly legal challenges and potential federal intervention. As elected officials entrusted with representing the people of Texas, I urge you to reject this proposal. Please stand for fair maps, uphold voter equity, and support a transparent redistricting process that respects the "Voting Rights Act" and reflects the true diversity of our state. Texas belongs to all of us, not just those in power. Please remember, the Voters of Texas are watching you and are very disappointed with the disenfranchisement of Minority Voters! We are paying close attention and will remember your stance when casting our votes in the upcoming Mid-Term Elections in March & November 2026! This calculated effort to manipulate district boundaries for political gain undermines the integrity of our electoral process and erodes public trust in our democratic institutions. ReDistricting must be rooted in accurate population data, conducted transparently, and shaped by public input, not crafted behind closed doors to entrench political power and marginalize communities like mine! Thank You for your time and your service to the people of Texas!

Ana Calvo
self
Austin, TX

Say no to redistricting! The redistricting is unconstitutional, and is a direct democratic violation. Redrawing districts erases the voices of voters.

Jim Scott, Citizen
Concerned citizens
Buffalo, TX

Oppose redistricting !

Craig Spears
self, teaching
Bryan, TX

This bill should be rejected summarily. It is ridiculous to introduce for the purpose of further gerrymandering, as it was explicitly referred as publicly. My own views and representation is being diluted further than it already was, and I wholeheartedly believe this is anti-democratic and anti-Texan. There was no serious attempt at public input, although I did manage to accidentally find this site - I know my neighbors are not so well-informed, and there is no opportunity to get the word out before you've closed this input window. I've grown up in this state and community, and I am embarrassed by this lack of transparency, new and unnecessary rules and ignoring of the voice of Texans. Please vote against this if you are representing your constituents.

Carolyn Thornton, Ms
self
New Braunfels, TX

It is shameful that our government is trying to rig future elections by gerrymandering the voting districts. This has got to stop.

fernando rojas
self
mesquite, TX

MAPS REFLECTS THE GREEDY AND HATEFULL CHARACTERS OF THE PEOPLE THAT SUBMITTED THEM AND SHOULD NOT BE APPROVED

Jon Olson
self - pharmacist
AUSTIN, TX

I do not support redistricting by any political party. Redistricting subverts democracy. Every vote should count equally in a democracy and heavy redistricting subverts that. Neither party should be allowed to redistrict and we should move to rank choice voting as well. Redistricting is not a democratic principle and enhances the polarization we are already experiencing heavily across all states.

Angela Smith, Dr.
self, retired
Plano, TX

I’m writing to urge you to REJECT thi redistricting process and all gerrymandered maps. There is no need to do this at this moment but to silence voices of those who shouldbe heard. In Matthew, Jesus said what you do for the least of these, you do for me. Texas representatives serve ALL people of Texas. Please do everything in your power to fight back and put Texans first!

Cheryl Hassell
self, retired
keller, TX

Redistricting at this time, out of cycle of the census and against Texas law, is inappropriate and has the potential to not only disenfranchise voters and erase the representation of hundreds of thousands of Texans, it also sets up a massive legal bill to be paid by my taxes when, not if, this is challenged in court. It goes against the true nature of Texans, who have had the tradition and culture of having the best ideas win. Gerrymandering, obtaining outsized majority through political manipulation, is unnecessary if you are truly the party with the best ideas that were presented fairly to your constituency. The only need for the gerrymander is if your real purpose is to impose law that violates the will of the population. Going further, it's not just the gerrymander, but the willingness to violate our own practices of redistricting by doing so out of cycle upon the demands of the president. He, and Texas leadership, have openly stated that this is purely to gain 5 seats in Congress. IT HAS BEEN STATED THAT THIS IS POLITICAL, which is direct opposition to districting at all. Any who are willing to go along with, much less promote this illegal action should be voted out. I have no representation currently, as my elected "official" is Capriglione. That abbott has not replaced the dem representative that passed away shows the lengths that some will go to in order to obtain advantage. Do not be that. That nothing has been done about Hutchison's absence and fraud against her district shows further what lengths some will go to in order to remain politically successful. That should have been a scandal that ended in a new election to replace that seat. REPRESENT US, ALL OF US, FAIRLY, LEGALLY, WITHIN BOTH THE WRITING AND SPIRIT OF THE LAW.

Ashley Bourgeois, Rev.
Self, Reverend
Austin, TX

Texas has larger priorities than acquiescing to the demands of a felonious President from New York.

I have been a registered republican since 2003, but will henceforth oppose anyone who undermines the will of Texans with their support of or complicity in this redistricting agenda.

Cameron Arceneaux
Self
Fort Worth, TX

I am strongly opposed to this plan for many reasons:
1) It will significantly reduce the power of Black and Hispanic voters all across Texas but most acutely in the Houston area. Houston currently has 1 majority SSRV district and 2 performing Black opportunity districts. Under this plan, that will change to 0 and 1 respectively. Both districts 29 and 9 can and should be made into stronger Hispanic districts with a few simple changes. District 29 should lose areas like Acres Homes and Oak Forest and instead take in more of Spring Branch. District 9 should lose areas in NE Harris County like Crosby, Huffman and Kingwood (I grew up in Kingwood and am against splitting it between 2 districts anyhow) and take in predominately Hispanic areas around Hobby Airport and Baytown. I created a plan that makes these changes that I will be submitting; under this plan District 9 would be over 2/3 Hispanic and would still have voted for Donald Trump in 2024 by 6 points.
2) Tarrant County, my current residence, has over 2 million people. Under this plan, no one congressional district would be located entirely within the county, and the Fort Worth residence of one incumbent representing the area (Marc Veasey) has been drawn into another incumbent's district. This would significantly dilute Fort Worth's influence at the congressional level.
These comments are made with the assumption this is a normal process where feedback will be respected and representatives are willing to go back to the drawing board and address these and other issues that constituents raise. However, this has not been a normal process thus far. It has instead been rushed through in special session with no reason given to undergo this other than "the governor said to." I hope that I am proved wrong, or at least that if this map does pass in its current form that it is overturned by the courts as the egregious and careless violation of the Voting Rights Act that it is.

Patrick Block
self
Dallas, TX

I am against mid-decade congressional redistricting. Districts were drawn up just a few years ago based on 2020 Census data. The Census data has not changed, the Legislature made its decision on how to draw up districts and should stick with it til the next Census. This is highly undemocratic. If Texas does this, there is nothing to stop other states from mid-decade redistricting to counter this move, exacerbating the move away from norms we have long cherished as a democracy.

Ruben A. Salazar
self, student
Houston, TX

Chairman and Members of the Committee,
My name is Ruben Salazar. I am a lifelong resident of East Aldine in Houston and a proud community advocate, serving as President of the East Aldine Civic Association and a board member with the East Aldine Management District.
I would like to express my strong opposition to the proposed redistricting of Congressional District TX-29. This map weakens the political voice of our community—a historically underrepresented, working-class, majority-Latino district that has spent decades building power, representation, and trust in the democratic process.
These proposed changes would split apart neighborhoods that share common struggles and common goals: access to affordable healthcare, disaster recovery, clean water infrastructure, and fair representation. TX-29 has made significant progress because we've had elected leaders who understand our community's needs and are held accountable by a unified voting bloc. Diluting our district fractures that accountability and silences the voices of those who are just beginning to be heard.
This isn't just a political issue—it's a human one. We are asking to be seen, to be respected, and to be kept whole.
I urge you to reject this map and preserve the integrity and unity of TX-29 and other affected districts. Our democracy depends on fair maps that reflect, not erase, the communities that call Texas home.
Thank you.

James Minor, Rev.
Self
DeSoto, TX

This redistricting move is nothing short of criminal and unconstitutional. When you intentionally seek to silence the voice of a select group of people so only your voice is heard you dishonor any notion of a democratic process. What are you doing to what historically been our representative democracy and what has happen to your voice. Why is the only voice we are allowed to hear is that of the President. We were once know as the independent state that had its own mind. Now we seem to have surrendered our voice. Make a stand for justice and reject this plan.

Anita Stoll
self
Austin, TX

I oppose HB 4 and the unfair redistricting it contains. Texans deserve fair representation and this bill is unfair.

Elizabeth Mikel
Self
Dallas, TX

I'm a 4th generation Texan. My Great Grandparents were enslaved. My Grandparents and parents had to suffer the horrors of the Jim Crow. My mother, a college biology professor and my father, a business owner couldn't vote as US citizens until after I was born.
Here we are in 2025 and we're facing the same crooked challenges. I would have never thought my daughters and grandchildren would be subjected to such overt underhanded politics. Texas wants the Ten Commandments displayed in the classroom. But what's really on display for our children is, if you are shady and power hungry, anything goes.
It's beyond ridiculous to be taxed without representation. The Forefathers broke from England because of that very thing.
I'm a home owner and an upstanding, proud Texan. But this redistricting is a slap in the face.
History is being made. If you pass H4, will your legacy make you or your children proud? I think not!
ONE NATION, UNDER GOD, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL!!

Elizabeth Haswell-Kirkby
Self
Denton, TX

DO NOT REDISTRICT THE STATE .IT'S NOT THE CORRECT TIME. IT'S NOT FAIR TO ONLY ADD GOP DISTRICTS. DO. NOT. REDISTRICT.

Cody Sederholm
Self
Canyon Lake, TX

It's quite odd to see the Texas state government react to Trump's request for redistricting. This isn't organically from the Texas right nor left parties. Would a republican Texas governor react in kind to a democrat president's request on the same matter? If every two years Texas wants to subjectively redistrict for obvious reasons feel free to abolish fair elections officially. When you can no longer maintain power by fair and honest means but resort to political asshatery you've over stayed your welcome and failed to garner support. By doing such action will incentivize other states to do similar redistricting, look at recent comments by the Illinois and California governors who, if Texas capitulates to such federal request, will execute similar acts within their own jurisdiction. That nation wouldn't be the “United” States, we'll descend into fifty states doing as they please with zero unity or integrity. Do not trample on the freedom of which you claim to defend and celebrate because it gives a favorable result one time, futures are uncertain and your political opponents are not guaranteed to be kind or forgiving.

Amy Pancake
Self, Movement Therapist and Educator
Austin, TX

Would you teach your kids it's okay to cheat if it guarantees you will win? You probably would. It's still wrong. Can you at least try to live up to preschool ethics? Who knows, maybe you can even go further if you try. Trying is what's missing here. Stop cheating. Thanks.

Mark MacDougal
Self
Kyle, TX

This proposed redistricting will unfairly, virtually disenfranchise Texas citizens. It is undemocratic.

June McDarby
self
Waxahachie, TX

Fair redistricting is essential. Please DO support the HB4 proposed map!

Eileen Crowley
NA
Austin, TX

This is the blatant disenfranchisement of constituents. States rights over people who live in states' rights.

Erica Perez
Constituents
Houston, TX

We dont want this. This is not democracy. Gerrymandering to win seats goes against what the majority wants.

Jennifer Ruloph
Self
Austin, TX

I am writing to voice my opposition to these newly proposed district maps. These maps are unjust and unfair. They are denying the citizens of the great state of Texas to have true representation in the United States House of Representatives.

Dora Meraz
None
El Paso, TX

Why is it necessary to registro y Texas? Please provide well documented arguments.

Cynthia A. Salazar
self, retired
Houston, TX

As a resident of Congressional District 29, I strongly oppose the proposed redistricting map that would alter the boundaries of our district. CD-29 is a historically Latino-majority district that reflects a vibrant, working-class community with shared interests, challenges, and cultural identity. The proposed changes threaten to dilute our political voice and divide neighborhoods that have long organized together to address local needs such as infrastructure, education, healthcare access, and disaster preparedness.

This redistricting proposal appears to be a clear attempt at gerrymandering that undermines fair representation. It goes against the Voting Rights Act and disrespects the will and unity of our community. I urge the committee to reject this map and instead prioritize maps that preserve community integrity, ensure minority voting strength, and uphold democratic principles.

Respectfully,

Cynthia A. Salazar

Daisy Sullivan
Self, citizen of Texas
Austin, TX

This is inherent gerrymandering and redlining in the modern day. To give priority to specific groups of people to further one specific party's agenda. It's astoundingly obvious and frankly incredibly disheartening, though not surprising with the blatant favoritism this state and country have been showing. As many other native Texans will agree: Do not move forward with this redistricting. It is unfair to its foundation and it is exactly what this system was built to (try to) avoid.

Yolanda Betancourt
Self
El Paso, TX

I strongly oppose any efforts to pursue redistricting as a reaction to fears over losing the midterm elections. Redistricting should be about fair representation, not political self-preservation. When used as a partisan tool, it undermines the democratic process by enabling gerrymandering—manipulating district boundaries to favor one party over the will of the voters. This not only weakens public trust in elections but also silences the voices of entire communities and reduces electoral competitiveness. Voters deserve districts drawn with integrity, transparency, and fairness—not lines crafted to protect political power. I stand firmly against any redistricting efforts motivated by fear, and I believe our focus should remain on earning voters' support, not manipulating the map.

Jennifer Banales
Self
Pflugerville, TX

I am in opposition of redrawing the map for the state of Texas. This bill is not what is best for the citizens of Texas. Please do the right thing and vote no for changing the map.

Elizabeth Goldberg
Self/Teacher
Edinburg, TX

As a South Texas resident in one of the areas in the proposed redistricted zone, I am opposed to this new plan. My representative should represent the people and interests of the Rio Grande Valley, not one political party. As Texas citizens our voices matter and they should not be diluted or dispersed. The people of South Texas matter. Our voices matter. Our representation needs to be an honest reflection of who we are and what we value. Show us respect by respecting that.

Ruth York
Tea Party Patriots of Eastland County and Self/Direct Sales
Cisco, TX

Please vote Yes on HB 4 so that the population of Texas is equitably and accurately represented.

Kimberley Armstrong
Precinct 233
Wylie, TX

I am for redistricting Texas! Rep. Noble and all Texas House Reps, please, vote for this bill!

Anna Pittala
self, retired
Austin, TX

I am a native Texana voter, and I oppose HB 4 and any mid-decade redistricting, especially while the current maps are still being challenged in court. Furthermore, I oppose any redistricting that does not result in fair representation for all Texans. Texas has a long history of racial gerrymandering and discriminatory voting practices, so I urge you to prevent communities of color from being deliberately divided, thereby weakening their political voice.

Texans have the right to fair and equal representation that's achieved through a thoughtful, transparent process that allows meaningful public input. Lawmakers should have the necessary information to create legally compliant district maps, protect minority voting rights, and respect county lines, city boundaries, and communities of interest. A rushed 30-day special session packed with unrelated agenda items is not the way to achieve this.

I have learned that 43% of Texans voted for Democrats, but would only have 13% representation under this redistricting attack map.

Texans deserve to have a redistricting process that is fair, transparent, and results in equal representation for all, not this rushed and deeply flawed process.

Flood recovery efforts and the safety of Texans should be the top priority, not redrawing political maps.

Richard Adlen
Self
Mckinney, TX

All voices need to be heard for representation in a democracy. Redistricting silences voices and does not adequately represent the voters. Please reject the proposal for redistricting.

Mary Davis
Self
Houston, TX

I am against the redistricting. This is harmful and minimizes the voices of Democrats.

Sylvia MacLean
Self. Small business owner
Blanco, TX

This redistricting bill needs to be defeated. It is dishonest and disgusting.
Do something good : vote no.

Alfonso Maldonado, Mr.
Myself
El paso, TX

These maps are drowning out voices in an attempt to subvert the will of the people. If you have to pick your voters (especially calling a special session to do this) means this is a literal coup to make sure that bad policy makers can keep getting re-elected to the PEOPLES house.

Kelly Brooks
Self
Temple, TX

I am strongly opposed to changing congressional districts in a non-census year. This looks like a way to take the voice from residential areas that might not share the views of those in control. I saw that there is a new district line going close to my home. On a state level, I live in the donut district and it's just obvious how silly these lines are and how they are focused on demographics and not geographical regions. Let Texans have their voice in voted and making sure someone represents them rather than dividing communities to keep power. It appears to be racist and based on fear that the opinions of those in power are not supported or agreed upon.

Michael Martinez
Individual
Austin, TX

I am against this partisian redistricting. It is not in the spirit of American democracy or the Texan way. If you can't win fair and square, you didn't win.

Kylee Acoba
Self, office assistant
Houston, TX

Districts should be drawn in a common sense manner; districts should be contiguous. The diameter of a district should be roughly the same no matter which direction you slice it. Decisions about changing district lines should be approved by current residents of the relevant districts. A sitting president should not have influence or jurisdiction over state matters such as districting.

Stephanie Lee
Self
Austin, TX

To members of the Texas House and Senate,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed redistricting bill in Texas.

This bill undermines the fundamental principles of fair representation and equal voice in our democracy, instead of creating districts that reflect the true and accurate diversity and geography of our communities. Every single Texan regardless of race, where they live, political party, etc. deserves a fair chance to elect leaders who represent their interests.

Redistricting should not be a tool for political gain, it should be a transparent and inclusive process. I urge lawmakers to reject this bill and commit to drawing maps that reflect the real Texas: diverse and deserving of fair representation.

Thank you.

J F HOWELL III
Self attorney at law
Trophy Club, TX

I am very much opposed to the current redistricting efforts. It reduces the value of my vote. And I value my vote. Please do not resort to this type of chicanery.

Jordan Bacon
Self
El Lago, TX

I strongly urge the committee to reject this mid-decade redistricting proposal.

As a lifelong Texan and resident of (YOUR COUNTY), I oppose any mid-decade redistricting that reduces minority voting influence.

Texans deserve better than blatant manipulation by one party to silence their fair and equal representation in our government. Our communities deserve fair maps, not political manipulation

Dale Martin
Self
Waller, TX

I support this bill for fair representation

Tim Killalea
Self
Houston, TX

I strongly oppose the proposed mid-cycle redistricting plan put forth in the Texas Legislature.

This redistricting is no more than an excuse to prevent people of color from voting. This proposal would steal voting power from those suffering from longtime racial inequities. This redistricting effort is a clear violation of the Voting Rights Act, which sets majority minority districts apart as political divisions important to an equitable democracy.

The notion that the 2021 maps discriminate against white people is absurd. That idea twists the reason the Voting Rights Act was made law – to protect those who for hundreds of years have faced discrimination and violence from their white neighbors.

Further, this map further distorts the philosophy behind political districts – that people in similar communities have similar concerns. The distorted weird maps proposed by the Legislature subdivide Texas into groupings with little in common.

The only gerrymandering should be to create majority minority districts, not to create more majority majority ones!

Reject this cruel, discriminatory map.

Redistricting helps only politicians. Let’s help Texans instead.

Krystal Toups
Self
Missouri City, TX

I strongly oppose the current redistricting efforts in Texas, which continue to dilute the voting power of communities of color and undermine fair representation. Despite significant population growth among Latino, Black, and Asian American communities, the new maps fail to reflect these demographic realities. Instead, they entrench partisan power at the expense of equity and voter influence.

This is not just a political issue—it’s a civil rights issue. Gerrymandering that marginalizes minority voices violates the principles of democracy and weakens public trust in the electoral process. Every Texan deserves an equal say in our government, and that can only happen with maps that are transparent, inclusive, and representative of the people—not manipulated for partisan gain.

I urge lawmakers and the courts to reject discriminatory redistricting and demand maps that protect voting rights and uphold the integrity of our democracy.

Jonathan Schaub
Self / teacher
Austin, TX

My name is Jonathan Schaub, and I'm speaking today as a concerned Texan who believes in fair representation and a government that reflects the will of the people.

The redistricting plan currently being proposed is a blatant attempt to silence millions of voters in our state. Almost 5 million Texans voted for Democratic candidates in 2024 — the second highest total in the nation. Yet this plan seeks to erase their voices, dismantle diverse communities, and entrench political power through manipulation rather than merit.

This is not about fair representation. This is about preserving power for a single party at the expense of democracy.

Gerrymandering in the middle of the decade — just because Texas is finally in play — undermines the trust voters place in our system. Representation should be decided by voters, not by those desperate to hold onto power.

I urge this body to reject any redistricting map that prioritizes partisanship over people, and to stand with Texans who want their voices — all of our voices — to count equally.

Thank you.

Holly Muskus, Mrs.
Self
Tyler, TX

If this helps anyone, this was my comment. Feel free to cut and paste:

As a current precinct chair in Smith Co., TX, I urge the Texas Legislature to approve HB4. The current districts drawn in 2021 followed the flawed 2020 Census which officials have acknowledged significantly undercounted several states, including Texas, while overcounting others. Further, recent court decisions including the U.S. Fifth Circuit's 2024 ruling in the Petteway v. Galveston County established that districts based on "coalitions" of minority groups are not protected by the Voting Rights Act. It is time to correct the error of 2021, pass HB4, and restore fair Congressional seat representation in Texas. Thank you.

Keith Nielsen
San Jacinto Conservative
Pasadena, TX

Redistricting, CD6.
Glad to see Pasadena the 2nd largest city in Harris County plus the surrounding area in one CD. CD 29 has not represented Pasadena well and deeply divides the city. This redistricting will give the city a chance to have a representative that will serve the whole city. I support the new proposed maps and urge the committee to as well.

Jenny Theiss
Self/Analyst
Hempstead, TX

I support this bill for fair representation.

Dan Pardi, MS, PhD
Self
Austin, TX

Written Testimony Opposing the Proposed Texas Congressional Redistricting Map
To the Honorable Members of the Texas House Redistricting Committee:
I submit this testimony in strong opposition to the proposed congressional map, which is an unmistakable act of gerrymandering designed to silence voters rather than represent them.
This map violates the fundamental principles of fair representation in three key ways:
It disregards population growth and demographic reality.
Texas gained millions of new residents over the past decade, with the vast majority of growth driven by Black, Latino, and Asian communities. Yet this map reduces or dilutes the voting power of those very communities. District lines have been drawn to "pack" or "crack" diverse neighborhoods, ensuring that the growing populations of color cannot translate their numbers into political representation.
It prioritizes political protection over community representation.
Districts have been contorted into unnatural shapes, ignoring city and county boundaries, school districts, and economic regions. Communities that share common interests have been split apart, while distant areas with no real connection have been stitched together–solely to predetermine partisan outcomes. Texans deserve representatives chosen by voters, not districts chosen by politicians to predetermine winners.
It undermines the core promise of democracy in Texas.
A congressional map should reflect the will of the people and allow every community to compete fairly. This map does the opposite. By skewing representation, it sends a message that some voices matter more than others. Such an approach diminishes faith in government and fuels political polarization.
The courts have repeatedly struck down maps in Texas for racial discrimination and unconstitutional gerrymandering. This proposed map repeats the same errors, substituting partisan self-interest for fair representation.
I urge this committee to reject this map and produce one that meets three basic standards:
Reflect population growth and diversity accurately.
Keep communities of interest intact whenever possible.
Draw lines that allow voters to choose their representatives, not the other way around.
Texans deserve a map that represents our shared future, not one that locks in political power through manipulation. The people of this state are watching, and history will judge whether the Legislature defended democracy or undermined it.
Respectfully submitted,
Dan Pardi, MS, PhD
Austin, Texas

Rita Kelley
self
Temple, TX

I support Congressional Redistricting

Gregory Squires
Self
Cedar Park, TX

Do not redistrict! I vote and want to be represented

Ann Nguyen
Self
Pflugerville, TX

Hi my name is Ann, and I am a local Austin, Texas resident who was born and raised here all my life. I now have a family of my own and want the best for my community and future generations.
I wanted to promptly and clearly address that I am against House Bill 4 (HB 4), the newly proposed revision of the redistricting map. Implementation of this bill, will not be a benefit for Texas and all its residents in the present or future. I would like the committee to oppose House Bill 4, in plain view, the newly proposed revision will not correctly gather the necessary information of 30 million+ residents and representatives. It will only provide a limited result and that is my concern for House Bill 4.
I hope that my response will provide insight to the committee and I trust my concern will be given the thoughtful attention it deserves. Thank you for your time.

With appreciation,
Ann Nguyen

Ellen Bravo
Selt, Retired
Austin, TX

in a democracy, voters choose who they want to govern. Those who govern do not choose their voters. This naked attempt at a power grab, openly in service of the wishes of the Trump regime, is shameful and horrific. All members of the Texas state legislature should robustly denounce iHB4 and vote it down.

Deborah Frank, Mrs
Self
Buffalo, TX

Redrawing political maps between census cycles is unnecessary and undermines democratic norms. Texas already redrew its maps after the 2020 census.

Disrupts Voters and Communities

Changing districts mid-decade creates confusion, disrupts long-standing community representation, and erodes voter confidence and participation.

Partisan Power Grab

The move appears politically motivated rather than justified by population shifts or legal rulings. Redistricting should serve voters, not parties or incumbents.

Dilution of Minority Voting Power

Texas has a history of racial gerrymandering. New maps risk further diluting the power of minority voters, either by packing or cracking communities of interest.

Lack of Transparency and Justification

No clear, court-ordered reason has been given for this redistricting. Public trust demands a transparent process based on data and legal necessity—not vague letters or political strategy.

Undermines Democracy

Redistricting without cause undermines fair representation, breaks the social contract, and signals that elections can be manipulated after the fact.

Waste of Taxpayer Money

Special sessions cost millions. That money should be spent addressing real issues like education, health care, flood infrastructure, or rural services—not rigging electoral maps.

Contradiction of 2021 Claims

The same officials who defended the 2021 maps as legal and constitutional now claim those maps are flawed—based on a single letter, not facts. If they were legitimate then, what changed now besides political convenience?

Sharon Tryon
Self
Waxahachie, TX

I support the way the map is

Leonard Van Noord
Texas
Galveston, TX

I support this bill and please pass it for a better Texas and nation.

Amy Moore, Rev
Self
Dallas, TX

The process of redistricting being entered into at the behest of the federal administration and neglect of constituents is not only deeply disturbing, it is NOT democratic. It is a violation of standards set in motion and practiced for decades. This hasty redistricting is a an overt expression of racism - splitting cohesive communities and impeding fair representation. Complying with the President and Governor's call is reckless and will have a harmful domino effect across our country. Please have the courage and integrity to interrogate your priorities. I pray the priority of serving the people with integrity will prevail over serving power. Please do not engage in mid-decade redistricting - do not vote HB4 out of committee.

Kristin Barrow
Self
Smithville, TX

This redistricting bill is not needed and only harms Texans. I am currently in district 10 but will be moved to district 27, a district that runs to the coast. My issues in Eastern Bastrop county run more in line with issues in the Austin metro area than they do with those at the coast. Additionally, diluting or eliminating Democratically leaning districts is wrong and discriminatory. Our representatives don't just represent Republicans, they also represent Independents and Democrats but repeatedly ignore our concerns and interests to further their own interests. Focus on flood and emergency notification systems and stop this nonsense!

Mythe Kirven
Myself
Dallas, TX

This bill does not fairly represent the number of African American communities of Texas. Packing District 30 and drawing Rep Crockett out of her District is just evil. If you can't win fairly, you have to cheat by drawing race based districts. The growth in population of communities of color are not reflected in those populations that are growing in Texas. Partisan gerrymandering is unacceptable and it doesn't reflect the population demographics of the state of Texas. I live in Texas District 30. Please don't pass these 5 new racist districts.

Wendy Sonnen
TFRW
Hempstead, TX

I support redistricting.

Sandra Parker, Ms
self retired
Houston, TX

HB 4 should not go forward until the current lawsuit regarding Galveston County has been heard.
We demand a minimum of 2 weeks to review these gerrymandered maps.
These maps and new district lines are racially motivated and will not allow communities to vote for the candidate of their choice.
As a resident of Texas and Harris County I request this bill NOT advance.

Debra Ucci, Dr.
self
Waco, TX

I am not in agreement of redistricting in Texas. That is unfair voting practice and decreases the voice of Texans by eliminating diversity of opinions by income, race. It is simple an "in your face" way of achieving Republican votes.

Kathleen Tritchler
self
San Antonio, TX

This bill is for the sole purpose of disenfranchising Democratic voters. The districts are not drawn to encompass communities. They are drawn to specifically dilute votes in areas that are known to have high Democratic turnout. Republicans are just "bending a knee" to Trump who "ordered" them to redistrict to get 5 more Republican representatives. If Trump had not "ordered" them to do so, this would not be happening. Gerrymandering in this way is disgustingly inappropriate. What really should be happening is the maps should be drawn so that the areas encompass like minded voters, not chopping those areas up to dilute their votes.

T Thomas
Self/Family
Austin, TX

Protect my voting rights, please!

Jessica Roesch
Self, entrepreneur
Austin, TX

As an athlete who proudly competes in Olympic Weightlifting at the state level in the Great State of Texas, I know the value of fairness in competition. The current redistricting has been explicitly called upon by Donald Trump for an advantage in competition, an election. Please do not proceed with these redistricting efforts. They do not reflect fairness in competition this body has upheld. Discontinue these efforts. Thank you for your time.

Laura Nunn
Self
San Marcos, TX

This voter wants you to pass the redistricting plan out of committee and let Burrows know you expect a floor vote on Monday.

Elizabeth Fields
Self
Houston, TX

Good morning, members of the Legislature. I am unable to be present at the Congressional Redistricting hearing taking place today at the Texas Capitol, so I appreciate the opportunity to submit this public comment in relation to HB 4 by Hunter.

I write to voice my strong opposition to the proposed congressional district maps. These maps, as drawn, are not only deeply unfair—they are fundamentally undemocratic. They dilute the political voice of communities of color and marginalized Texans, and they do so with precision. Despite the fact that nearly all of Texas' population growth over the past decade has come from Black, Latino, and Asian American communities, these groups are not proportionately represented in the proposed districts.

Instead, the new maps pack and crack communities of color—splitting neighborhoods, separating families, and minimizing their collective influence at the ballot box. This is not an accident. It is a deliberate manipulation of district lines for partisan gain—favoring one party at the expense of representative democracy.

This kind of gerrymandering undermines public trust in our institutions and violates the principle of "one person, one vote." Every Texan deserves to have their vote count equally, regardless of race, ethnicity, or zip code.

I urge this body to reject these maps and instead adopt a fair, transparent, and bipartisan redistricting process—one that reflects the true diversity of our state and empowers all Texans to be heard.

We cannot build a stronger Texas by silencing voices. Democracy only works when it works for everyone.

Thank you.

Elizabeth Fields

Kennedy Colombo
self
Austin, TX

Please do not change congressional district maps. Not a good solution to keep up-ing the partisan divide.

Bettie Gray
Self
WAXAHACHIE, TX

I support this redistricting map; it is a reflection of the state of Texas.

Shirley Cash
Myself
San Angelo, TX

I am very much against redistricting at this time. A power grab seems to be the only reason because President Trump told Governor Abbott to do this . Why now?

John Glesmann
Retired/Self
New Waverly, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Vivien Carson
Self /retired
Austin, TX

I am vehemently opposed to the redistricting bill.

Samir Ghazaleh
Self
Plano, TX

This is an unethical redrawing of districts to try a sway the vote in one direction rather than the other. The lines drawn are not indicative of the beliefs of the people who reside in each counties.

Aubrey Partridge, Mrs.
Self
Cedar Park, TX

This gerrymandering conducted by the Republicans is 100% voter suppression and a violation of the 14th and 15th amendment. Instead of cheating their way into office, why don't the Republicans actually woman up and grow some morals and take a proper stand AGAINST DADDY TRUMP and fight for the people they represent. We all know you work for your donors and Trump, but if you have any shred of dignity left, you will look deep inside and reform yourselves to exemplify sound morality and do what is right by your constituents regardless of race, class, education and gender.

Mandy Kirkland
Myself
Tennessee Colony, TX

The Congressional District map is great for all the People of Texas. It is geographically sound and not gerrymandered in the slightest. It simply makes sense. Please pass HB4 favorably from Committee.

Anna Salas, Mrs
self
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose the proposed mid-decade redistricting plan (HB?4) being rushed through this special session. This effort is not about fair representation—it is a blatant partisan power grab designed to flip up to five Democratic-held U.S. House seats, including diluting the voices of Central Texas communities in Austin.

This map merges two Austin-based Democratic districts—represented by Reps. Greg Casar and Lloyd Doggett—effectively eliminating one voice from our community and consolidating power.

These changes disproportionately target Black and Latino voters in and around Austin, Houston, Dallas, and South Texas—precisely the voters who fueled Texas's population growth over the past decade. This violates both the Voting Rights Act and constitutional principles of equal protection.

Key concerns:

· Mid-decade redistricting is highly unusual and breaks with democratic norms—it inherently prioritizes political gain over public interest

· The compressed timeline—with only a few regional hearings in a state of nearly 30 million people—means many Texans have not had a meaningful opportunity to comment.

· This shift could disrupt constituent services: ongoing cases and relationships with current offices may be severed, harming vulnerable individuals who rely on federal assistance.

I urge lawmakers to:

1. Reject this partisan map and any process that silences public participation.

2. Support an independent redistricting commission or establish clear, non-partisan criteria—including contiguity, communities of interest, compactness, and compliance with the Voting Rights Act.

3. Prioritize urgent public needs, such as flood recovery, instead of partisan political maneuvering during this special session

Texans deserve representation based on fairness and integrity—not maps drawn to benefit one party. Democracy only thrives when voters choose their representatives, not the other way around.
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· The compressed timeline

Tony Palmeri
self, retired
Austin, TX

I strongly support this Congressional Redistricting Plan. PLEASE PASS THIS. We expect support from every Republican in the Texas State Legislature.

Dawn Bizzell
Regenerative farmers
Ennis, TX

You absolutely owe it to the constituents of this state to fairly and appropriately. Redistricting to gerrymander a win for one side or the other is flat out wrong and not what we put you there to do. Gerrymandering absolutely communicates your weaknesses as a party of this is the only way you can get elected. Let the people's vote stand as the people's vote. Do not redistrict and gerrymander the state of Texas.

Jason Railey
Self
Austin, TX

This is awful and akin to cheating. This isn't winning or democracy. This is a gift. I hate that my taxes are being wasted by this. You clearly don't think that all men are created equal. Please stop this corruption. This isn't Christian. This isn't winning. This is against everything the Constitution outlines as democracy. Shame on you.

Susan Richard
self
Dallas, TX

Please, reject the proposed mid-decade redistricting map. This is not redistricting - it's rigging. I'm a native Texan and precinct chair in CD 32. The new CD 32 spans multiple counties which is not representative of the current CD 32. Here in Texas, we expect fair elections, instead of finding ways to gerrymander and violate voter rights. We are all aware of where the redistricting request came from and the only goal to obtain 5 additional Republic seats. This is not right and y'all know it. Texans deserve better. You do not have to accept this proposed map. Thank you.

Shannon Flores, Mrs.
Self
Katy, TX

I worked for the US Census in 2020 for Harris county. As a result of the finalized census numbers, Texas lawmakers (with Republicans in the majority) updated our maps to accomodate for the growth seen in our state of the last decade. A mid-decade "redistricting" is a blatant power grab at the behest of the current president to maintain power he's worried he'll loose in the 2026 midterms. President Trump is already involved in election tampering, for "knowingly and willfully joined a conspiracy to unlawfully change the outcome" of the 2020 U.S. presidential election in Georgia. If this proposal to redraw maps had happened in an east or west coast "blue" state Texas lawmakers would be up in arms. Many of those in power now were also in power when the maps were drawn! What changed? The job of Texas lawmakers is to work for the people of Texas. This is unacceptable. Focus on the emergency response in central Texas. Focus on alleged corruption in the Texas AG. Focus on the fact that Texas leads the nation in maternal mortality rates, or that 1 in 5 Texas children experience hunger, or that we come in 3rd in the country for veteran homelessness. Do something that will actually benefit your constituents.

Daniela Herring
Self - homemaker
Houston, TX

I vehemently oppose the illegal redistriting that is threatening to take place. If Republicans want to win, earn it! Do not cheat!

Brianne Baldree
Self
Plano, TX

I am against this bill and the redistricting of Texas. This is a dishonest piece of legislation and will lead to the misrepresentation of the will of the people of Texas. it also shows a lack of moral and ethical fortitude required of those we have elected into office as they prioritize their interests above those of the people they have been elected to represent. It's damaging to the systems and democratic structure we have upheld since Texas joined the United States and will increase to deteriorated the confidence and pride we once had in the strength of our governance.

History will not look kindly on those who were to afraid to uphold the virtues and morals of this great state and nation. It is Anti-Texan to bow down to anyone that threatens our rights and think that we can be bought. Do what's right for all, or step aside for someone who can.

Phyllis Cantu
Self
Freeport, TX

It is not fair for y'all to redistrict just because your master says to do it. Why are yall falling in line for a pedophile. What does Trump have have yall for you to just say yes sir and do it. DO THE RIGHT THING FOR YOUR CONSTITUENTS Not just cause frumpy pants wants you to.

Jackie Coopet
Self attorney
Dallas, TX

I vehemently oppose this plan. It makes no sense at all practically and is clearly an attempt to undermine representation of democrat voters. The people of Texas deserve representation and this is not it.

Lacey Gilmore
N/a
Carrollton, TX

I strongly oppose the proposed redistricting plan for Texas because it undermines fair representation and threatens the democratic process. The new district maps appear to dilute the voting power of diverse communities, especially communities of color, by splitting cohesive neighborhoods and concentrating voters in ways that reduce their influence.

Fair districts should reflect the actual population distribution and give all Texans—regardless of race, ethnicity, or political affiliation—a genuine opportunity to elect representatives who reflect their priorities. This plan instead seems designed to entrench political power rather than ensure fair representation, which runs counter to the principles of equal representation guaranteed under the U.S. Constitution and the Voting Rights Act.

I urge decision-makers to reject this proposal and adopt maps that keep communities intact, reflect our state's diversity, and ensure every voter's voice counts equally.

Brianna Tran
Self, Homemaker
Temple, TX

I oppose the map proposed in this bill. I believe it is unfair and negatively impacts my and other constituents in this area.

Sarah Mitchell
Self
Denton, TX

Please do not do this. We are Texas, we don't not need to be bullied by Republicans. This will hurt everyone in Texas

Stacey Sowards
Self
Austin, TX

What a waste of tax payer money! Holding a special session so that you can redraw maps in your favor is not only unfair, but it's a waste of our money! Stop spending our hard earned money to advance your own selfish political interests!

Matt Harper
Self
Allen, TX

My name is Matt Harper and I am a resident of Allen.
These district maps, the current one and proposed, are fundamentally undemocratic. My district, congressional district 3, does not in any way represent me as a Texan. My needs do not match the same ones as those in Greenville and Commerce. These maps are specifically drawn to drown out my vote and encourage republican representatives. Elected government representatives should not choose their voters. The voters should choose their representatives as a community that match their values and needs at that time. Having been a resident of Austin from 2016-2021, I lived in three different places, and each place I lived was in a different congressional district, specially to drown out the voters that attend UT-Austin. One district goes to Katy, another one goes to Arlington, and the last one goes west of San Antonio. I implore those who are voting, especially Jeff Leach as my representative, to vote no on HB 4 in the name of democracy and fairness, and establish an independent commission in order to take out the possibility of gerrymandering of either party and establish an independent commission.

Thank you,
Matt Harper

Jorge Lopez
Self, professor.
El Paso, TX

As a Texas resident and voter, I oppose the proposed Texas congressional redistricting plan. This new map appears to be an attempt to protect and expand power at the expense of fair representation and the will of the people.

The facts are clear: Texas Republicans, under pressure from former President Trump, have pushed for an unprecedented mid-decade redistricting—breaking with the usual practice of drawing maps once a decade after the Census. Their plan would shift as many as five Democratic-held seats to favor Republican candidates, especially targeting diverse areas like Dallas, Houston, Austin, and the Rio Grande Valley. This is nothing less than an aggressive gerrymander designed to lock in an overwhelming 30 out of 38 congressional seats (~79%) for Republicans, far outpacing the approximate 56% share of the statewide vote won by Trump in 2024. Such a disproportionate allocation of districts is evidence of a deliberate scheme to undermine genuine voter choice and manipulate electoral outcomes.

The plan specifically "cracks" minority communities—diluting Black and Latino representation, even though virtually all recent population growth in Texas has been among minority groups. Five of the affected districts are Latino-majority. Changing their boundaries intentionally fractures their voting power and endangers their voice in Congress, constituting a grave disservice to one of the nation's most diverse states. Multiple civil rights groups and experts have already raised alarms, warning this could be a violation of the Voting Rights Act.

Moreover, this mid-decade redrawing isn't motivated by new data or legal necessity, but by a desire to cushion Republican House candidates from potential losses—contrary to democratic principles, which require elected officials to answer to the people, not manipulate the process to hold onto power. Public feedback at recent hearings has been overwhelmingly negative, yet state leaders are moving forward to appease partisan interests.

I urge the House and all responsible legislators to reject this redistricting plan. Texans deserve fair, representative maps that reflect communities of interest, respect minority voting power, and let voters, not politicians, choose their representatives. This undemocratic power grab undermines trust in our elections and damages the integrity of Texas democracy.

Ed Frazee, Dr.
BCDP
Killeen, TX

It is complete cowardice and an admission that a certain political group is unable to win a completely fair election when they have to stoop down to the level of groveling before a tyrannical manbaby and try to fulfill the demand that he gets congressional seats by cheating and gerrymandering, which is illegal and even more so when it is being done in an inappropriate year. Never in Texas have we had to stoop down to yellow belly tactics to undermine a congress person by drawing them outside of their district in an attempt to make them immediately ineligible to keep their seat in congress because the manbaby don't like the congress person speaking their mind against the tyrant. If he doesn't have the fortitude to stand on his own and face the music, then why is Texas capitulating to this tyrant coward who is looking for others to fight his battle for him? We follow REAL leaders who work WITH congress, not hold them hostage and try to cheat to kick congress people out of office by crooked means. Texans have been proud and better than that. The leadership currently, is showing zero backbone and zero fortitude to say, we don't have to gerrymander, We don't have to suppress voters, and we don't have to cheat to win in a fair election. And to attach redistricting on the back of flood related funding is using all those who died as political pawns to push something that everyone knows in crooked and morally wrong. I ask you to stop acting like the vile manbaby who stole the white house from America and to stop this theft of power from the people. You do this, and we will rise up more and more to fight your tyranny by any means because by doing this you make us more and more desperate to get out from under your control and take control for ourselves! So be forewarned that many of us are full blooded Texans and we come from the people who established this state and we will do as our families had done and fought to protect what is ours from those who are trying to take it all away from us just so they can hoard wealth for a select few.

Ruthann Tarbox
Self
Lubbock, TX

I am for redistricting. Please vote YES!

Nathan Chiu
Self
Addison, TX

This is some cheating bullshit. Nay ?????

Caitlin Tommasulo
Self, Education Administrator
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose this bill. It is unethical and does not serve the people of Texas.

michael earney, mr
self
Utopia, TX

do the right thing

Clarissa Castillo
Self
Canutillo, TX

I do not want this bill to pass. I do not want a single vote in favor of this bill. As an affected constituent I don’t appreciate having our vote effectively nullified by having our districts changed. We all voted and respected the outcomes. This body must respect who the people of Texas voted for in their already gerrymandered districts regardless of party, not redistrict to put a politician of another party in charge to avoid the election results. Doing so is tyranny.

Jim Trawicki
self--retired
Ausyin, TX

I am 1000% against this. Terrible idea lending itself to the erosion of democracy as we know it.

Audra Soule
Self
Bedford, TX

This is a big government overreach for the party of small government. Resorting to cheating to win is wrong.

ALLISON Turrell
self
Austin, TX

As a resident of Congressional District 35, I strongly oppose HB 4. These proposed maps are less competitive than the 2021 map, which were engineered to dilute Black and Latino voters, regardless of the 2020 Census data. 95% of Texas's population growth between 2010 and 2020 came from communities of color. This new bill doubles down by further distorting district lines with the only goal of benefiting the GOP and disenfranchising voters at the behest of their federal overlord and master, President Donald J. Trump.
Under the current 2021 map, Republicans hold 25 of Texas's 38 U.S. House seats. The proposed draft would give Republicans 30 districts that Trump carried in 2024 with double digit margins, despite winning only 56% of the total vote. The math doesn't quite add up here.
Redistricting occurs once every 10 years after the U.S. Census. Why is redistricting suddenly on the table again? The answer appears to be purely partisan. For all Texas's cries of federal overreach, somehow it is perfectly appropriate to give into Donald Trump's public demands to find him five more House seats. This reminds me of the predicament Georgia's Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger found himself in after the 2020 election.
This premature exercise does not reflect any immediate need, it's only proposed to further consolidate GOP power and make districts like mine less competitive ahead of the 2026 midterms.
District 35, like many others in Texas, includes a young, diverse, and engaged population that deserves representation reflecting its values. Rep. Greg Casar won 67.4% of the vote. Now you want undermine the will of the people, so you can gain an unfair advantage? Why not lead by thoughtful discussion and policy? Did someone get a call by Tim Dunn or Farris Wilks recently?
Redistricting should happen once per decade with accurate, post census data, transparency, and adherence to our legal protections under the Voting Rights Act of 1965.
HB 4 appears to be nothing more than a strategic maneuver to rig elections in favor of Donald Trump and the GOP before the 2026 midterms. Maybe it's time to start proposing more legislation that reflects the majority rather than trying to ram through an agenda only aimed at keeping one party in power. Isn't that the opposite of democracy?
If HB 4 passes, it will further undermine our faith in democratic institutions like the Texas Legislature. I urge lawmakers to reject this blatant power grab and commit instead to fair and free elections with transparent redistricting that serves all Texans — not just the political ambitions of one party who is desperate to stay in power.
This newly proposed map doesn't just disenfranchise Democrats and voters—it erodes public confidence in the State of Texas and those who have been elected to serve our best interests. We deserve lines drawn by an independent, non partisan process. Texans deserve real representation.

Robert Mihara
Self
San Antonio, TX

I ask that the Texas House reject the proposed redistricting of US House districts specified in HB4. Passing this gerrymander into law flashes a greenlight to every ambitious would-be tyrant that covets power and wants to retain it that the institutions and laws of Texas can be leveraged for selfish gain. I recognize that there is a cost to opposing the redistricting, but it is a cost inherent to the oaths of office. As a retired military officer, I am familiar with the burden of opposing what may be formally proper but wrong in substance and principle--not knowing whether they will ultimately be judged right by society. I ask Texas House members weighing their legacy to look to the majority of Texans who are opposed to redistricting under the HB4 plan for their support and direction in making that choice. I served my country in uniform out of a commitment to its democratic tradition--a tradition which rests upon a basic level of good faith and objective process. HB4 is presented in contravention to those pillars. Redistricting is overdue, but HB4 is not the way. This is an antidemocratic gambit that is more dangerous than a mere political transaction. This is not business-as-usual partisanship. It is a safeguard-sundering play from DC that threatens all of us. I ask that members make vibrant democracy your legacy and reject capitulating to the demands of any party or executive to gerrymander for their immediate benefit. Thank you for accepting my testimony.

Gracie Villarreal, Texan
Texas
Austin, TX

They just redistricted in 2021!!!! Abbott is making this redraw of maps, because he knows he’s a failure as Governor of Texas.

Gretchen Murphy
Self -- professor
Austin, TX

This redistricting seems intended to disenfranchise Texans and rig elections to favor Republican agendas. Gerrymandering is the tool and sign of a very unhealthy democracy -- please reject this bill.

Roberta Gradel
Self retired
Lampasas, TX

No redistricting also let us choose who to support. Stop the steal!

Jacob Herndon
Self
Rockwall, TX

I strongly oppose HB 4. The process by which this map has been drawn is cowerdly and unconstitutional. Every ten years, states use new Census data to redraw district maps so that each district has around the same number of people and each vote counts equally. However, this state is moving forward with redrawing maps in the middle of the decade, not because our population changed, but seemingly to shift political power and silence the voices of communities. We the people are supposed to choose our representatives, not the other way around. This undermines the democratic process that is foundational to this country. As an American, and a Texan, I must insist that HB 4 not be passed.

Scott Helms
Self
Dallas, TX

I respectfully submit this comment to register my strong opposition to the congressional redistricting plan in HB 4. This gerrymander scheme further disenfranchises black and brown communities in Texas and has as its purpose a naked power grab by a political party that already enjoys a lopsided majority of US House seats in our delegation in Washington. I humbly ask the Republicans in the Texas legislature to please do the honorable thing and vote against this mid-cycle redistricting plan.

Ann Koby
Myself
Austin, TX

Why do you feel the need to follow President Trump's wishes? I thought Texas made up its own mind without bowing to anyone.

Debbie Soule
Self
McKinney, TX

All voices need to be heard fairly for equal representation. Redistricting silences voters and is voter suppression. Please reject the redistricting proposal.

Carol Abernathy
Self
Sweetwater, TX

It is unprecedented and likely illegal to conduct redistricting at the behest of the White House. These maps are redrawn following a census count. We are already a heavily gerrymandered state. Do not go down this road.

Latronda Williams
AFT/ Self/ Paraprofessional
Dallas, TX

I am here to speak out against the recent redistricting of Texas, not as a partisan, but as a concerned citizen and educator who believes in the promise of free and fair elections.
We teach our students our state redraws district maps based on the latest census data. In theory, this process should ensure equal representation for all Texans—rural and urban, young and old, regardless of race, background, or political affiliation. But what we have seen instead and Rep. Hunter has confirmed, when he said "nothings a coincidence and this is political" is a political manipulation of the lines, a distortion of our communities, and a betrayal of the democratic values we all hold dear.
Let's call it what it is: gerrymandering.
These new maps do not reflect the true diversity or demographic changes of our great state. Texas is growing—especially in communities of color—but instead of expanding their political voice, these maps dilute it. They split neighborhoods, fracture communities, and silence voters. That is not representation; it is suppression.
This redistricting is not about geography or population fairness. It is about power. It is about entrenching political advantage at the expense of voter choice. When politicians choose their voters instead of voters choosing their leaders, we all lose.
This is not just a political issue—it is a moral one. It affects whether our children , my students, grow up believing their vote counts. It affects whether marginalized communities get the resources they need. It affects whether we can trust that our government serves us all equally.
We must demand transparency in the redistricting process. We must demand maps that reflect the will of the people—not the interests of those in power. And we must never forget that fair maps are not a privilege—they are a right.
So today, I urge you—stand with your neighbors. Speak up for your community. And don't let your voice be redrawn out of relevance.
Thank you.

Heather Ramirez
Self
Baytown, TX

I am against redistricting in our state. This was done 5 years ago and it is not time to redraw the lines. You would be taking away the votes of thousands of citizens- this is unacceptable and unconstitutional. Passing this gerrymandered map would highlight the immoral character of the Republican Party in our state. That our governor would even consider this reprehensible act is such a disappointment and stains his character even further. You must do what is right for the voters in Texas, even if the results are undesirable for some. Give Texans a voice!

Susan McNeil, Mrs.
self
Pflugerville, TX

My name is Susan McNeil and I live in Pflugerville, District 17.

I have deep concerns regarding the current redistricting process in Texas. It is evident that the proposed maps DO NOT reflect fair representation and more critically, they appear to perpetuate racial disparities underminding the principles of equity and justice. Redistricting should uphold the democratic values of fairness and inclusion ensuring that every communities voice is heard. However, the current plans dilute the voting power of minority communities effectively silencing their influence which raises legal and moral questions. I urge this body to reconsider these maps prioritising fairness and compliance with both the Voting Rights Act and constitutional standards.

Our democracy is eroding right this very moment into fascism. I, for one, will NEVER, EVER bend the knee to tyrrany! Will you?
Because that is what this is all about.

Thank you for your attention and commitment to justice, the rule of law and the constitution of the United States of America.

Jennifer Graham
Self - retired
Temple, TX

I am absolutely opposed the the redistricting lines being proposed and am terribly concerned that we are using this as a way to "rig" elections.

Dawn Williams
Self
Wylie, TX

I oppose the congressional redistricting! Cheating is not winning!

Bill Woods
Self
Austin, TX

I am opposed to redirecting, especially since it is proposed only to rig the next election. That is not democratic nor fair.

Emily Herzig, Dr
Self, teacher
Grapevine, TX

I oppose this redistricting effort. It divides communities of interest along racial lines, is unconstitutional, and will cost taxpayers when it is challenged in court.

Leandra Trujillo
Self
San Antonio, TX

I strongly oppose redistricting this soon. I also already feel our districts are gerrymandered and don’t want to see more of it .

Elizabeth Conger
Self
Lake Jackson, TX

I oppose these new maps that have been made for purely political rather than democratic reasons. My community of Lake Jackson will be moved into a completely new district (from 14 to 22). The redistricting committee in the previous hearings has given no substantial reasons as to why a highly unusual, mid-decade redistributing effort is necessary. The voters are left to think that this is purely political, which was supported by the maps themselves. If Texans voted the same way they did in 2024, five more Republican representatives would have been elected. A district near to me in Houston has changed so substantially in the new maps that the new location of the district does not contain the residence of any current representative. This change will diminish the voting power of minorities in the affected districts, diluting their democratic voices. This is not who we are as Texans. What's more, such undemocratic redistricting moves will encourage similar retaliatory efforts in other states, red and blue. This will only further corrode the democratic values of our nation as a whole. Across the US, politicians will be explicitly choosing their voters rather than the other way around, and Texas will be the spark that started this flame. We cannot continue with this process. The committee should reject these maps and abandon the effort to redistrict at this time, unless an independent commission is commissioned to create fair, apolitical maps.

Janet Mariani
Self
Dallas, TX

We want redistricting. Stop the dems. NOW!!!

Malisa DiGiacomo
Self; nonprofit professional.
Austin, TX

I am opposed to these impractical, unhealthy and wasteful bills that threaten our democracy and voting rights. Texas has many other needs on which the Legislature should be focused. This includes affordable housing, child care, healthcare, and natural disaster planning and response, to name a few. Focusing on redistricting is similar to legislation to have the Ten Commandments placed in public schools - it's wasteful, pandering, and avoids focusing on these tremendous, complex needs. Do what is best for Texans, not for egos and those least in need.
Thank you.

Karen Squillace
Self
Dallas, TX

Yes for HB4 Redistricting

Amanda Wilson
Self
Austin, TX

I whole heartedly disagree with this bill. As a born and raised Texan, the primary focus of special session should be on the recent flood issue and safety NOT on redistricting to favor GOP.

Terris Goodwin

Self, Registered Nurse

Temple, TX

My name is Terris Goodwin. I'm a nurse, a mother, and a lifelong resident of Temple, Texas, a place I proudly call home in CD-31.
I'm here today because I'm deeply concerned about the proposed redistricting map and the process that brought us here.
Temple is one community. We have one high school. We share the same city services, infrastructure, and neighborhoods. Splitting our city in half doesn't reflect us, but divides us. It weakens our voice and makes it harder for our community to be effectively represented in Congress. It's also extremely frustrating that the side of Temple that I live in, the one being cut out, has the highest concentration of Black and Brown families.
Bell County as a whole is also being split and lumped in with counties far to the east that have little in common with our day-to-day lives. Our county is connected. People here commute across city lines for work, school, and health care. Temple is home to one of the largest health systems in Central Texas, a major VA hospital, and many military families who serve and live in this area.
None of that is respected in this map. Instead, the proposed districts fracture communities like ours and prioritize partisan advantage over fair representation.
Gerrymandering is wrong, and that's what this is. This map is only on the table because president Trump called for five more Republican seats. That's exactly what this map delivers.
That's not democracy. That's manipulation.
Voters should choose their representatives. Politicians shouldn't choose their voters.
I urge you to reject this map. Bell County and communities like mine deserve to be whole, heard, and fairly represented.
Thank you.
Terris Goodwin

Rebecca Moughon

Self / retired

Big spring, TX

I am opposing this premature , racist redistricting that is a plan for republicans to win by cheating and results in underrepresentation of voters , esp those of color. .

Gary Moore

Self

Fairview, TX

Please continue with the redistricting as it was laid out.

Taylor Barnes

Self, Creative Director

Monahans, TX

I oppose the redistricting. Representation is local, not 300+ miles away. This gerrymandering is egregious.

Conor Rice
Self
Corpus Christi, TX

Chairman and Members of the Committee,
My name is Conor Rice, and I'm from Corpus Christi in Chairman Hunter's district. I'm here not just as a Texan, but as someone who believes deeply that Texas governs Texas. We don't take orders from Washington and we sure don't redraw our democracy to satisfy political operatives in the White House.

Reba McEntire once said:
"Freedom, it ain't easy, but it's worth the fight."
And right now, what's at stake is our freedom to govern ourselves without manipulation, without interference, and without bending to federal pressure.

This redistricting process should reflect the will of the people not protect incumbents, not answer partisan demands from D.C.

What's worse, we're in a special session being used not to fix infrastructure, not to fund schools, not to help communities recover from disaster but to fine-tune gerrymanders based on fear of the future and rumored pressures from federal leadership. And let's be clear: no official maps have been made public. We're being asked to trust a process that hasn't even shown its hand.

In Corpus Christi, even the rumored proposals threaten to siphon voices from the Rio Grande Valley and fracture our city binding us to far-flung communities with no shared culture or concerns. That's not representation. That's political engineering. And it flies in the face of what Texans expect from their government: independence.

We believe in local control. In fair maps. In self-determination.
If this committee wants to defend Texas values, it must show that Texas answers to Texans not to Washington.

Reject any gerrymandered proposals. Draw districts that reflect the communities that built this state not the politics trying to divide it.

Because here in Texas, we fight for freedom.
And we do it on our own terms.

Thank you.

Julie Traut
Self
Cleburne, TX

I am opposed to the proposed redistricting plan

Barbara Levesque
Self
Austin, TX

I completely OPPOSE the new map!!!!

Thomas Angermeier
Self / engineer
McKinney, TX

I think redistricting should be done fairly as the representatives are representing the PEOPLE. The number of Dem and Rep representatives should roughly correspond to the percentage of Dem and Rep voters. It should look reasonable from all angles. Drawing crazy-lined districts is shameful and disrespectful to the PEOPLE. I think in the final judgement that God will severely punish those individuals who lie, cheat, and steal. Some cultures cut off your hand for stealing, but God will take your soul if you steal the will of so many people. Please be fair and honest in your discussions and vote on this bill. Thank you.

Elizabeth Clark
Self - retired state of TX employee
GEORGETOWN, TX

There is no good justification for redstricting the voting maps in TX at this time, other than this is an attempt to jerrymander the maps to give Republicans an unfair advantage in cheating Texans from fair representation in our state & federal elections. I respectfully ask Pres. Trump to STAY OUT OF our elections & keep them free & fair, so I OPPOSE this redistricting ploy to steal our upcoming elections....

Anna Seo
Self-dentist
Dallas, TX

I am for redistricying Texas.

Angela Prescott
Self, entrepreneur
Austin, TX

HB 4 is a sign that Democracy is aggressively being corrupted by the Governor and Republican Legislators of Texas. HB-4's only purpose is to deny my right as a United States Citizen to vote and be represented by the Legislator of my choice. HB-4 is embarrassing for Texas and awful for the United States. Vote manipulation like this is unacceptable and unethical.

Roberta Duncan, Ms.
self, retired educator
San Marcos, TX

There is absolutely NO NEED to redraw districts at this time. I strongly oppose doing so. If you want more Republican votes EARN THEM by doing the job your constiuents elected you to do - represent US, not your own greedy self interests!!

Julie Peters
Self
Round Rock, TX

Please do not pass this redistricting. It makes zero sense and is unjust.

Gary Singleton, Chairman
Bowie County Republican Party and also myself
Wake Village, TX

In 2024, Trump went on to win Texas by a margin of over 1.5 million votes, the second-largest margin of victory for any presidential candidate in Texas history. Trump won 242 out of the state's 254 counties, the most for a Republican since 1972.

Our current congressional districts do not reflect this sizable outcome. The voters are not being represented by the party they choose to support. Especially areas of south Texas are not represented by their choice for Representative.

With the changing voting patterns of the Latino voters to the Republican Party, their voices are not being heard in the United States Congress.

This redistricting reflects the voters of Texas. I strongly support this redistricting plan. Let's give Texans the representation they want.

Sincerely
Gary Singleton
Bowie county Republican Chairman

Mary Eisenberg

self- retired public school teacher

Lockhart, TX

I am retired public school teacher residing in Caldwell County. I volunteer in many local organizations, and I am also a Volunteer Deputy Registrar.
I adamantly oppose HB4. This is clearly a case of gerrymandering. There are still current maps being challenged in court. Moreover, this planned map will not result in fair representation for all Texans. The voters should pick their leaders not the other way around. This is a case of the President trying to manipulate the election. I urge the committee to vote no on HB4.
Sincerely,
Mary Eisenberg

Clare Galipeau

Catholic Women's Constitutional Chat

Tyler, TX

Vote Yes! Yes! Yes!

Michael Gallier

Self

HOUSTON, TX

I am a native Texas living in District 18 and I vehemently oppose House Bill 4 and the congressional redistricting maps released on July 30, 2025. This mid-decade redistricting represents a fundamental assault on democratic principles, voting rights, and fair representation that demands immediate rejection by the Texas Legislature. The proposed maps constitute a clear violation of Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act by systematically diluting the voting power of Black, Latino, and Asian American communities across Texas. The targeting of four specific districts—TX-9, TX-18, TX-29, and TX-33—all represented by people of color, reveals the racially discriminatory intent behind this redistricting effort.

The redistricting process has been conducted with shocking disregard for public input and transparency. Maps were released with virtually no advance notice, giving communities less than 48 hours to analyze their impact before hearings began. The Legislature scheduled only three rushed public hearings across the entire state for such a momentous decision affecting 30 million Texans. The redistricting process has been conducted with shocking disregard for public input and transparency. Maps were released with virtually no advance notice, giving communities less than 48 hours to analyze their impact before hearings began36. The Legislature scheduled only three rushed public hearings across the entire state for such a momentous decision affecting 30 million Texans.

The proposed redistricting violates core constitutional principles:

- Equal Protection: By intentionally diluting minority voting strength based on race and ethnicity
- Due Process: Through the rushed, secretive process that denies meaningful public participation
- Republican Government: By allowing politicians to choose their voters rather than voters choosing their representatives

No matter what political persuasion you are, all Texans should be extremely concerned and upset with the manipulation of our electoral system purely for partisan advantage especially as it has been coerced from those outside of the State of Texas.

Michael Gallier
Houston, Texas

Abner Martinez

Self, Land Surveyor

San Antonio, TX

I am against the redistricting that y'all are trying to push through. It seems like y'all know y'all are getting unpopular and are trying to find a way to rig elections in your favor. Why not try to actually help the people of Texas instead of trying to get and stay elected? If y'all actually helped people, more people would vote for y'all.

Laura Jewell
Self, librarian
Richardson, TX

These district lines are absurd. They make it impossible for candidates/representatives to be in touch with their constituents. They are a blatant grab at political gain without any regard for the residents of those areas as *people,* not just red or blue voters.

Alexandra Reynolds
self, operations
austin, TX

This bill is a bold faced attempt to misrepresent Texans by gerrymandering districts with completely different interests and needs together. This dilutes the ability of a representative to clearly advocate on behalf of constituents. This bill is not even clever in its attempted deception of Texan voters. Gerrymandering flips democracy on its head and allows those in power to choose their own voters. The power of the people is bolstered by thoughtfully created districts that represent local communities and their diverse needs. This is a wholly unamerican and not democratic attempt to wrest power from the people and centralize it in a handful of republican lawmakers that continue to push Texas beyond the right into a theocratic authoritarian state. Lawmakers are only concerned with their success in elections instead of representing an actionable agenda on behalf of their districts. This bill suppresses the power of the vote and will only serve to keep people in power who have no incentive to drive for actual change and meaningful improvements for our state. When Politicians are not answerable to voters there is an increased potential for abuse of power by both members and the leadership which we are already seeing play out today.

Kathleen Dawson, Mrs.
Self - substitute teacher
Houston, TX

I want to urge Representatives & Senators to REJECT Greg Abbott's special session agenda. Abbott is letting Trump take over Texas. Instead of working to help Texans recover from the devastating floods, Abbott is using this special session to push Trump's political agenda by rigging our voting maps.

This is a power grab at the expense of Texas families. Representatives & Senators need to put Texans first and oppose this corrupt agenda. Thank you."

Heather Reid
Self
Anna, TX

Stop the redistricting in order to silence constituents and suppress the vote. Do you really want to set this precedent and watch blue states do the same? We, the people, are tired of being pawns in your power games. Are you that afraid of losing in 2016 that you have to result to silencing voices you wish didn't exist in order to desperately grasp for power? Let the people decide. You work for us, though most of you have proven that you only work for yourselves and your rich friends. While the rest of us try to make a better life for our family, you want to press your boot to our necks until we are so tired we will stay silent. I have news for you, Texans are not stupid, nor are we weak. If you do this, we will know exactly what you think of the people you claim to serve. Shame on all of you who are even considering this ridiculous redistricting. I've seen the map. Absolute shame. Don't do it!

Mary Corbin
Self
HOUSTON, TX

I support the new map over the current map for equal representation of our constituents, regardless of race, gender, religion, color.

Britney DeWyer
self, human resources professional
Leander, TX

The proposed redistricting of counties is Texas is a deliberate and calculated grasp from the republican party to hold onto power. Those in favor of the new proposed lines have no interest in fair representation of the Texas people. They are afraid, which is why they are taking measures to silence voices different than their own. They forget who they work for - all citizens that reside in the state of Texas, not just the ones that agree with them. The redistricting is a deliberate show of lack of ethics and failure to ensure all voices are heard and accounted for when making decisions about programs and funding that are needed on a local and state level. Make no mistake. You can try to silence us, but we will always fight for fair districts, for fair representation, and to live in a safe, supported community. We will fight your childish, slimy schemes at every turn.

Cameron Norris
YR ETX
Longview, TX

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Lacey Telge
Self
Houston, TX

When politicians draw politically advantageous maps, they chip away at democracy. Constituents like myself begin to feel like pawns in a political game where everyone except those in power lose. The newly drawn maps leave some legislators, elected by the people, without a district. The maps are clearly unfair in terms of both race and political party representation. It is not right or justifiable. We need outside, non partisan panels drawing fair districts. Or we need the party in power to do the right thing and make these districts fair.

Sandra White
Self, retired
Austin, TX

I am strongly opposed to this manufactured "emergency" to redraw the congressional districts for Texas, which were set in place only four years ago. Governor Abbott apparently serves the interests of Donald Trump over the needs of Texans. Right now, the most urgent areas that the Legislature should be focusing on are emergency management and relief, as evidenced by the systemic failures leading to huge losses in the Hill Country floods. Our congressional representatives are doing their jobs to look out for our interests, but now they are forced into a position where they need to fight to preserve the recently redrawn district boundaries. As an active constituent, I expect my congressman to know his district and to represent us fairly. Constant disruption of the system is unsettling to the operation of the federal government, and in this case, no justification has been presented other than political expediency to put Republicans in an even more dominant position, far out of proportion to the actual numbers of voters who support them. Stop the redistricting train and get back on track to prevent future catastrophes like the July flooding.

Aaron Miller
Self - Real Estate
Keller, TX

I am in support of HB-4, regarding Congressional redistricting. I am in support of the proposed map.

Teresa Hale, Dr
self
San Antonio, TX

This is appallingly awful, and blatant cheating. I will do everything possible to defeat anyone who votes for it or participates in it.

Linda Wallace
Self
DENTON, TX

A mid-decade redistricting just to try to give the current administration more districts to keep the GOP in control is unfair to the citizens of Texas. It will disenfranchise thousands of voters snd it should be obvious this is NOT the will of the people of Texas. Every person's vote should count and we should be able to have free and fair elections without the interference of the GOP rigging the whole state in their favor. Please vote against this bill.

Lilly Totty
Nobe
Amarillo, TX

Preserve our elections in Texas

Robin Keller
Self
San Antonio, TX

This bill will destroy any sense of democracy in Texas if passed. It is a blatant attempt to reduce the power of minorities (Black and Latino especially) and urban voters at the behest of the president.

Frank Seitz, Mr.
Self
Mico, TX

I've lived in Texas for a majority of my life and I really want to tell people that I love it. Texas is a beautiful place and I've met some wonderful people here who have changed my life for the better. But I can't tell people that I love Texas because this state and the people who run it continue to fail me and the people I love. I am scared to live in Texas because they deny healthcare to women- and I am a son, a boyfriend and a brother and witnessing what this state does about women and their wellbeing makes me sick to my stomach. I am scared to live in Texas because this state is swiftly denying queer people their right to exist, which is crazy because some of the most loving and wonderful people I know in Texas are queer. I am scared to live in Texas because it is attempting to deny my constitutionally granted right to religious freedom. If those who run my beautiful state choose to gerrymander to suppress left-leaning voices, they will continue to fail us. They will practically guarantee and confirm that they don't actually care about the people of Texas and their needs, but instead their own self-serving goal of creating a regime. You are literally taking away voices that are already struggling to be heard. It's also very disgusting to hear that my state is prioritizing this over helping the victims of the flood in Kerr county. I was in Kerrville during that flood. I saw the devastation- I had to help clean it up. I'm angry and I'm tired of being failed.

Ruth Lopez
Self
McAllen, TX

I strongly oppose Texas' proposed congressional redistricting map, which undermines fair representation and disproportionately harms communities of color. This plan is a transparent partisan power grab, designed to silence voters by dismantling competitive districts and diluting minority voting strength—especially in South Texas.

The map intentionally fractures communities of color, packing Black and Latino voters into fewer districts while spreading Republican voters into Democratic-held areas. These changes violate the Voting Rights Act, prioritizing political gain over equitable representation. The fact that 30 of 38 districts would now favor Trump by double-digit margins—despite Texas' rapidly diversifying population—exposes this as an undemocratic scheme to rig future elections.

I ask that you reject this discriminatory map and commit to a transparent, nonpartisan redistricting process that respects all Texans—not just one party's agenda. Our democracy deserves better.

Marian Schwartz
self. literary translator
Austin, TX

I adamantly oppose mid-census redistricting and support compact districts reflecting communities of interest.

Melinda Barker
Self, retired teacher
Coupland, TX

I strongly disagree with this attempt to further weaken representation by all citizens of Texas and how it will continue to divide up central Texas. It is an unethical power grab by politicians.

Linda Land
Self
Austin, TX

I oppose mid-census redistricting. I support compact districts reflecting communities of interest. Please DO NOT change Texas districts until after the next official U.S. census.

Sylvia Zamoy, Ms
Self
Edinburg, TX

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Sharon McDonald
self meeting and travel planner
Austin, TX

I realize this is an exercise in futility as you all WILL NOT listen to the citizens of Texas because you are taking orders from The President. This is nothing more than a power grab by Republicans at the behest of the President. You are rushing this process because you want to rigg the system against voters. You know, as does everyone, that the districts do not "constitute unconstitutional racial gerrymanders." Republicans drew up these districts after the last Census (as required in the TX constitution) and if they were unconstitutionally gerrymandered, the Biden administration would have questioned them. The lengths of the gerrymandering are beyond extreme. Dividing a capitol parking lot in half and of course eliminating the District that a Popular Democrat represents and another that "Democratic" district that the Gov refused to call a special election for. Much like the donut hole district in Bell Co. This is a test for the country. If Republicans are so sure the citizens approve of their policies then have a fair election. This isn't fair. This is taking the vote away from citizens in an extreme way and you are totally aware. This is a tangible example of the election fraud you all falsely claim exists. You know this. The fact that there are only 5 hours in 3 hearings to reach 30 million Texans illustrates your lack of seriousness in listening to Citizens. 1.5 MILLION Texans have signed up to testify at the Capitol today alone. It is obvious to everyone that this is a scam on the voters of Texas to rig the map against the voters of Texas demanded by DC politicians who are hungry for more power which is evident by the "We just need 5 more seats" Remember, other states can play this game if you succeed. This is borderline illegal as well. Republicans have run this state for over 25 years, how much more power do you all need? Voting is a right under the US Constitution and every vote should count.

Donna Brumbow
Self
Jacksonville, TX

Against redistricting!!! Vote. NO!!!

Jonathan Callahan
Self, Product Manager
Austin, TX

Vandalizing America's democracy for scraps of power. A few more years as a middle-manager in a failing empire. You are all hateful cowards, despicable pond creatures. The nameless enablers and lackeys in the chapter of the history book that is labeled "collapse." Your god will judge you and will find you lacking character. You are trees hollowed out by disease. You know in your deepest heart of hearts that the things that I say are true even if you cannot say them to yourself. May you reap what you sow.

Sheila Rosenberg
Self Retired
Austin, TX

Republicans seem to operate out of fear of everything. So they elect to try to control everything:

* How we vote (redistricting)
* Who you marry
* What subjects you can read and learn about
* What subjects and books you cannot read
* Your reproduction options * whether you choose to have children or not
* Ignore serious climate changes in lieu of hard science on the subject
* The laws made and the subjects and issues they will or will not cover
* Medical approval on all procedures for unproven and unsubstantiated scientific issues and removing funding for supported hard science initiatives
* Who is an American and who is not outside of the boundaries of the Constitution
* Who is allowed to live here based on the color of their skin
*Your sexual perceptions of your own sexuality
* What sexual perceptions are approved and which are not approved not based on hard science findings or studies
*Greed is okay and encouraged so it is okay to take national parks who pay for themselves each year and turn them into gutted oil fields when oil is on the way out as a major energy resource
* Government is not supposed to help its citizens such as for disasters like floods fires, other extreme climate change weather disasters or giving them a good mail service and healthcare so all current government services provided to help us in the USA are now being gutted so that they can become money making for profit services for Republicans. Yet we have many examples of how disastrously they have managed other for profit services they took over from the government. Most have failed because making money was the only objective for the privatizing of these former public services. Yes - greed and money, money were the objectives. Yet these were all tax payer funded projects.

I am sure that I have missed some other points I could make. Question: Republicans is this who you really want to be? Is it?

Andrew Gansky, Dr.
Self, Director of Sales
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose the redistricting plan proposed in HB 4. The partisan manipulation of congressional district boundaries damages trust in elected officials, demonstrating that they are more interested consolidating power than responding to the will of the people. Republicans already control an outsize share of Texas congressional districts compared to their typical share of the Texas vote. Seats in Congress should be earned fairly by elected officials whose actions and policy positions reflect the desires of voters. Silencing the voices of US Citizens and Texas voters, as this redistricting plan pushed on Texas by Donald Trump explicitly seeks to do, will only contribute to increased divisions, disagreement, and the deterioration of one of the most important institutions of our democracy, driven by party politics rather than any genuine interest in serving the people of this country. A vote in favor of this redistricting plan is a vote against American democracy. I urge every member of the Texas legislature to vote against this misguided redistricting proposal.

Patricia Elliott, Ms.
Self
Horseshoe Bay, TX

Texans deserve both a fair process for drawing congressional districts and fair congressional district maps. Why? Because Texans deserve to have their voices heard through their votes. I have several concerns about the current special session congressional district map redistricting process and the proposed House maps. First, the current maps, drawn after the 2020 Census, are still under court review. So, we do not have a court ruling on whether the current maps are legal and we do not know how that may affect redrawing those district maps. District maps should not be redrawn while there is a pending court case. Second, the previously scheduled hearings did not include review and comment on redrawn maps because no maps were available for Texans to review. And, once the House maps were released, Texans only had 2 days to review and analyze them, prepare comments or testimony, and plan to attend the hearing on proposed maps on a weekday. Third, I have seen a statement that a Virginian, working for a partisan organization, drew the maps in secrecy - the same person who drew the 2020 maps that are currently under court review. Fourth, the proposed maps would have a discriminatory effect on communities of color. People of color represent 60% of our state population, but perhaps as little as 21% of our congressional delegation would be represented by people of color under the proposed House maps. Fifth, the Texas Legislature is attempting to redraw congressional district maps in a special legislative session in which multiple topics are under consideration. How can the state legislature spend sufficient time in a 30-day session to develop fair maps, while juggling key issues like emergency disaster preparedness and regulating hemp products? And why isn't the primary focus of the special session on emergency disaster preparedness legislation to save Texans' lives? Finally, Texans deserve to have their voices heard through their votes. Voting impacts legislation on issues that affect our daily lives: issues like taxation, funding to ensure the safety of our food/water/air/medications, providing for our national defense, implementing reasonable tariffs to protect American workers and businesses, etc.

Chanel Jones, Program Director
Lioness Justice Impacted women's Alliance
Killeen, TX

This is something that's not necessary we need to be sure our communities and children are protected and safe. Not trying to lock in power while laws and government work are out of control.

Kathy Hanson, Mrs.
Self / Teacher
Fort Worth, TX

I support redistricting HB4 and creating new Republican district maps in Texas. Thank you

Frank Vaughan, Mr.
self, retired
Gun barrel city, TX

Do not gerrymander our districts worse than they already are. I ask that you represent all of Texas, not just a certain base. I urge and compel you to just say No. Don't pass any mid-decade redistricting bill. Serve your state, your fellow Texans, not those who would steal power to force an authoritarian state on your nation. Act not for your own personal career in politics. Take charge for the good of the people and the nation, but most of all, for your fellow Texans.

Nicholas Pletcher
Self - AI Ads Content Analyst
Austin, TX

Submitting to authoritarians to rig elections is fundamentally incompatible with Democracy. All gerrymandering should be completely illegal, but gerrymandering by corrupt Republicans at the behest of a fascist leader is considerably worse. It's a shame one party can't even respect our great Democratic system enough to engage fairly, as it has become increasingly obvious that they couldn't win an election otherwise.

If we don't stop this now, they'll continue to build and support concentration camps like those built in Florida. They'll continue to disappear US citizens to camps in other countries. They will facilitate ICE in their push to kidnap good people from their place in their community.

Evelyn McDade
Self
Austin, TX

This bill is not in the best interests of Texans it is a Trump directive for Texas to follow him to destroy to law. It took many years, hearings and lawsuits to get the districts we have currently. How does this body feel pushing Trumps directive forward will help Texas move forward? Trump has shown that his big beautiful bill is designed to destroy every step forward and this is just one gigantic hole Texas Republicans are leaning in.

Gary Yeck, Mr
Self
Austin, TX

I support redistricting to better reflect the will of the Texas public.

elif iyriboz
Self
Austin, TX

There is no democratic reason for redrawing these maps at this point in time. There is nothing democratic or fair about the intentional undermining of our voting rights and of redrawing maps to silence entire communities. The people of Texas want fair maps and fair elections. I oppose HB 4 and ask you to do the same.

Gabrielle Burns
Self
Austin, TX

I urge this committee not to distort the face of Texas by adding five new congressional districts and oppose House Bill 4. Some in this country want to alter our democracy for personal gain and power and this is not what this great country stands for -- thank you for your time. Gabrielle Burns - active voter.

Kelly Monroy
Self
McAllen, TX

I am constituent from the Rio Grande Valley in District 15. Our district was gerrymandered to take away our voices from areas of Texas that do not share the same lived experience. We live near the border and have a higher percentage of Hispanic people, and the lines that place that distinction, have been unjustly taken away. I oppose the power grab of the GOP party to control our vote and voices in each district. Each area in Texas has their own distinct voice and values. The district should be drawn fairly to reflect how are needs are shaped by where we live and how we interact with our close neighbors.

Sarie Bean
Self
Austin, TX

Redistricting is clear gerrymandering and is unfair to the citizens of Texas. If we want fair and free elections, we cannot read district in a way that restricts the voice of the people.

Sarah Hilderbrand
Myself
Austin, TX

I oppose redistricting. It disproportionately impacts voters of color and is illegal.

Rick Ridgeway
Self/Retired
Red Oak, TX

Advocating my support for this Bill (HB) to be pushed through as it aligns with the actual make-up of Texans and is in line with Federal Law.

George Stevens
Self clerk
San Antonio, TX

We do not agree with this bill.

Lydia Ozuna
Texans Against Gerrymandering and myself
Katy, TX

Congratulations! You did it again! You continue to prove to the people of Texas that it is foolish on our part to believe that your current authority to draw the maps is misplaced. You continue to act against the interests of the majority of our population. The push for an independent nonpartisan citizen redistricting commission becomes easier every time you enable your unworthiness of this trust to be proven. Needless to say we're against this map as we've been against every map you've drawn for decades.

Wynne Sellers
Self retired
Yantis, TX

We must have more representation of conservative rural areas which it appears this proposal supports.

Megan Leone
Self
Houston, TX

I Oppose redistricting when it comes outside of the 10 year Census data. I have looked at the map and do not believe that this is being undertaken for the betterment of Texans.

Joshua Gonzalez
Self / Speech-Language Pathologist
San Marcos, TX

I oppose HB 4. Fair redistricting is essential for a functioning democracy that represents all Texans. When district lines are drawn to favor one party, it undermines trust in the system and weakens voter confidence across the political spectrum. This bill risks deepening polarization by creating non-competitive districts that don't reflect the true diversity of our state. I urge lawmakers to support a transparent, nonpartisan redistricting process that protects every Texan's voice—regardless of party. Our democracy works best when it's accountable to all the people.

David Austin Ruiz, Dr.
Self
Harker Heights, TX

I am in support of HB 4.

Elizabeth Rogers
Self
Austin, TX

As a Texas resident I am deeply concerned about the current redistricting efforts taking place outside the normal ten-year census cycle.

Redrawing political maps at the behest of the President or party leadership, particularly when those changes appear aimed at excluding Democratic representation, is a blatant manipulation of the electoral process. These efforts erode public trust, disenfranchise voters, and distort the principle of fair and representative democracy.

Redistricting should be data-driven, transparent, and grounded in census results - not political pressure or short-term partisan gains. Texans deserve fair maps, not gerrymandered districts engineered to sway the 2026 midterms.

I urge this body to reject any attempts to redraw maps that prioritize party over people.

Thank you for your time and service.

Marla Diliberto
Self
Katy, TX

I strongly disagree with the proposed redistricting within the state. As a lifelong Texan and proud American, I believe in fair and transparent voting and districting. What is being proposed is neither of those.

The state and the country are watching. We will remember who is responsible for this and who stands up for the rights of ALL Texas voters.

David Allbright, Mr
Self - Realtor
Austin, TX

I would hope that you will choose to do the right thing and allow fair & equitable representation - not more gerrymandering.

Ethel Miller
Self - Real Estate
Keller, TX

I support HB 4 and the proposed redistricting map. Please pass this legislation. Thanks

Khanh Tran
Self
Austin, TX

Governor Abbott is using the special session to push Trump’s political agenda rather than addressing the real crises Texans are facing. While families recover from the devastating Central Texas floods, lawmakers are wasting time redrawing voting maps behind closed doors to cling to power. I’m opposed to this bill!

Leslie Turner
Self
Austin, TX

NO TAXATION WITHOUT REPRESENTATION! As a lifelong Texan, I live in the blue districts so that my voice can be heard and I can live near my family. This bill is a SHAMEFUL abuse of power and a COWARDLY attempt to eliminate the citizen’s rights to choose. Why should citizens who prefer democrat, libertarian, and other leadership be forced to pay taxes to a state government that is violating their rights? This is an abomination to the constitution, the founding fathers, and to the United States itself. Good legislation allows for people of differing beliefs and backgrounds to be represented. The only reason this bill exists is because the creators are afraid of losing. If you govern by fear of losing power, you are a TYRANT. Legislators are responsible for SERVING their citizens, not the other way around! NO TAXATION WITHOUT REPRESENTATION!

Ginger MacMicking
Concerned Texan
Granbury, TX

Our state's current district map does not fairly allow for a mix of competitive and representational districts. They are not in compliance with VRA. Overall fairness is neglected.

Ronda Smith
Sel; substitute teacher
Austin, TX

Totally against this redistricting. It’s illegal and does not represent the people. Stop playing to advance your own power and start to help the people of Texas.

Kathy Fretwell
Self/ Civil Engineer
Austin, TX

The Voting Rights Act, requires that redistricting take place after a census, which was already completed to create the most gerrymandered map in the State's history. However, in a clear violation of the Voting Rights Act and at the request of one man, our state has chosen, not to focus on the needs of the citizens of Texas. During this time, the focus should be flood recovery, infrastructure for flood recovery and preparedness, or the fact that the citizens of this state will be without healthcare with the One Big Beautiful Bill. Instead, the state of Texas is now focusing on taking the voice away from the citizens.
The maps that have been proposed slice and dice the population centers of the state and dilute the votes of anyone you don't agree with to make sure that all citizens have no representation at the Federal level. This disempowers voters to make them feel their votes do not matter and they should not vote. As a former consistent Republican voter, I wanted to be with the party that stood for less government regulation, more freedom for the people to choose to live life, and pursue their lives without government intervention. Now we have Christian Nationalist Views taking over the Republican Party and forcing themselves into our homes and bedrooms, our doctor's offices, our schools, our churches, and our health and safety. It is more important to regulate abortion for women, birth control, and write other non-sensical laws than to help the people of Central Texas recover and prepare for the next storm. We will not forget that in order to win, Republicans decided to cheat and bring shame to the state of Texas.

Elyse Longoria
Self
Buda, TX

I do not support redistricting. This is illegal, and does not allow for accurate representation of the people of Texas.

Yvonne Massey Davis
Self
Austin, TX

I believe all Texans should have equal representation to elect the candidate of their choice. I strongly oppose the racist tactics by Abbott & Trump to eliminate & disenfranchise Black & Brown voters.

Roxy Cramer
True Texas Project
Webster, TX

Thank you, Rep. Cody Vasut, for leading the Congressional Redistricting Committee. We must protect Texas and Vote for HB 4. Vote yes for the One Big Beautiful Map.

Margaret Craddock
Self, writer
Pearland, TX

This redistricting is a clear ploy to further disenfranchise voters in order to benefit Republicans. It is not a census year and therefore redistricting is inappropriate. If Republicans cannot win seats without cheating, then they need to listen to constituents and make changes to their policies. Elected officials are public servants, it is time for our officials to humble themselves and return to the service of the Texas voters.

Barbados Pearl
Self
Austin, TX

I am extremely opposed to the new map. Im tired of our representatives caring more about keeping their power then truly representing their constituents

Ellen Gass
Self, Nonprofit Conservation
Austin, TX

I am writing to voice strong opposition to the redistricting process currently underway in Texas. Gerrymandering poses a grave threat to the health of our representative democracy. It weakens the influence of voters, entrenches political power, and compromises the integrity of our elections. Every Texan, regardless of political affiliation, deserves a redistricting process that is fair, transparent, and impartial.
Equally troubling is the suggestion that the White House or any federal executive should dictate how states conduct redistricting. Such top-down mandates violate constitutional principles and erode public confidence in the legitimacy and independence of the process.
It is also deeply inconsistent for Republican leaders, who frequently champion states' rights and local control, to now back efforts that override local decision-making.
Redistricting should serve the public interest, not partisan agendas. I urge this body to reject any proposal that undermines fairness, transparency, or local self-governance.

Sylvia Small
Self
Austin, TX

The proposed district map does not represent the constituents in counties with large populations (Dallas, Austin, Houston). It is an obvious attempt to redraw the districts to increase Republican members. The manipulation of the lines within the district attest to this. I am opposed to the district map and want an independent body to redraw the map that represents the people in each district, regardless or party.

Pamela DuVall
Self
Plano, TX

The blatant disregard for a free and fair election is so disgusting and shameful even a blind man sees what you are doing. You all are extremely Disgusting and shameful.

Lindsay Hutchens
Self, City of Austin Project Manager
Austin, TX

I’m writing in opposition to HB4. Please do not pass. It’s trash and you know it.

Rosemarie Daly
Self
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose the redistricting measures currently under consideration, which appear to violate the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment and Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act. The proposed maps show clear signs of racial gerrymandering and partisan manipulation, including cracking and packing of minority communities and disregard for traditional districting principles.

These actions dilute the voting power of communities of color and undermine the constitutional guarantee of fair and equal representation. Redistricting must not be used as a tool to entrench political power or suppress electoral influence based on race or party affiliation.

I urge the Legislature to reject any map that fails to meet constitutional and statutory standards, and instead adopt a transparent, lawful process that ensures all Texans have equitable access to representation.

Joan Trimble
Self. RN
San Antonio, TX

I urge you to oppose this mid-cycle redistricting which is a blatant anti democratic power grab to maintain minority control in support of a racist autocrat whose sole concern is himself.

Cody Fuller
Self
North Richland Hills, TX

Redistricting right now is unnecessary. We redistribute in 2021 and had Republicans swear under path that it was a fair redistricting. The only reason this has come up right now is a blatent power grab from the terrible sitting president. Every move he's made has made every American pay more for goods and services. If he's able to retain or gain more power in congress even more Americans will suffer at an even greater rate.

Please do not move forward with this redistricting. You are going against the will of the people with this and the only thing gained will be to give that terrible man in the white house more power.

Please be better and think about the future of more than just your careers and the wants of the worst president in history.

Tiffany Bostick
Self
Cypress, TX

I come from a long line of Texans, born and raised here, raised conservative republican, voted republican and a proud Texan at that. We have been taught to care for one another, help others and support each other. If we are a state that is supposed to be red, why are we re-drawing the maps? What are we afraid of? We need to leave things alone. They already seemed unfair to begin with, but changing now shows desperation and like you're afraid of something. We don't change this in Texas because DC tells us to. This is coming from a born and raised republican Texan. So that should tell you something is not right with the decisions being made recently.

Alice Dorsey, Mrs.
Self, business owner
Pearland, TX

This redistricting scheme is just a blatant power grab by Trump and Abbott. Texans deserve fair representation. Republicans have been in charge of this state for over 30 years but continue to claim how only they can fix the state's problems. Well, you've had an entire generation or more to do so and yet you still play the fear mongering card. Increasingly gerrymandering our state will only disenfranchise more and more voters. Texans deserve better.

Jenn Smith
self
Houston, TX

The only way the GOP knows how to win is by cheating, just so they can make themselves richer, protect pedophiles/themselves & run this state down the drain. Enough!

Johanna Iaia
Self
Denton, TX

Texans need help with basic necessities. Food, healthcare, utilities, rent costs are rising while lawmakers support the ultra rich. Redistricting is wrong and a waste of lawmakers' time. We the people. Not you the power-hungry who aren't concerned about what the people need.
We. The. People.

Mary Candee
self
San Antonio, TX

This is wrong from the heart of what makes up our country. Stand up for our country - not the would be king. Help the little people.

Kristi House
Self office manager
Allen, TX

I stand in support of the HB4 districting map

Vanessa Mason
Tarrant County
Arlington, TX

As a Texas resident, I support the right and responsibility of our elected leaders to revisit congressional district lines when they believe it's necessary for fair and effective representation.

The Legislature was elected by the people of Texas to make these decisions, and while not everyone will agree on the outcome, we should respect the process and trust those we've put in office.

Redistricting is never simple, but it is a vital function of representative democracy. I appreciate the Texas House for holding public hearings and for giving citizens the chance to weigh in. I encourage lawmakers to proceed thoughtfully, transparently, and in a way that upholds the voice of every Texan.

Emelia Gephart
Self
Cedar Park, TX

AGAINST

Paige Murphy-Young
Self, attorney
Lakeway, TX

This is it, Texas: your litmus-test moment. Accommodating Trump's demand for special redistricting would violate your Oath of Office, as well as your vow to represent your constituents and honor the the Rule of Law. Redistricting based only on Trump's desperate demand for a compliant Congress; would render our dynamic --yet stable-- three-branch system of government a Constitutional democracy in name only? We deserve more than a CINO (Constitution In Name Only)!

Angie Sanchez
self/ accountant
Austin, TX

This is completely unnecessary. Please focus on more important topics such as flood control. This redistricting has no benefit to Texans.

Tiffany Marx
Self
Dallas, TX

This blatant attempt to cheat through "redistricting" is appalling. Trump is unpopular. Your policies are unpopular. Pathetic when attempting to disenfranchise voters is your only hope.

Cherie Tanneberger
Self, retired
Athens, TX

Please leave current redistricting in place and spend time working on the people's business as you were elected to do. The "after each 10 year census" should continue. Republicans run TX government and national government already. You don't need to spend any taxpayer money and time on the redistricting issue - it's a "made up" issue right now. Your time should be spent resolving REAL issues that affect ALL TX citizens such as flood control; feeding, housing, assisting the less fortunate; putting real money and conscientious thought into well-rounded education, infrastructure and a health care system that works for all. I'm 76, born and raised in Texas, a veteran living on social security and, for first time I my life, ashamed to call myself a Texan. Do not spend unnecessary time and taxpayer funds on redistricting because the President ordered you to. You should be ashamed to be bowing to this pressure. Stand up, really look at yourself and give serious thought to actions you are about to undertake in the name of Texas. This is NOT the business of the people of Texas you should be undertaking at this time.

Carolyn Frawley, Ms
Self/Retired
Sweetwater, TX

No redistricting.

Kindel Wescott
Self
Richland Hills, TX

I greatly oppose redistricting. If you want to give power back to the states, actually listen to your constituents. If the demographic is changing, let it change. If that means a shift in power, ITS WHAT THE PEOPLE WANT. If you must redistrict to "pick up seats", you are not actually for the people.

Shelly Horton
Self
West Lake Hills, TX

I strongly oppose this bill.

Philip Holsworth
N/A
Arlington, TX

I support the passing of HB 4 by Hunter.

Gail Boston
Self
Austin, TX

Against

Christina French
Self/Teacher
Grand Prairie, TX

This bill is a blatant attempt at cheating. Our representatives should be able to stand by their decisions and record instead of choosing their voters. The maps are already under review for being racially discriminatory. This bill exacerbates that problem instead of solving it. The people of Texas, in all our diversity, deserve to be truly represented. If we are going to call ourselves a democratic republic, we should act as one. For too long, our needs and requests have fallen on deaf ears. Texans suffer because our government ignores us. The government's focus should be on the devastating floods that have affected so many, instead, they are bending to the will of the rich and powerful. If representatives do not truly represent their constituents, if they do not help those who need them, they should not be re-elected. Allow the courts to settle the maps issue. Make the districts reflect the people who live there as is right and fair. This naked power grab will have consequences no matter how the maps are drawn. If you want positive consequences, do the right thing. Stop the gerrymandering!

Jacqueline Aitken, Ms
Self
Austin, TX

I oppose mid-census redistricting. I support compact districts reflecting communities of interest.

Mitsoo Iravani
Self
Fort Worth, TX

I stand in support of the HB4 redistricting plan.

Amanda Padilla
self
Austin, TX

I do not support this redistricting and request a nonbiased party redistrict Texas in a way that does not specifically benefit one party over the other. Shame on anyone who approves this plan to actively suppress your own constituents. Why are you so afraid of us?

Virginia Tippit
Self, and all the people of Texas
Austin, TX

I strongly object to the proposed redrawing of Texas's congressional map mid-decade. The 2021 redistricting process, based on the 2020 Census, has already been completed and enacted. During subsequent legal proceedings, Senator Joan Huffman, who led that redistricting effort, testified under oath that race was not used as a factor in drawing the maps. She stated explicitly:

"We drew these maps race blind. We have not looked at any racial data as we drew these maps, and to this day I have not looked at any racial data."

Yet, in July 2025, the U.S. Department of Justice sent a letter to Governor Abbott asserting that the Texas map is unconstitutional because race was improperly used in at least four congressional districts in Houston and Fort Worth. The DOJ is demanding new maps or threatening legal action.

This is a direct contradiction of the sworn testimony of the map's chief architect and undermines the credibility of the federal government's rationale. Redrawing maps based on unproven or politically motivated assertions—especially when no trial has yet ruled the current map unconstitutional—is deeply undemocratic and destabilizing.

I urge Texas legislators to reject any redistricting effort based solely on contested DOJ claims without:

1. Full public hearings;
2. Independent expert review of the data and districts in question; and
3. Transparent evidence that legal standards—not partisan advantage—are driving the effort.

This mid-cycle redistricting attempt not only violates the public trust, but threatens to disenfranchise millions of voters based on conflicting, unsubstantiated claims.

Nannette Strickland
Self (public school teacher)
Austin, TX

I and many of our friends, neighbors, and fellow Texans are against the new redistricting map. Texans should be focused on helping our fellow Texans, not on what outsiders think we should do to help their political futures. Trying to hurry up and redo the map in a special session does not reflect the type of special care and consideration you should give to such an important task. This ill-advised endeavor is frankly unsportsmanlike conduct in the world of politics and is beneath us. I urge everyone to vote down any new redistricting maps.

Fabian Torres
Self
Edinburg, TX

I strongly oppose Texas' proposed congressional redistricting map, which undermines fair representation and disproportionately harms communities of color. This plan is a transparent partisan power grab, designed to silence voters by dismantling competitive districts and diluting minority voting strength—especially in South Texas.

The map intentionally fractures communities of color, packing Black and Latino voters into fewer districts while spreading Republican voters into Democratic-held areas. These changes violate the Voting Rights Act, prioritizing political gain over equitable representation. The fact that 30 of 38 districts would now favor Trump by double-digit margins—despite Texas' rapidly diversifying population—exposes this as an undemocratic scheme to rig future elections.

I ask that you reject this discriminatory map and commit to a transparent, nonpartisan redistricting process that respects all Texans—not just one party's agenda. Our democracy deserves better.

Rachel Wallis
Myself, data privacy director
Austin, TX

Texans deserve fair representation. The state is already terribly gerrymandered and to move forward with this legislation is a shameless capitulation to the Trump administration. Please stick to the schedule that we have always known and align redistricting with the census, and don't further disenfranchise Texans who are already poorly represented in terms of officials that reflect our makeup.

Mary Howell, Mrs
self
El Paso, TX

Hello, my name is Mary Howell and I'm a constituent from El Paso, Texas.

I'm writing to urge you to oppose HB4 and the mid-decade redistricting called by the Governor. It makes not sense to spend any time on further partisan gerrymandering when we should be 100% forcused on disaster prevention and relief.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Erik Hanson
Self, software developer
Fort Worth, TX

I support redistricting to generate more representation for conservative, Republican voters who have overwhelmingly voted and should be more represented in local, Texas, and federal government accordingly.

vanessa collins, Mrs
Activist and Volunteer - dallas county
Dallas, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map. This is IMPERATIVE THAT YOU PASS THIS BILL.

Kathryn Carter
Self
Corsicana, TX

Please change the proposed redistricting lines in Navarro County to have Navarro County remain in tact as a county for the new district. The Republican Party of Navarro County will be negatively impacted by splitting it into two districts. I attend the local Party meetings and participate as a Navarro County resident. Please recognize the harm it will do to split the County, and change the bill to leave the County in tact for the new districts. Thank you!
Sincerely,
Kathryn Carter

David Ruiz
Self - Video Producer
Cedar Park, TX

This is a clear breach of trust of the people of Texas.

Kathy Turner
Self, retired
McGregor, TX

I support the redistricting effort. The proposed map is better and more compact than current districts. For too long, federal judges had too much influence in how Texas districts were drawn. Now our elected representatives can have the freedom to draw districts according to the will of voters.

Sandra Darnell
Self
Austin, TX

Redistricting should only be done after a census so that people are fairly represented as populations shift. This should be done in five years after the next census. It should never be rushed through without time for public discourse. And absolutely should never be done to satisfy the whims of a corrupt president. It's a waste of taxpayer money. Please have the backbone to oppose this bill

Lisa Hildebrand
Self
Austin, TX

I oppose mid-census redistricting. I support compact districts reflecting communities of interest.

Gayle Goff
Self, E Riverside/Oltorf Combined Neighborhood Planning Contact Team
Austin, TX

I completely oppose this redistricting bill. We are mid-census and do not have current data to reflect representation needed. I believe in the creation of compact districts in order to best reflect our communities with specialized interests.

Ronald Lott
Self
Nacogdoches, TX

There is nothing racist about political redistricting. It is a partisan issue and has been since the beginning of politics in the US. This is simply an accepted means of utilizing political majority to advance your cause. It's just never accepted by the party NOT in control.
I also think the Democrats are using this grandiose protest as a smoke screen to distract from Soros' involvement in our '26 election cycle in the state and to distract from the daily headlines regarding treasonous actions by many in the Democrat's political machine so undermine our national elections with fraud and lies and malicious prosecution, even to the point of impeachment.
Republicans should utilize their options to increase control where possible. We all know the Democrats would use redistricting to gain the entire world with no regard for the governing laws, or even someone's death. We all know that now. Democrats will even kill one of their own to gain power….LBJ and JFK are proof of that.

Athena Gerbsch-Cook
Self / Project Manager
Austin, TX

This gerrymandering is shameful and cannot truly represent Texans. Shame on the Texas republicans. It's not winning if you have to cheat. You'll go down in history as repugnant, racist, soulless people. Shame on you.

Elizabeth Simpson-Weeks
Self
Austin, TX

This bill is intended to grab power and silence American's right to fair representation. Once again, Texas Republicans are removing defending the rights of all Texans. I do not support this bill or any retaliatory future bills that violate the law, the Constition and the best interest of the people of Texas. I will be monitoring how the vote goes and will vote against any lawmaker who votes to pass this Gerrymandering bill. When did it become okay to ignore the people's rights? When did a President who wants to violate the law and eliminate equal rights for the American citizens? Regardless of party affiliation? You were elected to uphold the Constitution; start doing your jobs!

Patience Buchanan
Self
Dripping Springs, TX

I am against further gerrymandering- please vote against this bill

Richard Morgan
self
Austin, TX

One basic premise of our system of representation is that voters choose their representative. This bill and the continuing efforts by Republicans representatives to choose their voters and to stack most voters who disagree with them into a few minority districts is a flagrant abuse of the Voting Rights Act of 1995. The current district maps adopted after the 2020 census are still being contested because these same issues. Adopting new district maps simply because Republicans can not fairly win a congressional election is a shameful affront to the voters of Texas and to the memory of President Johnson who brought about and signed the 1995 Voting Rights Act.
Texas elected representatives should listen to their voters who have responded overwhelmingly against this bill and not to a failed President who can not persuade the American voters to elect more Republicans

Marianne Gedigian
self
AUSTIN, TX

The people elect their representatives, not the representatives choose their constituents. You work for the people. Do not take away representation by gerrymandering areas that are predominantly people of color. The operative word is PEOPLE. This is naked corruption bowing down to your dear leader. Do the right thing. Vote against gerrymandering.

Amy Swearingen
Self
Haslet, TX

I am writing to express serious concern about the current redistricting process in Texas. Gerrymandering—manipulating district boundaries for partisan advantage—is deeply harmful to representative democracy. It dilutes the voice of voters, entrenches power, and undermines fair elections. All Texans, regardless of party, deserve districts drawn transparently and equitably.

Moreover, it is deeply inappropriate for the White House—or any federal executive—regardless of administration, to mandate how states handle redistricting. This kind of top-down interference not only oversteps constitutional bounds, it erodes public trust in the independence of the process.

It’s also strikingly hypocritical for Republican leaders, who so often champion states' rights and local control, to now support measures that override local governance. Federalism is not a partisan principle to be discarded when convenient—it’s a foundational element of our system.
Redistricting must serve the people, not political power. I urge this body to reject any plan that compromises fairness, transparency, or local autonomy.

I am writing to express serious concern about the current redistricting process in Texas. Gerrymandering—manipulating district boundaries for partisan advantage—is deeply harmful to representative democracy. It dilutes the voice of voters, entrenches power, and undermines fair elections. All Texans, regardless of party, deserve districts drawn transparently and equitably.

Moreover, it is deeply inappropriate for the White House—or any federal executive—regardless of administration, to mandate how states handle redistricting. This kind of top-down interference not only oversteps constitutional bounds, it erodes public trust in the independence of the process.

It’s also strikingly hypocritical for Republican leaders, who so often champion states' rights and local control, to now support measures that override local governance. Federalism is not a partisan principle to be discarded when convenient—it’s a foundational element of our system.
Redistricting must serve the people, not political power. I urge this body to reject any plan that compromises fairness, transparency, or local autonomy.

AE Dabney
self/retired
Austin, TX

I am opposed to the mid-Census redistricting of Congressional representation in Texas. The state redistricting was conducted by the republicans in 2021. Why are they changing it purely at the demands of the president? Are Texas republicans relinquishing their own autonomy and their previous 2021 work on redistricting as deficient? According to the Texas Demographic Center, TX is considered a "majority/minority" State. Should Texas look at the interests of all Texans and be sure that voices of ALL Texans are fairly and equitably represented? There is no need for redistricting intentionally to reduce representation of exiting Democratic districts. Thank you for your support to oppose this House Redistricting action. aed

Ralph Hartsock
Lewisville
Lewisville, TX

Districts gerrymandered create More work for counties.
Inefficiency will cause more Errors.
County lines should be district boundaries when possible.
Denton Wise Collin counties should not be divided.
Dentonites should be represented by a person in the county, Not Amarillo.

Megan Starnes
Self, non-profit management
Richardson, TX

It is obvious that this bill is being used to manipulate representation for the benefit of the Republican party. It is a slap in the face to democracy and the fair representation of Texans.

Meagan O'Neal
Self, librarian
Cedar Park, TX

I oppose the proposed map for congressional redistricting. It is a grotesque display of gerrymandering and a failure to accurately represent the people of Texas and their interests. It is additionally a disgusting and disgraceful display of abuse of power from Texas representatives. Republican leadership is a failure and embarrassment to this state, and if they have to redistrict the entire state to stay in power, then they have no business representing the proud state of Texas.

Michelle Pierce
Self
Plano, TX

This is unconstitutional race-based redistricting. Please leave these districts as they are and allow these communities the right to choose candidates that represent them. Do the right thing, not the "Trump" thing.

Laurie Duke
Self
Fort Worth, TX

Plan C2308 redraws all 38 congressional districts in Texas, mid-decade, on the taxpayers dime to benefit the few instead of the many. Texas leadership has proven itself to be tone deaf to what the average family is experiencing. Case in point: While the legislature is in special session racking up a million or more, people like me are doing w/o medication they need because we can't afford to pay $1,000 for it. How do we cut back on spending when there's nothing left to reduce? People are facing rising costs in groceries, rent, utilities, medical bills, school supplies, insurance etc.

Our legislators are not representing the majority of Texans-they are representing the top 1%. The rest of us can't get ahead because we are just trying to pay the bills. Hard to live the "American Dream" when you are just trying to survive it.

The abuse of power for political gain is immoral, corrupt, and an absolute betrayal to Texans.

I ask that you oppose this map especially. Fair maps for all is a must and as legislators you can't blame Abbott for it if you just go along with it. Representation matters. Stop hurting our families and disenfranchising hard-working Texans.

Nancy Sandoval
Self/Biologist
Taylor, TX

This is not redistricting. This is Gerrymandering. Stand up for Texans, especially the communities of color that you will be targeting. Texas runs Texas, not Washington, and not Trump. If you need to cheat to win, then are you really representing the needs of the Texas people? You should be focused on flood recovery efforts.

Scott Frazier
Self
Hurst, TX

I stand and support for the HB4 redistricting map.

Linda Rowold-Brown
self
Austin, TX

This redistricting plan silences minority voices, and as such is not a fair voting policy. In addition, by redistricting before the next census is a power grab. It will start redistricting in other states by both parties and will have the effect of loss of confidence in our voting system.

Sarah Burns Yeager
Self
Austin, TX

This redistricting will place my rep in charge of areas which are wildly different in their needs. My rep will be pulled in different directions both literally and figuratively as the new district creates an elongated service area which is not representative of the constituency.

Paul Dunk
self
Katy, TX

There is NO REASON to redistrict Texas congressional districts at this time. The clear political partisanship being displayed and the fact that flood relief is being held hostage to this action shows how a lack integrity among those in support of this scam.

Jennifer Tullis
Self, architect
Austin, TX

Don't do it. There is no reason to revise the districts when we don't yet have a new census. Furthermore, partisan gerrymandering should be prohibited, and we should find a politically neutral way to create districts.

David Rogers, Mr.
Self - self employed
Granbury, TX

Many of the proposed US house seats for redistricting were won (some in much larger numbers than others) by President Trump in Nov 2024. The Republicans are being denied adequate representation because the districts were gerrymandered to favor Democrats. When these districts in reality have many more Republicans.

Ann Zadeh, Hon
Self
Fort Worth, TX

I oppose mid census racist redistricting that robs the voice of the people to pick their representatives.

Ashley Simmonds
Self
Flower Mound, TX

I am writing as a deeply concerned Texas resident and parent who is furious and terrified by the current effort to gerrymander our congressional maps under the guise of redistricting. This proposal — which would eliminate five Democratic seats — is not only unethical, it's a blatant manipulation of our democracy to tilt the scales of power in favor of one party.

Let's be clear: this is an attempt to rig future elections by silencing the voices of millions of Texans, particularly communities of color and younger, more diverse voters. While it may be "technically" legal, it is morally indefensible and fundamentally undemocratic.

Elected officials should be working to ensure that every Texan has fair and equal representation — not using redistricting as a weapon to entrench power. The people of Texas deserve better than partisan political gamesmanship. We want a government that reflects our values and priorities, not one that is manipulated to serve the interests of the few.

I urge the committee and our lawmakers to reject this corrupt redistricting plan and stand up for a Texas that represents all of us — not just those in power.

Valerie Korba
Self, retired
AUSTIN, TX

I am against this bill. It is gerrymandering and essentially eliminates representation in Congress for many people. Also, redistricting has historically been done once every 10 years. It is not 10 years since the last redistricting. Do not pass this bill.

Caitlin Harris Moore
Self
Elgin, TX

I am against this redistricting.

Gwynn Griffith
The people who believe in democracy.
San Antonio, TX

This is outrageous and a blatant attempt to rig the midterms. This malignant tyrant MUST be stopped. Never in my 81 years have I been afraid, for myself and for immigrants and black people. This is a freight train to hell and those who are cowed by this monster will go down in history as nutless whimps with no concern for democracy. We will remember who you are. All cowards!

Mariana Silak
Self
Austin, TX

I’m submitting this comment as a Texan who believes in fair representation and a government that reflects the people it serves.

The redistricting plan being proposed is a clear attempt to silence millions of voters. Nearly 5 million Texans voted for Democratic candidates in 2024, the second-highest total in the country. This plan would erase their influence, divide diverse communities, and protect political power through manipulation instead of merit.

This isn’t democracy. It’s not fair, and it’s not right.

Changing the maps mid-decade just because Texas is finally competitive undermines trust in the system. Voters should choose their representatives, not the other way around.

I urge you to reject any map that puts party over people. Every voice in Texas should count equally.

Thank you.

Kam McCoy
Self/realtor
Austin, TX

I oppose this. We should be grouped locally, not grouped to specifically grow one party’s number of seats.

Nicole Griffing
Self
Austin, TX

This is an idiotic bill. You are supposed to represent ALL the people of Texas, not just the Republican Party, pandering to a wanna-be dictator. Y’all should be absolutely ashamed of yourselves.

Carol Engelhardt, Mrs.
Self/Dyslexia teacher
Lindale, TX

Pass the Map. Don’t let the committee adjourn before this is done.

Brooke Townsend-Garces
Self, Bookkeeper
Austin, TX

I was born in Texas and I have lived in Texas my entire life. I am a constituent of the great State of Texas and I am very proud to be a Texan. I am testifying today that I am against HB4, Congressional Redistricting. Please do not pass this bill.

The bill is unconstitutional and violates Article 1, Section 3 of the Texas Constitution. The bill is unconstitutional and violates Article 1, Section 3a of the Texas Constitution. The bill also violates Section 1 of the Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution.

If the proposed redistricting maps are passed, my voice as a constituent will not be heard. If the proposed redistricting maps are passed, my vote as a proud Texan and registered voter will not count.

Disenfranchising voters should not be what the great State of Texas stands for. The State of Texas should stand for our own State Constitution, which states, “all free men, when they form a social compact, have equal rights, and no man, or set of men, is entitled to exclusive separate public emoluments, or privileges.”

The Texas State Constitution also states, “equality under the law shall not be denied or abridged.”

In conclusion, I am testifying today that I am against HB4, Congressional Redistricting. Please do not pass this bill.

Maria Olivieri
Self
Austin, TX

I oppose the redistricting actions being discussed in the Texas legislature. There is no reason this should be taken up off cycle to the census report. This is a blatant attempt to gerrymander the state into more favorable districts for one political party. If this redistricting were to go forward, it eliminates fair representation for the people of Texas. This is not a valid agenda item and needs to be dismissed outright. This will cause harm to Texas constituents by limiting the ability for people to elect members of Congress that represent their best interest. This is partisan politics at its worst

Justin Harrison
Self/Legal WRiter
Austin, TX

I strongly opposed this redistricting effort, which breaks longstanding Texas norms solely for political gain while stirring up unnecessary chaos and confusion. Leave the maps as they are.

Mandy Sohal
Self
Flower Mound, TX

Against rezoning districts

Aaron Ratliff
self
San Benito, TX

I'm commenting to give you notice that, while I do overall support HB 4 to redraw the congressional map for Texas, I believe the South Texas region could be altered in a way to better fit local needs, such as keeping Maverick County in the same district. I hope you consider my amendment, PlanC2318, to change the districts in the South Texas region for PlanC2308, as part of HB 4. The affected districts are District 15, District 23, District 28, and District 34. Thank You.

Jennifer Lynn Swanson
Self
Katy, TX

I am against the current mid-decade redistricting proposal. Redistricting should happen after the census in order to equalize population among electoral districts after the census indicates population has increased or decreased over the last decade. It's meant to be about population, not about political party. This mid-decade, mid-session redistricting is a thinly veiled power grab. It isn't about fairness,it is about realigning districts to privilege one political party over another. The four targeted districts all currently lean Democratic and rely on “coalition” voting strength. Houston, Harris County, and Dallas-Fort Worth are currently targeted districts and redrawing those maps allows the politicians to choose their voters, not voters choosing their representatives. The DOJ and President Trump have been clear- find 5 more Republican seats in the House of Representatives. In the United States, our system is one person for one vote and the voters pick their representatives. Political parties and Presidents shouldn't define the "right" representatives and then allow them to pick their voters. If you have to cheat to stay in power, you are not wanted. Do the right thing. The proposed map is cheating. Stand against this unethical power grab.

Gloria McDonald
Denton County Conservative Coalition
Bartonville, TX

I strongly support HB 4 as president of Denton County Conservative Coalition as well as myself. There are numerous positives of this needed redistricting to correctly reflect the voters’ priorities. Representation in our country must reflect its LEGAL CITIZENS. We are a representative government so it is imperative that the citizens be counted and thereby represented correctly. To do that, redistricting is necessary and important. All American citizens must be counted and all districting must be corrected to reflect its legal citizen population. Correct implementation of statutes are expectedby our legal citizens. Voters are tired of the misrepresentations of the Democrats. Voters are tired of Democrats being against any common sense positions and solutions offered by any Republican. The voters have shown what they expect for America: support the Constitution, follow the principles and laws of America and the states. Redistricting is the right thing to do. Please support and immediately implement redistricting to reflect the legal citizens of Texas. Standing on principle and the U.S. Constitution is the guide for all.

Marissa Fisher
Self
Austin, TX

This is a blatant attempt to rob the Texan people of equal representation to attempt to retain a quickly dwindling Republican majority by gerrymandering. We demand that Texas not redistrict to add Republican seats. We demand true representation of the will of the people, not stolen, false perceptions of representation.

Stephanie Willis
Self
Lawn, TX

Republican members of the committee,

Pass the bill out of committee today with Plan C2308. Get it done before Democrats raise enough money to break quorum. Grassroots Republicans are counting on you.

Jessica Cox
Myself
Austin, TX

I am against HB4.

There’s no new census or evidence that Texas needs new maps mid-decade.

Instead of helping Texans recover from the July 4 floods, lawmakers are wasting this special session on gerrymandering.

Trump himself said: “Texas will be the biggest one. Just a very simple redrawing, we pick up five seats.” This is openly partisan.

These maps disproportionately harm communities of color, stripping away their chance at fair representation.

Yolanda Perez Wiseley
Self
Austin, TX

How are we, as American citizens, meant to have faith in or trust in our Civil Servants if you refuse to serve our needs or acknowledge that we have needs at all?
Do our voices even carry sound to you?
This plan negates any kind of representation for the people and their actual voting stats. This is false representation at its worst.
You are knowingly silencing the very people you are meant to serve in place of an angry, vengeful, and petulant false leader.
How cowardly to fear losing your already falsely obtained power that you will illegally strip us of our voices even further.
I fear for our people and the basic rights we have already lost, but even worse the ones you are continuing to strip with abandon.
You are not allowing the TAX payers to represented. You are pushing forward a takeover filled with malice and cowardice.
If there is any integrity or decency left in any of you. Stop this in its tracks.

Do not allow Texas to bend to its knees.

Denise Plante'
Self/ customer service
San Antonio, TX

We do not want the redistricting of TX. It has been manipulated enough.

Zoe Bernbaum
Self
Austin, TX

These districts already are too spread out.

B Britton
Self
Austin, TX

I am very much opposed to the Republican redistricting plan of E1.030 which is an attack on representative democracy. Please do not do this and save our precious democracy.

Sheila Wright
Myself
Sugar Land, TX

I completely agree with this restructure!

Paul Root, Mr.
Self, Retired
Austin, TX

I, Paul R. Root, do not want The Republican Congressional Redistricting map to be changed because it will enable the current President to control my freedom to oppose many Republican ideas that do not reflect Christian values. Please do not restrict the American people's freedom.

Alison Weis
Self
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose the redistricting of my state. We need to be equally represented and not gerrymandered out of a voice.

Stephaniw Mason
Austin
Austin, TX

We don’t want redistricting. It will unfairly take votes away from the most vulnerable Texans. This is clearly a power grab and it must be stopped!!

Aaron Ruff
Self/Development Officer
Abilene, TX

There is no logical, constitutional, or rational reason for redrawing the district lines of Texas other than to silence the true voice of the people who live here. The elected representatives who desire the legislation to pass are out of touch with the desires of the majority of the country and instead of heeding the desires of the people they seek to redraw, rewrite, alter, skew the system so they can continue to ignore the desires of the people. This is not how democracy works. You get voted in, you listen to your constituents, you vote on policies in accordance with their wishes. Not in accordance with your corporate donors, not in accordance with your party leader, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PEOPLE. Statistically, the majority of this nation wants common sense gun laws, better access for women’s health care, and more comprehensive access to health care and education, but those majority ideals continually get shut down by tactics such as this exact legislation. Redraw district maps to unfairly give one party more decision making power than the other. If districts start turning the other color, it’s because your policies are not the choice of the people anymore. Convince us as to why your policies should be the choice, or come up with new policies, but do not cheat the system so that the policies of the few get to trump the voices clamoring for change simply because you do not like it. America should be better than this.

Deborah Rothschild
self/retired
Dripping Springs, TX

I am disappointed that our Republican elected officials clearly no longer listen to or care what their constituents think. Time and time again they have passed bills and made decisions in complete opposition to what Texas wants. Elected Texas Republicans have disgraced their office by no longer doing the job they were elected to do. The fierce opposition to gerrymandering (ie., redistricting) is also being ignored. It is nothing more than a pathetic attempt to skewer the votes in Republican's favor because it is the only way they think they can win. Our Republican elected officials also are more concerned about loyalty to Donald Trump than about what is best for Texans. I only hope and pray that everyday Republicans who have supported you will realize that they have been duped, and this administration doesn't care one bit about their lives, and have actually caused harm to many of them. For example, with the new BBB, over a million will lose health care--many will die because of it. It is time to step up and do the right thing--please, for the sake of Texas, who are your responsibility!!! Please do the right thing!

Bonnie Fyffe
self
Nacogdoches, TX

Redistricting to benefit one party is wrong. Republicans already carry Texas. Gerrymandering to benefit Trump's atrocious policies is wrong. It is not democratic and I am sick of people bowing down to this fascist.

Jean Varsos
Self
League City, TX

I oppose this redistricting bill.

emily weems
Self
Houston, TX

Dear Sir/Madam,
I reject and oppose redistricting mid decade. Attempting to dismantle Black and Brown political power in Texas' biggest cities is wrong, illegal, and anti-democratic.
Texas lawmakers rushing with zero transparency to redraw congressional maps does not serve Texans but Donald Trump. Lawmakers take an oath to the Constitution, not a man. This is a cowardly attempt to steal seats and dilute Texans representation. Texans want flood control, healthcare, infrastructure, disasters recover projects, and education- work on those issues.

Eko Tacker
Self
Murphy, TX

I would like my representatives to actually be familiar with the area and people they are representing. Redrawing the maps based on the proposals makes that impossible. Please do not move forward with this.

Jennifer R Smith
Self and Administrative Professional
DeSoto, TX

I vehemently oppose this bill. It is nothing but a power grab. The new map does not reflect the racial makeup of Texas. Please tell the chair, the pronunciation is DAY-US, not DIE-US.

Susie Roselle
Self, Marketing Manager
AUSTIN, TX

HB 4 is not only unnecessary and unconstitutional, but it is doing the bidding of the President instead of truly representing the people of Texas. You should be ashamed to be associated with this bill, which is purely designed to dilute the voting power of communities of color.

Gwendolyn Wuori, Mrs.
Self
Longview, TX

I believe the representation of we the people, should be reflective of the voters within each district. Voting districts do not stay stagnate. with fluid changes from year to year. (Our every10 year Census may need to be every 5 years). We know there has been massive voter migration within states and voter out migration to other states. Why not be transparent of this shift. To ensure each district has roughly the same population, compliance with the Voting Rights Act and fixing outdated or inequitable maps I highly recommend the passage of HB 4 without delay.

TAMARELLA GILMORE
Self Analyst 2
SPRING, TX

Do not Redistrict

Denise Provencher
Self retired
Plano, TX

I urge the House to leave the districts as they are. Further redistricting amounts to voter suppression and neither the Trump administration nor the Texas House have provided a valid reason for redistricting. Please support the voters of Texas and forego redistricting.
Thank you.

Alejandra Alvarado
Self
San Antonio, TX

Oppose new map.

Kevin Jackson Jr.
Self/ Educational Diagnostician
Austin, TX

My name is Kevin Jackson Jr. Educator, girl dad, and concerned Texan. I strongly believe the proposed redistricting maps directly harm minorities in Travis County by dismantling districts that have historically amplified their voices. By merging the districts of U.S. Reps. Greg Casar and Lloyd Doggett, two Democratic leaders who have consistently championed racial justice, voting rights, and economic equity, the map dilutes minority political power and forces communities to choose between trusted advocates. This reduces the likelihood that minority voters will be represented by someone who understands and prioritizes their lived experiences and needs. I strongly urge Legislators to adhere to the Texas Constitution and only redistrict at its first regular session after the publication of each United States decennial census. Thank you.

Shelley Tatum
self
Lufkin, TX

This committee, and all Texans, understand exactly what this mid decade redistricting is designed to do. A map drawn by a Republican legislature must be redrawn to prove the sitting governor and legislature's absolute subservience to President Donald Trump, and to thwart any attempt by voters in Texas to use their vote to change the direction of our state or our nation by making it impossible for free and fair elections to take place. The bottom line is that this committee and the Republican party care not a bit about democracy or the will of the people of Texas. The only thing that matters is winning, holding power, sticking it to the libs, and avoiding any hint of being anything other than cowed by the president. Adjective such as weak, spineless and pathetic come to mind. Of course every member of this committee has heard all that and is willing to sit by and accept that assessment as long as the president gets what he wants. I am ashamed of this legislature for many reasons, but selling Texas to Washington for no benefit other than avoiding the president's wrath is humiliating or at least it should be.

Kara Ihedigbo
Self
Rosharon, TX

I am impacted by the proposed changes in the map. My Congressperson looks to be reassigned to somewhere far from our district. It doesn't make sense to me. This will cause confusion among our neighbors throughout the region and create headaches for election workers. Who represents me now if my representative who was elected to represent me is assigned somewhere else? I'm asking you to cancel
These maps and do the right thing before God and your fellow Texas residents. God is NOT a God of confusion.

Mayra I Soto, Dr.
Self
Harker Heights, TX

I am in complete support of HB 4 because I believe that it is the best interest of the citizens of Texas.

Kelly Schafer
Self
Cedar Park, TX

These proposed plans for redistricting are the opposite of democracy, wrong and unwanted.

Dawn Baggett
Self
Round Rock, TX

Every member of this committee knows this current redistricting is wrong on every level. To have the current president demand Texas to do this for the sole purpose to rig the state is unethical at the very least. Cheating for more power is still cheating. The members are only in office because their constituents put them there. Yet, you are now not listening to those same constituents, but instead taking barking orders from a person hellbent on increasing his own power. This is not in the best interests of TEXANS. How dare you have the audacity to dismiss our concerns! This is not about Donald Trump's wishes, nor should it be about your's, or be a power grab. This should be about listening to US, your constituents, doing what is best for us, and for Texas as a whole. Period. You cannot truly listen to us, our concerns, and ignore them solely on the basis of party. Deep down, you all know what you are trying to do is not right and I respectfully implore you to do the right thing for ALL Texans.

Tracy Frazier
Self
Austin, TX

Gerrymandering is not a true representation of a democracy. Please fight to stop this bill moving forward.

Rachel Lester
Self, HR Coordinator
Austin, TX

This racist and corrupt attempt to further gerrymander Texas is outrageous and disgusting. History will not look kindly on the attempts to push this through during a special session that should be devoted to addressing the horrifying lack of flood warning systems on the Guadalupe River and other dangerous TX waterways. Shame on TX Republicans!!

Rene Guerra
Self
Ovilla, TX

I am opposed to the Congressional Redistricting due to disenfranchisement of people of color. I don’t believe this represents my Hispanic identity and others.

Brian Miller
Self
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose redistricting. This blatant partisan gerrymandering is an attack on the voices of many Texans.

Nathan Kalaf
self
Austin, TX

I stand firmly against aggressive, political gerrymandering that does not support common sense districts in the State of Texas. This bill is so politically motivated and egregiously against common sense districting that I can not support any of its intents or actions. There should not be a politically motivated, off-year redrawing of districts, let alone one so skewed towards one political party at the expense of the state's constituents. If this is the only way a party in power can retain power, with obscene maps, it should be voted against and struck down. Political parties should run and win representation solely on the power of its platform and record of actions, and this bill flies in the face of that truth while intentionally eliminating the voices of constituents that Republicans don't agree with. This becomes more important if this redrawing of maps is requested by a federal presence that makes Texas a pawn it its aims.

It is anti-democratic and a sad reality that this seems to be the only way the leaders of this state can stay in power, and ultimately will cost Texas its reputation as a state that believes in liberty and free will. However, I do not feel that current state leadership cares about either of those things, based on its actions. Do better, and leave the districts alone. Prove you care about all the residents of this great state, and not just the ones that wear your stripes. Thank you for the consideration.

Lisa Lundgren
self
Coppell, TX

I am writing to urge our officials to vote against this redistricting plan. This will be a costly mistake for our state. Please vote no.

Daniel Zelada
self
Austin, TX

I am strongly against the intent behind the current push to push for an off season redistricting in Texas. The push to silence dissenting opinions in the state and federal government is antithetical to the principals this country was founded on. If your party wants to earn more congressional representation, maybe they should try to appeal more to average voters, instead of trying to redraw districts to marginalize the vote of the opposing side.

Brandy Hughes
Self
Wortham, TX

Let’s pass this!

Marie Pousson
self
Houston, TX

To House Select Committee on Redistricting and the Governor:
I am a native Houstonian, and I have had no representation in Congress all year. I am appalled by the power grab in this session in an effort to take away representation from my district and others. We the people should be able to choose our elected officials, not the other way around, as this committee is attempting to do. Redistricting at this time is out of the ordinary and any special session should be focused on one thing, preventing disasters like the many deaths in Kerrville. This effort to suppress Black and Brown voices of the people in districts like mine will be remembered. It is a racist (yes, I said the R word) effort to manufacture district lines that will decrease the representation of communities of color. I am opposed to redistricting at this time and want this committee to stop this work and wait until after the next census, as is usually done, so fairness will prevail. Justice is not being served by this effort.

Jackie Stence
Self
Austin, TX

Stop Gerrymandering! Redrawing the districts to create an advantage to either party is wrong.

Paul Cravey
SELF. RETIRED.
BAYTOWN, TX

It is time for members of the Texas House to do the work necessary and redistrict the remaining coalition districts out of Texas.

Texas must redistrict to ensure districts have roughly equal populations and comply with the “one person, one vote” principle enshrined in the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment. Redistricting is crucial in maintaining fair representation and upholding the Constitution. The current maps - Texas House, Texas Senate, and Congress - do not reflect the massive growth in Texas over the last five years. We must protect Texas and Vote for HB 4. Vote for the One Big Beautiful Map.

Edward Deere
Self
HUTTO, TX

This redistricting is unlawful. Representatives need to have the best interest of all their constituents when elected. ALL TEXANS DESERVE REPRESENTATION. The gerrymandering intended here is clear as day.

Alice Roach
Self, writer
Houston, TX

I am against the proposed redistricting map. I feel it will increase rather than decrease gerrymandering.

Madyson Russell
Self
Austin, TX

The voices of all Texans need to be heard. This bill will continue to displace and marginalize those who are already underserved and unheard. Especially after so many Texans and their families are hurting post the July 4th floods, redistributing should not be the top priority—relief and a path forward to mitigate disasters in the future needs to be our core focus. Texas should be for the people, not the politicians.

Chuck Trott
Myself
Denton, TX

I am totally for the redistricting of our legislative districts and believe that the redrawn districts better represent the voters of Texas than the current district map.

Angela Richter-Gronross
Self
Round Rock, TX

No gerrymandering!!!

Winnie Hsia
Self
Austin, TX

My name is Winnie Hsia, and I'm writing today as a concerned Texan who believes in fair representation and a government that reflects the will of the people.

The redistricting plan currently being proposed is a blatant attempt to silence millions of voters in our state. Almost 5 million Texans voted for Democratic candidates in 2024 — the second highest total in the nation. Yet this plan seeks to erase their voices, dismantle diverse communities, and entrench political power through manipulation rather than merit.

This is not about fair representation. This is about preserving power for a single party at the expense of democracy.

Gerrymandering in the middle of the decade — just because Texas is finally in play — undermines the trust voters place in our system. Representation should be decided by voters, not by those desperate to hold onto power.

I urge this body to reject any redistricting map that prioritizes partisanship over people, and to stand with Texans who want their voices — all of our voices — to count equally.

Thank you.

Naduni Salgadoe
Self
Buda, TX

I strongly oppose the proposed congressional redistricting in Texas because it undermines fair representation and silences the voices of communities of color. Every Texan deserves a vote that counts equally—not maps manipulated for partisan gain.

Sarah Hansen
Self - attorney/banker
San Antonio, TX

I'm AGAINST HB4. Instead of helping Texans recover from the July 4 floods, lawmakers are wasting this special session on gerrymandering. President Trump's admitted publicly that this is partisan and intentional. This is about silencing communities, not serving them.

Gina Jerram
Self
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose this redistricting bill.

Jett Hanna, Hon.
Myself
Austin, TX

I am writing in opposition to the redistricting map recently proposed.

The new map is a gerrymander not based on communities of interest and not compact. The map is intended to disenfranchise the voice of a significant part of our population. As a life long Texan and a resident of Austin for 45 years, I am appalled. Parts of Pflugerville are in a district extending to Odessa! Another part of Austin is in a district extending to the coast. You will be wasting taxpayer dollars on lawsuits with such redistricting as well.

Jonathan Krugman
Self
Austin, TX

Against.

This bill does not represent Texans fairly.

Margot Clarke
self
Austin, TX

My name is Margot Clarke, and I have lived in Travis County the vast majority of my 71 years. My current congressional district is District 37; my district and representative have changes several times in the last couple of decades.
My father, Charles Alan Wright, used to help me with election choices, even though I was voting for Democrats and he was a staunch Republican. He knew my viewpoint, and knew more about the races and candidates than I in the early years of my voting. He wanted me to know who was the best qualified person who aligned with my values.
He also, besides being utterly devoted to the Constitution, was a very strong supporter of civil rights. I can assure you, with complete certainty, that he would not approve, or even understand, this egregious power grab, and bizarre mapping, of the Texas congressional map.
Travis County, and Austin especially, has policies and values that do not coincide with much of rural Texas. I waited years to once again be represented in Congress by someone who actually represented most of the views of his constituents. Why would our state even benefit from what you are trying to do? It wouldn't, and you should know that. It would benefit one, very power hungry man,
Please do not do this. There are Texans who need your help after the floods, concentrate on them.
Margot Clarke

Zully Gutierrez
AFT teacher
San Antonio, TX

As a Texas AFT member and public school educator in San Antonio, TX, I oppose any mid-decade redistricting that reduces minority voting influence. Our communities deserve fair maps, not political manipulation.

Zully Gutierrez

Laura Churchill
self
Plano, TX

I live in Plano, Texas. I am currently in Congressional District 4 and represented by Pat Fallon.

I am asking this committee to vote against HB4 for several reasons.

1. There is no new population data to support a mid decade redistricting.

2. The redistricting effort is being done at the direction of the President and others in Washington and not by the needs or requests of Texans. The effort is being led from Washington DC to increase the number of Texas Republicans elected in the 2026 election and does not consider what is fair for all Texans.

3. The process of reviewing new redistricting maps has not been transparent or allowed sufficient time and opportunities for Texas citizens to engage in providing feedback to the proposed map. Regional hearings were held without citizens having benefit of seeing the proposed map in HB4 and we now have limited time to review and provide feedback on the proposed map.

4. The proposed map appears to disenfranchise many Texas voters; including our voters of color.

5. Texas' population growth is primarily from people of color. It is important to take steps to ensure we have maps that reflect and support the growth in minority voters.

My heart breaks for the direction I see this committee and the state leadership in Texas going to disenfranchise our own citizens at the voting booth. I recommend Texas move forward with fair maps prepared by an independent redistricting committee consisting of a diverse representation of the citizens of Texas.

Vote NO on House Bill 4 and take steps to make Texas maps fair for all of us!

Sincerely,

Laura Churchill

Aneysa Moreno
Self
Austin, TX

redistricting is a blatant attempt at gerrymandering, where district lines are manipulated to favor Republicans and secure partisan advantages over elections. Redrawing maps this way outside the usual post-census process is driven by political goals rather than actual population shifts. You continue to erode public trust in government and the fairness of elections. Being from Texas use to make me proud but I’m losing faith and pride in this “great” state.

Jeff Schneider
self
Austin, TX

Please put aside your power grab and focus on helping needy Texans.

Sam Zigrossi
Independent
Austin, TX

It is clear that the current Republican administration is not about democracy, but wanting a dictator type ruling party. When more than 47% of the population are not Republicans, there is no evidence that the current administration at the federal and state level are truly wanting to govern in a democratic manner. The redistricting by the republicans is yet another way for them to gain power. Where is the morality and ethics of the Republicans? It is sad that what this country is about, Democracy, is being torn apart.

Brendan Walsh
Self, sales professional and activist
Austin, TX

California, are you listening? There are currently 9 Republican seats in California that can be taken away. To Texas Republicans, it is clear you intend to violate the voting rights act, and take away representation from Black and Latino Texans. Democrats have no choice now but to fight fire with fire. If John Roberts had asked the Supreme Court to install neutral map drawing for all states, we would not be in this position. It is my suggestion that Texas Democrats break quorum to stop this redistricting before it goes before a Supreme Court uninterested in enforcing the law, and I remind democrats outside Texas that this same lawless politics is coming for their power whether they like it or not.

Dave Wirth
Self
Austin, TX

Oppose! Do not do this!!

Gary Chick
self
San Antonio, TX

I think the Legislature should redistrict. Since the last redistrict there has been a great increase in the population of Texas. During and after Covid many people moved to Texas to flee the draconian lockdowns imposed in other states, particularly blue states. Also, during the 2020 census, they counted illegal immigrants in the census. Most likely, more were in blue states that had sanctuary state and sanctuary city policies. Illegal immigrants should not be counted in the census. It doesn't make any sense. If you're going to count them then you might as well count people here on vacation from other countries and people on temporary visas. These 2 things, the fleeing of blue state lockdowns and the overcounting in the census of blue states has disproportionately harmed red state electoral counts. To redistrict now just makes sense to help balance the unfair imbalance that has been created. I do completely agree with the initial redistrict map that was released.

Brooke Phelps, Mrs
Self - Marketing Manager
Bastrop, TX

Dear Members of the Texas House,

As a native Texan who has been born and raised in this state for forty years, I am deeply concerned regarding the proposed redistricting bill HB 4. This legislation does not accurately represent the interests and values of the people of Texas, and it suggests that the authors of the bill may not have the best interests of Texas residents at heart. Texas has traditionally taken pride in upholding our core values, fostering strong communities, and supporting one another. This bill fails to promote fair and effective representation, thereby limiting the opportunities available to Texas voters.

Melanie Salisbury
Self - Server
Austin, TX

My name is Melanie Salisbury and I live in Austin district 37. I am directly impacted by these changes and I strongly oppose this bill. The redistricting is a blatant attempt to steal democratic seats, essentially taking away millions of the people's voices. This is not a fair and just change, and will impact so many struggling communities. Please, do not water down our votes, please oppose this bill and any redistricting and gerrymandered maps.

Thank you.

Magda Hernandez
Self/Educator
Austin, TX

Dear Fellow Texans and Lawmakers,
I am writing to express my disappointment in Republicans wanting to redraw our congressional district maps for their personal benefit. First, I can't believe we are discussing gerrymandering (because that's what this is) instead of discussing how to support the Texas flood victims in the counties of Kerr, Travis, Burnet, Kendall, Williamson and Tom Green.
As an educator of 25+ years, I've worked with many children, families and communities. What would be most helpful is if we were discussing how to support the families and communities recovering from this devastating event. In about 3 weeks most Texas students will return back to school, yet some seats will be empty in classrooms. Some teachers will not get to see the smiling faces of kids talking about their favorite summer moments. Some kids from Camp Mystic won't be picking out a special first day of school outfit, while others in Sandy Creek don't even have a place to hang their new backpacks.
So, instead of putting our efforts into supporting our most vulnerable fellow Texans, we are here dealing with this foolishness.
When helping students understand topics and vocabulary, educators often share what something is and what it is NOT.
So, I'll end my comments with this:
Gerrymandering (because that is what this is) is NOT protecting the voting rights of Texas citizens.
Gerrymandering is NOT taking into account the greater good for all.
Gerrymandering is NOT serving the citizens of Texas if a fair and just manner.
Gerrymandering is NOT helping citizens acquire affordable housing.
Gerrymandering is NOT putting food on the tables of families starving from hunger in our state.
Gerrymandering is NOT protecting our waterways and land from corporations that are polluting our state.
So, again, while we have so many important topics/issues to discuss that would benefit our fellow citizens, we are here discussing redrawing congressional district maps that are only meant to be a power grab for a few. So, I encourage you all to stop wasting time and money redrawing district maps and move on to serving and protecting ALL the citizens in the state of Texas.

Sarah Piper
Self
Austin, TX

This redistricting is absolutely shameful and needs to be stopped. This is a blatant move to silence and continue the disenfranchisement of people. We see what you're doing and this needs to end.

Angela Dennis
Self
Farmersville, TX

This redistricting map is unjustified and a power grab by the Republicans who want to eliminate brown and black voters.. What a morally bankrupt group.

Jeff Schneider
Self
Austin, TX

Please put aside your power grab (you know who you are) and focus on providing Texans with what they need.

Ginny Laughlin
Self
Richardson, TX

This racist power grab disenfranchises people of color and is a disservice to everyone. It’s clear that you don’t want to hear from ANY constituents - with you or on the other side of the aisle - you believe YOU know best for all of us. I am against this redistricting scam

Kristen Lambert
Self- assistant manager
Lake Jackson, TX

The bottom line is, you know that you're trying to suppress a certain group of voters and that is wrong. There is no way to justify intentionally cutting representatives out of their own districts. As elected officials, it is your job to represent the people of Texas. All of them. Trying to ensure only the candidates you prefer win an election is completely against the main principles of democracy.

Ken Grams
Self
Spring Branch, TX

I'm in favor of HB 4

Robin Berry
Self, web usability specialist - state govt
AUSTIN, TX

This effort just seems like blatant cowtowing to gerrymandering "districts" that are already gerrymandered. The lines seem representative of nothing logical. They should "represent" commonality. Just stop!

Dan Ross
self software developer
Austin, TX

I am strongly against the proposed congressional maps. This is an assault on our democracy, and I will never vote republican again if this goes through.

Jana Swec
Self
Austin, TX

I completely disagree with Redistricting Austin. Respect the community and why we live around like minded people. This is a blatant power grab to separate people in this city and surrounding district to take away power, votes and freedoms.

Mary Trusty
Self
Richardson, TX

Do not vote “yes” for this unlawful vote grab and disenfranchise voters in your district. The president demands it but it will not serve the people of your district or the state of Texas in general. Thank you for your attention to this important vote, your constituents are counting on you.

Jeff Howard, Mr

Self

Belton, TX

I fully support the Republican redistricting plan.
Redistricting is a constitutional duty that reflects the will of the people as expressed in the latest census. Texas has experienced significant population growth, particularly in suburban and rural areas, and this plan appropriately adjusts districts to reflect that reality.
The proposed map follows traditional principles—equal population, contiguous geography, and respect for political boundaries. It ensures fair and effective representation while maintaining communities of interest.
It is also worth noting that the Legislature, not the courts or federal government, has the legal authority to draw these maps. The Republican plan fulfills that responsibility thoughtfully and lawfully.
Thank you for your time. I urge your support of this plan as a fair and constitutionally sound redistricting approach.

Claire Jones, Angry Gen X voter who hates RepubliKKKans (nobody likes you, you losers)

Self

Austin, TX

I oppose this redistricting plan. As an Austin resident and a voter, I deserve elected representatives who actually serve the will of Austin voters. YOU work for US, not the other way around.

Jennifer Carl

Self

Dallas, TX

Why are republicans so scared and weak they can’t win without manipulating this map! Also This is beyond corrupt!

Steven Jessup

Chairman, Republican Party of Navarro County

Corsicana, TX

During the 2021 Re-districting ZOOM meetings, I told senators Huffman and Birdwell to keep Navarro County together and not split it. They honored my request for Texas House, Texas Senate, and US Congressional districts. Again, I am requesting Navarro County to remain whole and not to split it between two congressional districts -- preferable to remain within U.S. Congressional District 6 We have a very close knit community.

Mark Coats

self

Austin, TX

This proposed redistricting will injure Texans by reducing their ability to freely choose their representatives. The fact that it is demanded by the president in itself underscores the true purpose of HB 4. Four years ago when Trump called Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger demanding that he "find 11,780 votes," Raffensperger stood up to this affront. When Trump demands Texas GOP leaders to find him "five seats" I expect Texans to show as much spine as Georgians. We're better than them aren't we?

Debra Damman

Precinct Chair public connections meeting

Austin, TX

With the population growth in Texas, it is right to redraw the districts for proper representation. I support this bill and ask for your support as well. Look past all the party showcasing and drama and do what is right for the citizens of Texas

Damien Shores
Self
Austin, TX

Strongly opposed to HB 4. The political manipulation of electoral district boundaries to advantage a political party is unconscionable and not compatible with representative democracy, especially in the middle of a decade where redistricting based on the 2020 US Census has already occurred. The people of Texas should be able to freely choose who represents them, instead of representatives choosing their voters. If you are worried about losing elections, then enact polices that the people want instead of trying to rig elections to come out ahead. This bill is a deeply shameful partisan attack on the very concept of democracy and should be opposed.

Teresa Ezell
self Precinct Chair 134
Houston, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Michelle Lavin
Self, Republican precinct chair 208
Waller, TX

I support this bill

Stephen Ziadie
Self
Southlake, TX

I support HB 4 by Hunter for the restricting of Texas

Cheryl Kasal
Self
Bedford, TX

Your constituents Do Not want maps redrawn. Please vote no. There will be an accountability for all who vote for this and we will remind them at the mid terms. Stop obeying trump and listen to us. If you can’t do that we will vote in people who will.

Eileen Dunne, Ms
Self
Austin, TX

I oppose vehemently the the bill relating to congressional redistricting.

Eva C Price
Self/retired
Teague, TX

Support!

Andrew Stalick
self
Austin, TX

I submit this testimony in strong opposition to the current redistricting plan, which deliberately fragments Austin's urban core and dilutes the voting power of its residents through manipulative district boundaries that serve partisan interests rather than fair representation.
The proposed maps split Austin into multiple districts that defy geographic logic and community coherence. By carving up a unified metropolitan area and combining urban Austin precincts with distant rural counties, this redistricting effectively silences the voices of hundreds of thousands of Texans. This practice violates the fundamental principle that representatives should be accountable to cohesive constituencies with shared needs and priorities.
Furthermore, this plan appears to intentionally diminish the electoral influence of Austin's diverse population, including significant minority communities whose voting rights are protected under federal law. The proposed maps systematically disperse these communities across multiple districts where their voices are marginalized.
I urge this body to reject these gerrymandered maps and instead adopt redistricting plans that respect community boundaries, maintain municipal integrity, and ensure meaningful representation for all Texans. Fair districts should be compact, respect existing political subdivisions, and allow voters to choose their representatives rather than politicians choosing their voters.
Thank you for your consideration.

Meg Greenfield
self - city planner
Austin, TX

This is an incredibly obvious power grab. You are stealing choice from the voters. You are attempting to take away the only power that the people still have. Shame on you for trying to choose for us. Shame on you and I hope you get voted out of office for this ugly and undemocratic power grab.

Melinda Maninger, Ms
Self
Fort Worth, TX

I am a former Republican, but NEVER AGAIN!!! This is the most outrageous act imaginable! How can you possibly justify STEALING VOTES from Texas??? Stop this tRump initiative immediately. I am ashamed of our state. ??

Katie Lydecker
Self
Buda, TX

To the Members of the Texas House,

I am writing as a concerned Texan and constituent who is deeply alarmed by the blatant gerrymandering efforts currently being proposed. These actions are not just unfair—they are an affront to the democratic principles our state and country were founded on.

Manipulating district lines to serve a political agenda undermines the voice of the people. It silences communities, especially communities of color, and weakens the power of every citizen’s vote. This is not representation—it is exploitation.

It is clear that some in leadership are choosing to follow the will of a corrupt political figure rather than uphold their duty to represent the people of Texas. This blind loyalty is not only dangerous—it is un-American. We need leaders who serve the people, not a party or a personality cult.

I urge you to stand against these efforts. Do not let partisan interests erode the integrity of our elections. Fight for fair maps. Protect the voice of every Texan—rural or urban, Republican or Democrat, Black, brown, or white.

History will remember who stood up for democracy and who stood aside. Please be on the right side.

Katie Geurin
Self
Flower Mound, TX

This redistricting is blatant gerrymandering! It does not represent real Texans. I oppose this bill.

Ester Harrison
self
Austin, TX

I OPPOSE Redistricting. This terrible bill is obviously gerrymandering and an unprecedented mid-decade blatant political maneuver. This terrible bill would allow politicians to choose their Voters instead of Voters choosing our representatives. It would diminish voter choice and participation, discriminates based on race, and violates the Voting Rights Act and the U.S. Constitution. This bill is NOT what your constituents want, it is NOT healthy democracy, and it is a shameful attempt of the republicans to weaken voting power of the people of Texas.

JESSICA HERNANDEZ
Self
Dale, TX

No to gerrymandering our state!

Danielle Couch
Self
Austin, TX

I oppose this mid-decade redistricting effort in the strongest terms. Texas completed its redistricting in 2021 based on the latest Census data. There is no legitimate reason to redraw the maps again—except to serve a political agenda. This rushed process is a clear attempt to cling to power as influence declines, and it comes at the expense of Texans' voices and democratic values. Redistricting should be based on data, not partisanship.

This process is moving forward without transparency, public input, or accountability. That's unacceptable. Texans deserve fair maps that reflect our state's diversity—not gerrymandered districts drawn behind closed doors to serve a political few. I urge lawmakers to stop this anti-democratic abuse of power and return to a process that values fairness, transparency, and the will of the people.

Eric Sweet
Self
San Antonio, TX

Districting should represent the make-up of the electorate and not serve to disempower and silence. The proposed redistricting does disempower and silence people, giving more power to those who already have it, stealing the voices of large swathes of the people. Government should be representative of all, not about the concentration of power in the hands of a few.

Eliza Trotter, Dr
Self
Austin, TX

My name is Eliza Trotter, and I’m speaking today as a concerned Texan who believes in fair representation and a government that reflects the will of the people.

The redistricting plan currently being proposed is a blatant attempt to silence millions of voters in our state. Almost 5 million Texans voted for Democratic candidates in 2024 — the second highest total in the nation. Yet this plan seeks to erase their voices, dismantle diverse communities, and entrench political power through manipulation rather than merit.

This is not about fair representation. This is about preserving power for a single party at the expense of democracy.

Gerrymandering in the middle of the decade — just because Texas is finally in play — undermines the trust voters place in our system. Representation should be decided by voters, not by those desperate to hold onto power.

I urge this body to reject any redistricting map that prioritizes partisanship over people, and to stand with Texans who want their voices — all of our voices — to count equally.

Thank you.

Roland Gonzales
Self
Austin, TX

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the current redistricting process in Texas. Fair representation is the foundation of a healthy democracy, and the proposed redistricting maps threaten to undermine that principle by diluting the political power of communities of color, minimizing competitive districts, and reinforcing partisan control rather than reflecting the will of the people.

Texas has seen significant population growth, especially among Hispanic, Black, and Asian communities. However, the proposed maps do not adequately reflect this demographic shift. Instead, they appear to be drawn in a way that favors entrenched political interests and marginalizes voices that deserve equal representation. This is a clear example of gerrymandering — the manipulation of electoral boundaries to serve political goals at the expense of voters.

Redistricting should be transparent, nonpartisan, and data-driven. It must prioritize keeping communities intact and ensuring that all Texans, regardless of race, ethnicity, or political affiliation, have an equal voice in their government.

I urge lawmakers and decision-makers to reject any redistricting plans that are unfair or discriminatory and to commit to a process that respects the rights and representation of all Texans.

Let me know if you need it formatted for email, social media, or official testimony.

Certainly! Here's a clean copy you can use:

Statement Opposing Redistricting in Texas

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Susan Pantell
self unemployed
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose this redistricting effort, which is unethical, does not comply with the Voting Rights Act, and is not following a legitimate procedure for public input and transparency. This effort will trigger similar unethical efforts in other states that will try to counter-balance the impacts. If you continue with this effort, you will create districts that have unusual shapes and do not make logical sense and that divide up the minority vote, which is against the law.

Frances Rhodes
True Texas Project
Fort Worth, TX

True Texas Project supports HB4. Mid Census redistricting is warranted since the 2024 Presidential election clearly changed the voting preferences of several districts. Redistricting honors the voters by better reflecting the wishes of the voters in the districts. We urge passage of HB4 out of committee, and swift movement to a floor vote.

Dawn Petkins
NA
Austin, TX

I am completely and vehemently opposed to any redistributing or redrawing of congressional maps. This is cheating 101. If you want the seats, campaign for them. This is theft and stealing and it’s a bad look for republicans.

Megan Reardon
Self
Austin, TX

As a Texas resident I strongly oppose redistricting outside of a redistricting year. Having a sitting president call for redistricting just to redraw the lines to be favorable to his party is undeniably against spirit of democracy and what this country is built on and is great for — giving a voice to the people. I urge my representatives to oppose this with every chance they can and doing all they can with the full backing of my support.

Kellie Black
Self
Colleyville, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Marc Wheeeer
Self
Henderson, TX

To the Texas Redistricting Committee:

My name is Marc Wheeler, and I am a resident of Rusk County, Texas. I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed redistricting plans currently under consideration.

Redistricting should be about fair representation for all Texans, regardless of where we live, how we vote, or what our background may be. Instead, the proposed maps appear to be designed to serve the interests of those already in power, rather than the people they are supposed to represent.

By drawing districts that divide communities, dilute minority voices, and all but guarantee outcomes before a single vote is cast, these maps undermine the very foundation of our democracy. Elections are supposed to be about voters choosing their representatives—not politicians choosing their voters.

This kind of gerrymandering isn't just unfair—it's un-American. It erodes trust in our government, discourages participation, and leaves entire communities—especially rural Texans, people of color, and working families—without a real voice at the Capitol.

Texans deserve competitive districts where every vote counts and every community is heard. We need transparency, public input, and an open process that puts the needs of the people ahead of political gamesmanship.

I urge you to reject these maps and instead adopt fair, nonpartisan districts that reflect the true diversity and will of the people of Texas. Our democracy depends on it.

Thank you.

Argenesis Garcia
Self
Humble, TX

We need this for our safety and the overall health of us. We need to change a lot of bad choices and lack of development in these districts. We need the proper people is charge that will help these districts thrive and to provide overall safety.

John Justice
self
El Paso, TX

why would you want one person to represent such a large constituancy?(San Antonio Midland Odessa Fort Bliss, and the Airport Are you so afraid that there are not any republicans in El Paso County to contribute good ideas to discussions of good governance? You do realize that the people hired to work at the worlds largest migrant detention center will be living in El Paso Proper. Don't you think they will want to have a say in where they work. I say leave the boundaries where they are.

Ruth Hernandez
Self
Austin, TX

I oppose HB 4. Redistricting is only meant to create an unfair political advantage for one party over another to force unpopular agendas on the residents of Texas.

Jessica Herr
Self
Rowlett, TX

This is inappropriate and unacceptable. Gerrymandering is not going to help our state or country. People deserve better!

Celeste Martinez
Self
Austin, TX

This bill is bad for democracy because it will allow politicians to pick their voters instead of the other way around. It weakens fair representation, silences minority voices, encourages political extremism, and makes it harder to hold leaders accountable. It also kills competition in elections and erodes trust in the system. Clearly the people passing this bill know that, and it will come back and bite you.

Lyndi Garwood
Self
Austin, TX

This is a flagrant attempt by the Texas legislature to take away voting rights from the urban Texans and continue to allow the minority to speak for the majority. By carving up our cities into nonsensical and distorted districts, the effort to undermine voters rights is so blatant as to be repugnant. Republicans should be ashamed of themselves for putting the authoritarian desires of a narcissistic megalomaniac above the rights of the citizens of America. The continued disregard for women's rights has already made me scared to be a woman in Texas, and this bill will only further silence voices such as mine from demanding equal treatment and justice. I know republicans have no respect for women and the control over our bodies, but please at least have some respect for America and the democratic system that is supposed to let all citizens voices be heard. This is the first step towards authoritarianism. Please keep America a democracy.

Katy Farr
self
Austin, TX

This is blatant disregard for the voters in Texas. The Republicans do not work for the people of Texas, and the larger United States. They know they are making decisions that harm us. It is abominable that ANY Texas official would take orders from a convicted criminal who is clearly trying to destroy our democracy and install an autocratic government. Shame on all who are participating in this illegal power grab.

Sarah Conlon, Ms.
Self/fundraiser
Houston, TX

I am strongly opposed to plans for redistricting. Congressional districts were redrawn only 4 years ago - this process is not warranted at this time. Redistricting will only disenfranchise voters in Harris County and make it more difficult for ordinary people to feel heard by the government that is supposed to serve them.

Lucy Leer
Self
Austin, TX

I'm a Texan and I loudly reject the gerrymandered redistricting efforts occurring right now. I demand fairly drawn districts for all Texans and for democracy as a whole.

Diane Charvoz
Self/family
Garland, TX

I continue to be dismayed by the inequitable and inequalities of the decisions carelessly being made by the government of the State of Texas. As others have said in person, this is not what the citizens of Texas want. This is not what my friends, family members and neighbors want. This is not democracy.
These decisions are being made with malicious intent, they are born out of the fear of the inability to control the constituents. Bottom line, grow a pair, fight fair and stop listening for the dog whistle.

Jacqueline Keckler
Self, stay at home mom
Austin, TX

Redistricting does not make sense. Let the people's votes count for what we actually want. If you have to cheat to get the votes that you want, how is this a democracy? Please stop the nonsense. You were supposed to care about the people, you were elected to care about us and what we want. You were not elected to manhandle our rights. You were not elected to pursue your own selfish wants over the job. Divisiveness is not the answer. Remember that working together is always best. Do not redistrict.

Iris de Boer
Self
Houston, TX

Object to redistricting, its unfair and practically stealing the votes of the people.

Andrea Steves
Self
Houston, TX

Absolutely NO to redistricting! NO new maps should be voted on. This is voter suppression! Cease and desist! This behavior is by folks worried about losing the House in the midterms. Shameful.

Amy Mello
Self
Colleyville, TX

If the republican policies were not so terrible, you wouldn’t have to manipulate maps to ensure election wins. I do NOT support altering the maps. Especially when you are holding up the real purpose of this congress session so you can force a further gerrymandering of the map. Texans deserve better. Texans deserve fairness. And everyone knows if the maps were equitable, Texas would be a solid purple state, if not further from red.

Linda Ritzen
self
Austin, TX

I am Linda Ritzen, a resident of Austin, TX, in House District 37, currently represented by Lloyd Doggett. I am opposed to the map under consideration at this time because it is inherently racially biased, preventing people of color from having proper representation when they vote. The districts being targeted keep people from being able to elect a representative of their choice, going against the current map that had districts chosen specifically for that court-ordered purpose. While my district is not one targeted, it abuts one that is--district 35, which was created so that the Latino community there could be properly represented. By shifting that district to the south, and combining much of it with much of district 37, their voices are diluted. Clearly, this is a partisan attempt to replace one Democratic seat with a Republican one, which in the process disenfranchises a community of people of color. This community directly abuts my district. These people shop in the same HEBs as I do, frequent the same restaurants and coffee shops, chat with me in the area's parks. I know who they are. I feel their pain. Please don't do this to my friends!

Rebecca Kelly
Self
Leander, TX

There is no need to redistrict outside of the normal cycle. Please do not pass this bill with unusual boundaries for political purposes of voter suppression.

Meg Schuessler
Self and Teacher
Fort Worth, TX

My name is Meg Schuessler. I'm a Texas public school teacher of Federal and Texas Government.

The fact that we're redrawing congressional maps in 2025 tells me someone is still failing Government class.

Redistricting is required after the census—not in the middle of a decade to protect incumbents or tip the scales. This process is not about fair representation. It's about engineered control.

The new maps clearly target majority-minority districts, weakening the ability of voters of color to elect candidates of their choice. Voters are being packed or split based on race and partisanship—not communities of interest. That's not just wrong—it's unconstitutional.

Why it's unconstitutional

This violates Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act, which prohibits voting practices that dilute minority representation. Your plan clearly reduces the ability of Black and Latino voters to elect candidates of their choice. The courts have struck down similar Texas maps before—and they will again.

New reasons to oppose this plan

Essential services are disrupted. These changes sever critical ties between constituents and their current representatives—impacting services like Social Security assistance, veterans' aid, and immigration help.

Even some Republicans are uneasy. GOP incumbents have expressed quiet frustration at being redrawn into unfamiliar, politically volatile districts. This is not representative government—it's strategic chaos.

Texans are not on your side

Recent polling shows:

63% of likely voters, including over 40% of Republicans, oppose this mid-decade redraw.

53% say you're prioritizing redistricting over urgent issues like disaster relief and infrastructure.

The people are watching—and ready to act

You were elected by Texans—and we take responsibility for that. But we won't make that mistake again.

True Texas conservatives are walking away from the state GOP. They know this isn't about policy. It's about power. And it's un-American.

You represent neighborhoods—not party bosses. Texans aren't asking for loyalty to a party. We're demanding integrity and accountability.

You can still do the right thing:
Stop the redraw. Uphold the Voting Rights Act. Release the full maps for public and bipartisan review. Listen to your constituents.

Because when democracy matters more than party—you can and will be voted out.

Sincerely,
Meg Schuessler
Texas Public School Teacher
Federal and Texas Government

Kathleen Petersen, Ms.
Self Retired Teacher
Lufkin, TX

I have been a citizen of Texas since 2002. I am strongly opposed to any attempt to redraw maps when the aim of such action is to deny people a voice in their government. It is unjust and a violation of standard procedure.

Robert Knight-Carr
Self
Denton, TX

Texans elect their legislators to serve the people, not outside forces like the President, Governor, or political parties. If a legislator's true loyalty lies elsewhere, voters will act decisively to remove them from office. Texans are not easily swayed or controlled, especially when it comes to their votes. Party loyalty has its place in campaigns, but vital decisions demand unwavering dedication to the state's best interests. Mid-decade redistricting disrupts lives by changing districts, representatives, staff, and even relocating congressional offices far from their communities. This isn't just about votes; it's about the people these decisions affect. Say no to mid-decade redistricting. Stand with your fellow Texans, not those aiming to seize power and impose an authoritarian agenda. Act for the good of the people and the nation, and above all, for Texas.

Diana Story
self / retired public school teacher
HOUSTON, TX

I live in district US HD 18 that has not had representation in almost a year. This move by Abbott to keep our seat vacant for so long was egregious. AND NOW THIS UNPRECEDENTED AND RACIST BILL TO REDISTRICT IS UNBELIEVABLE! This is nothing more than a powerplay to cheat minority and progressive citizens of Texas of their voices and to protect the felon in the White House.
I would like to say I can't think of anything more un-American, but Trump and his lackeys (Abbott) day after day implement or propose the most unconstitutional shit I have ever seen. I, strongly oppose this bill. The Legislators of Texas need to focus on helping their citizens rather than suppressing them. Get to work on flood control!

Jose Rodriguez
Self
Windcrest, TX

Gerrymandering is unamerican and us destroying Texas and America.

Sarah Johnson
Self, environmental scientist
Leander, TX

How districts are drawn affects every political issue, from the economy to healthcare to public education. If politicians are elected from districts that don’t reflect the population, you end up with situations where politicians support policies that the vast majority of people oppose, or they won’t support policies that the vast majority of people support. When politicians manipulate maps for personal or political gain, it prevents residents like me from having our voices heard on all of these policies that affect us.

Voters pick their representatives, not the other way around. A political party gains more seats by promoting effective policies that matter to the voters. If a party must disenfranchise voters through gerrymandering and postponing special elections, then it is not the will of the people.

Alexandra Yost
Self
Austin, TX

I, along with most Texans, am against the redistricting. This is a disgusting attempt to make certain Texans votes irrelevant. Texas is already gerrymandered so badly and this will make it worse. The underlying racism in this bill is disgusting as well. Do not vote for this

Randall Larkin, Mr
Self
Austin, TX

Please do not allow this partisan attempt to create a more favorable districting for Republicans in Texas. In a democracy, everyone should be represented fairly. Districting should reflect the population of an area. Districts should not be gerrymandered to favor one party over another. It's un American!
Thank you for your time,
Randall Larkin

Debbie Lindstrom
Self
Mckinney, TX

I am in favor of the redistricting map

Sherri Williams, Resident
Self / Realtor
Buda, TX

I am a resident of Hays County, and I oppose HB 4; it is obviously it is meant to weaken the power of voters and does not help our communities but continues the attempt to demoralize democracy.
CD 35, a minority opportunity district, would lose a large portion of its Black voting-age population and put Buda and Kyle into a district that stretches to the Gulf Coast. This does not make sense!
CD 21 would go cut into San Marcos, hurting minority opportunity districts in Hays County, despite the Hispanic population.
The changes to HB 4 will help prevent voters from being heard and divide districts hundreds of miles apart.
We deserve better representation! Please stand up for democracy and for voter representation.
Sincerely,
Sherri Williams, Hays Co Resident

Brittany Martuscello
Self
Frisco, TX

This redistricting right before elections is a clear sign that we have more fascist extremists in our government than anyone thought. This bill is clearly intended to remove the voices of those who are already under represented in the state of Texas. We see what you are doing and there will be a reckoning of al of those who vote in favor of this gerrymandering. Your votes and names will go down, forever etched in history, as the worst of the worst in our state. Prepare yourselves to be forever shamed. May the silenced voices never give you a moments peace. I’m behind every single person that walks out on this vote and will be donating to each one individually. We cannot continue to let you override our laws. This will come to an end.

Lauren Smith
Self, Teacher
AUSTIN, TX

I am writing in opposition to the proposed redistricting maps. The maps serve the express purpose of making it impossible for reasonable and fair representation of Texans in Congress and are clearly a direct response to the president's request for gerrymandered maps. Adhering to federal demands is not something that is part of the way that Texas defines itself or its work; this issue is certainly not the reason to start. It's important that either major party crafts a platform that represents the will of the voters, not wins based on drawing the maps to suit their needs. This is dangerous in both the short- and long-term future for Texas, and I strongly encourage you to vote against this proposal.

Ken Childers
Self retired
AUSTIN, TX

I am traveling and cannot be there in person. I want express my disappointment in my House representatives for attempting the gerrymandering of the US house districts. It reflects very badly on our state and our state government. Please do not make this step and instead support the goal of allowing all registered voters the opportunity to choose a candidate.
Thank you,
Ken Childers

Davina Sashkin
Self
Austin, TX

I oppose the redistricting plan. This is a blatant attempt to disenfranchise and dilute the voting power of minorities in Texas. Republicans love to pontificate that the United States is a republic. They should go back to their dictionary to remind themselves that, in a “republic”, the power lies with the PEOPLE. Stop the Texas steal!

Linda Chamberlain
Self
Denton, TX

I oppose the proposed redistricting. It is unethical. Texas is already an unfairly gerrymandered state and this would only make it worse. If a political party cannot win fairly, then it doesn’t deserve to win by cheating in this way. I am a FORMER lifelong republican. I’m still conservative but the GOP has left the morale high ground and I will no longer vote republican for this reason. Clean up your act so we can have a healthy Conservative Party.

chris schenk
self
San Antonio, TX

I support HB4

Priya Flores
Self
Boerne, TX

I do not agree with this bill, it is anti democratic. I urge my our texas government to keep texas free.

Mary Hutka, Mrs.
self
Austin, TX

I am a 7th generation native Texan. My ancestors were in Austin's Original 300, and fought in the Alamo. I come from pioneer women who were raising children with a shotgun across their laps to protect their loved ones. I object absolutely to this bill to redraw the congressional districts. My ancestors fought for freedom for ALL Texans, no matter race or gender. Allowing the President of the United States to command our governor to redraw districts to suit him? He is not a Texan, he does not know or care about the citizens of Texas and their needs. He only thinks about HIMSELF. I can not abide this farce. I am beseeching you to vote NO on this bill which would irreputedly harm the state of Texas. It's time to run the rascals out of town.

Christina Jump
Self
Dallas, TX

The voters, the people who put you in your current roles, overwhelmingly do not want redistricting. No legitimate or previously identified reason exists for redistricting now. The current politicians who hope this will help them cannot last long. The people of Texas will. And as all members of the Texas House are acutely aware, Texans have long memories. Serve the people who elect you, and whom you are sworn to represent. Do not submit to serve any other notions, or false leaders who tell you that you have any other obligation above serving your constituents. You were each elected to do a very specific job. DO YOUR JOBS. Serve us, and not anyone else.

Martha Rush
Self, project manager
Plano, TX

The proposed redistricting is disgraceful. I already live in a district that makes no sense - elections aren't for me & my neighbors to choose someone who represents our interests. They're being used to silence people who live in areas with diverse ideologies, and this redistricting proposal is designed to further divide people from their communities. Texans are being used to further the political careers of selfish people who don't care about what we really need.

This bill was pulled together in an extraordinarily short amount of time. I'm disgusted that our officials have chosen to put their time, efforts, and resources into this politically-motivated farce instead of focusing on other more important issues like ongoing issues with our power grid, upgrading weather systems with higher priority, addressing the continued high housing prices, improving roads + other infrastructure, and funding education for our youngest Texans. There are so many important issues - WHY are our elected officials entertaining this proposal to take away people's voices?

This bill is transparent in its goal to pander to a single politician. It's embarrassing how little respect the Reps who support this bill have for their constituents.

Lynda Harvey, Mrs
Self
Galveston, TX

My district 315 was cracked and now I am in 215 with no one addressing issues where I live. I am opposed to anymore of this cracking because in Houston only are there people who have at least some of the same concerns. Why even live in Texas?

Jay Hiller
Self, speech language pathologist
Austin, TX

Redistricting now is illegal and shouldn't be going on at all. Democrats in Texas win 45% of the state vote. The proposed map only gives Democrats 21% representation. Name me that tune. Republicans can't win on their policies so they're depriving their constituents of representation. Shame on all of you.

Krina Parmar
Self
Austin, TX

Texas deserves fair representation for all of us. DC should not be pulling the strings. The only priority should be for the flooding in Kerr and Travis counties.

Paul Bassett
Self engineer
Austin, TX

The redistricting effort is a blatant attempt to reduce the representation of Democratic communities. Please keep the districts fairly reflecting the makeup of the communities.

Elizabeth Baker
Self
Austin, TX

I do not support proposed redistricting efforts.

Janet Parker
Burnet county
Burnet, TX

I respectfully ask you to pass this bill

Ashley Giles
Self
Austin, TX

This is clearly unethical. At what point do you serve “the people” versus serve yourself? All people should have fair and equal representation. Your map blatantly distributes voters so their voices are not heard.

Carina Wheaton
Self / safety analyst
New Caney, TX

I strongly oppose this redistricting proposal.

This effort feels like abuse of power that undermines the core principles of democracy and fair representation.

Democracy thrives on restraint, accountability, and integrity—not on a cynical race to the bottom. Texas is already plagued by severe gerrymandering. Instead of deepening that wound, we should be working urgently to heal it. Drawing congressional maps is a nuanced and complex process, but deliberately skewing them in favor of one political party is indefensible.

Our goal should be to establish an independent redistricting commission that prioritizes the voices and needs of the communities within each district—not to secure permanent seats for incumbents. States across the political spectrum have taken steps toward more equitable mapping, and Texas should follow that lead—not entrench partisan power.

I firmly object.

Sarah Irwin
Self
Orange, TX

It doesn’t need to happen

Tabitha Chancellor
Self, fintech
Plano, TX

I am 100 percent opposed to obvious attempt to rig our districts to ensure wins for Republicans.

Ashley Kraft
Self, editor
Round Rock, TX

I support HB 4. This redistricting will better represent the citizens of Texas. Thank you.

Victoria Graham
Self
Houston, TX

I do not feel there was due community outreach for this entire process. I feel this is a breach of my voting rights and adequate representation. This is cheating at the state level.

Eric Falkenbury
self
Pflugerville, TX

As a fifth-generation native Texan, I appreciate your service to our State. However, I'm disappointed that your time, and my tax dollars, are being wasted on this redistricting scheme. As a proud Texan, I urge you to do the right thing for all Texans and refuse to do the bidding of D.C.

Ann Bailey
Self PA-C
Houston, TX

I am against this illegal mid decade redistricting effort to disenfranchise urban voters by diluting their influence among large swaths of rural conservatives. The spiraling shapes of these proposed districts parallel the republican party's spiral into lawlessness. Vote no on these maps.

Amy Woodell
Myself
Austin, TX

This mid decade redrawing of lines is illegal wrong and a blatant political power grab. don't do it ! Texas Republicans should stop trying to please Trump so much. Texas republicans already have a huge majority in state politics with the questionably legal long finger districts like Rep McCaul's (Bastrop to NW Houston burbs). State Republicans already do whatever they want regardless of voters' opinions (hello ESAs). It is not necessary to make that huge majority a super majority with 4 or 5 more seats. Republicans in power claim DC is the Swamp. Going against accepted norms (redrawing voting lines every 10 years) is as swampy as anything. DOJ 's racist against white people in Texas claim is flimsy. These same voting lines have been deemed in violation of the Civil Rights Voting Act. Don't in bad faith and bad politics redraw Texas voting lines. Candidates should work for the people's vote.

Melanie Walter-Mahoney
Self, retired social worker
Austin, TX

Good day. My name is Melanie Walter-Mahoney, and I am a constituent of District 37. I am writing to voice my opposition to redistricting at this time. Maps are supposed to be drawn every 10 years following the US Census. Maps were draw in 2021, and we should wait for the outcome of the decision of the courts. Texas cannot sellout to pressure from the President to find 5 districts that will change from Democratic to Republican for his own gain. This is unjust, out of order, and an extreme power grab. If anything, more districts, not less, should be drawn for communities of color because they are under-represented in relation to their numbers in Texas. These maps discriminate against communities of color, destroy historic districts, and reverse decades of fighting for voting rights. It is racial gerrymandering.
Please do not allow these maps to go forward. Texans need flood control, healthcare, education, food security, and much more, not THIS! Thank you.

Will Rountree
My zipcode
Houston, TX

I really wish you were a good American and would quit gerrymandering our districts. You are not supposed to redistrict but every 10 years.

JIll Mason, Mrs
Myself as a citizen of Texas and the USA
Boerne, TX

I am against redistricting because it is a direct infringement on the Voting Rights Act. Texas Republicans have already in the past gerrymandered the state in their favor. This is just another move to continue to keep Trump and his cronies in office so they can continue to limit citizens' constitutional rights.

Rebecca Rush, Ms.
Self
HOUSTON, TX

I strongly oppose the redistricting currently under consideration. The maps were drawn as required after the last census and there is no reason to re-draw them at this point. It's a blatant power grab. I am very distressed that this is being driven by the Trump administration. Why is Texas letting them take charge? Governor Abbott has always asserted states rights (even when inappropriate) so why cave now? I feel my voice and other like me are being silenced by this blatant attempt to allow only Republicans to represent us in a much large percentage than the percentage of voters who are Republican. You and your fellow legislators are complicit in leading us closer to authoritarianism if you pass this. If it does pass, I will donate my time and money to see that the strategy blows up in your face and some of your Republicans loose their districts.

Winston Kile
self
Houston, TX

Congressional districts should not have irregular tree branch shapes. Congressional districts should be created in a bipartisan manner via a non-partisan redistricting commision.

Wendy Todd
Wray-Todd Ranch
Columbus, TX

We oppose mid-census redistricting.

Michelle Forsten
Self
Bellaire, TX

I strongly oppose Texas House Bill 4. This harmful legislation encourages racial profiling, undermines trust in law enforcement, and threatens the rights of immigrants and U.S. citizens alike. HB 4 blurs the line between state and federal authority, likely violating the Constitution while targeting vulnerable people who deserve dignity and due process.

This bill doesn't make our communities safer—it makes them more fearful. Texas should pursue humane, legal, and effective immigration policies—not political theater that divides and harms. We can and must do better.

Cynthia Milne
Self - retired
Austin, TX

Redistricting Texas mid-census is a blatant political move designed to gerrymander a failing Republican party for the 2026 elections. Texas is gerrymandered enough. The Republicans will lose.

Ruby Evans, None
Self
Kerrville, TX

I disagree with this whole mess. . My granddaughter has a great school with very good teachers. Why do you want to mess it up.

Rebecca Sheller
Self
Austin, TX

No! Do not gerrymand Texas because Trump demanded it. Represent Texas. Stop spreading hate. Help build a state, country, world that promotes respect and love. Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

Dane Browner
Self
Austin, TX

I vehemently oppose this redistricting. It is completely unnecessary as we are not due for this until 2031 and the State should be focusing all their efforts on flood and disaster relief and things that are actually in the best interest of it's citizens. This extreme gerrymandering effort is immoral, disgraceful and illegal. The proposed new district's goal is to squash the voices of minorities and is absolutely in violation of the VRA. I beg the members of the Legislature to stand up against this and do your job: to act in the best interest of your constituents, not the power grab party.

Pamela Rickel, None
Self
Hutto, TX

How in the world do you justify creating districts that span an 8 hour drive? You don't just represent the Texans that voted for you. You represent all Texans. We deserve free and fair elections. Pull up your pants, grow a pair and stop doing Trump's bidding. HB4 should be denied passage by all proud Texans.

Victoria Briseno, Mrs.
Self/hospitality
Austin, TX

I am sickened and angered by Governor Abbott's decision to redraw voting districts mid-decade at the behest of Donald Trump. Texas has just experienced a horrific tragedy with all the lives lost due to the floods. I find it disgraceful that a special session was called for the primary purpose of gerrymandering the state so the Trump administration can purloin power in Texas. Texas republicans seem to care more about stealing Texas voters' voices than it does about helping Texas communities that are reeling from tragedy, all to enable an authoritarian to destroy our democracy. Republican complicity will not be forgotten.

Mary Murray
Self
Houston, TX

I had hoped that my state leaders would resist the pressure coming from Washington and put their constituents first. Unfortunately, they are not. I must register my displeasure with this blatant political power grab. Leave the districts as they are!

Elspeth Rosbrook
Self, Website Administrator
San Antonio, TX

I am opposed to this redistricting and very upset that politicians are trying to push this through outside of a redistricting year. This is a shameful power-grab and an insult to Texas voters, who deserve politicians who care less about stealing power and control and care more about the real issues impacting Texans.

Daniel Everly, Mr
Self
Brenham, TX

It is a travesty that any member of The Texas House of Representatives would ever be so cowardly to even consider bending their knees to worship at the altar of Donald Trump and his emboldened audacity to direct this great independent office to conduct a mid decade redistricting of US House seat's boundaries. I always believed Texans and especially our elected officials had not only the intelligence but also the backbone and balls to stand up to such dictatorial tyranny. Come on be Texans for God's sake and say we ain't going to be anyone's fools. Vote NO on this Bill. The populous of the State have our eyes wide open.

Figen iyriboz
Self
Austin, TX

These newly drawn maps are the product of a rushed process, ignore public input, and engage in statistical tricks to avoid the clear implications under the Voting Rights Act. We want fair maps that truly represent the diverse communities within our state. Oppose HB4 and stand with Texans!

Tracie Stone
self
Austin, TX

The redistricting process in Texas has become a powerful tool to consolidate political power, undermining the very principles it is meant to protect. This argument is built on two key facts: the state’s massive, diverse, and rapidly growing population, and the razor-thin divide between its two major political parties.
The notion of Texas as a single-party state is outdated. While the last presidential election saw a Republican victory by a margin of over 13 percentage points, other statewide races have been much closer. The 2018 U.S. Senate race, for instance, was decided by a margin of just 2.6 percentage points, and the 2022 gubernatorial race was the closest in over a decade. This political competitiveness should be the foundation for drawing districts. Instead, redistricting has been used to create an artificially skewed political map. By "packing" Democratic voters into a few overwhelmingly blue districts and "cracking" the remaining voters across multiple Republican-leaning districts, this process effectively nullifies millions of votes and stifles competitive elections.
Texas's population is undergoing a major demographic shift, fueled by its vibrant and diverse communities. The state's Hispanic population is now its largest demographic group, and communities of color are responsible for virtually all of the state's recent growth.

However, redistricting maps have failed to reflect this reality. Instead of creating new districts that empower these growing communities, the maps have been drawn to dilute their voting strength. This undemocratic approach risks violating the Voting Rights Act by intentionally suppressing the political influence of minority voters. The dismantling of "coalition districts"—where Black and Latino voters can form a majority—is a clear effort to erase the political power of the very communities shaping the state's future.
Redistricting should be a process of adaptation, not manipulation. It must be a tool to ensure every vote counts and every community has a voice. The current approach in Texas, which uses partisan mapmaking to suppress a diverse and equally-divided electorate, is a betrayal of democratic principles. To truly represent its people, Texas needs a redistricting process that prioritizes fair and competitive districts. Only then can the state's electoral map accurately reflect the will of its entire, diverse population.

Dianne Young
Self and statistics professor
Georgetown, TX

I am vehemently opposed to redistrcting for the cheating purpose of doing Trumps bidding and creating more republican seats. This is cheating at the highest levels

Emily Perry
Citizens of Texas
Austin, TX

As a citizen of Texas, I could not be more disgusted with this redistricting map. There is no other way to see it than for what it is, RACISM. Pure and simple racism. This is low, even for the GOP. I’m a 5th generation Texan, born & raised here, and was taught to love thy neighbor. I was taught to treat others as you’d want to be treated. I was taught that we are all created equally in the eyes of God. I do not believe that you all truly stand behind this, and that most are instead bowing to Trump. If you have half a brain and any heart, you know this man is pure evil. He is everything Jesus warns against. He is a criminal, and by not standing up for what you know to be right, you are complicit, and being no better than he. You have a civic duty to represent the citizens of Texas, not to feed the ego of Trump. For the people, by the people. Not for Trump. These maps are absolutely insane, and there is no truthful way to explain the gerrymandering with any sense of moral dignity. I hope you can take a good, long, hard look in the mirror and ask yourself how you want to be remembered. If you are truly a Christian, than surely you know that come judgement day, you will have to answer to our creator. Your actions now will have serious consequences, both for the citizens of Texas today, and for you in eternity. I know I’m not the best with words, but know that I’m typing this through my tears. The lows that the Texas GOP have stooped to are completely heartbreaking. I urge you, no beg you, to do what you know is right in your heart.

Ed Lyda
Self - Contractor
The Woodlands, TX

I support HB4 for redistricting, we have to guard Texas from the outside influencers

Zane Gordon-Bouzard
Self, Video Editor
Wimberley, TX

Republicans want to continue their war on democracy and display of open disdain for their constituents by yet again re-carving Texas into absurd districts that are as honorable and legitimate as a professional bowler insisting on using the bumpers in a bowling tournament. I am aware that this party chose rancid hypocrisy and weasel-like devotion to bending and flattening all rules to get their way a long time ago, so instead of using this space to comment as if they are interested in any sort of good faith argument or care at all what I think, I'm going to reserve it to call them exactly what they are: the lowest cowards to ever show their faces in public. Re-drawing the lines over and over will not stop the fact that you have an unpopular agenda, and the more you ignore that, the worse the electoral blowback will eventually be. People used to face their problems like adults in this state, but now we have a set of craven, yellow-bellied man-babies who have decided that they should be without check by whatever scoundrel's means they see fit. We need to invent new words for the lowest depths of craven corruption and hypocrisy that this party represents. Every time a new bottom presents itself, it seems that the Republican Party of Texas is hell bent on proving they are even further without any morality, any sense of fair play, basic gentlemanly behavior, and are addicted to power and power only. Slime. The bottom has fallen out, and we are led by hollow, disgusting toddlers who happily whore themselves out to special interests, and grovel at the feet of a lunatic president. The distinct lack of empathy, the "rules for thee, not for me", is so disgusting, it is a shame these monsters have seized the reigns of power because those reigns should be reserved for people who are interested in working for the public, not for shameless wastrel pigs who would make the worst of the worst Guilded Era politicians blush. Re-districting early would be just another disgusting disappointment in a long line of heinous actions from people who have decided they would rather live like snakes than men.

Kristen Moreno
self
Austin, TX

This bill is unlawful. To rewrite the districting map of Texas in the middle of a census, while the 2020 map is in the middle of a lawsuit, is not right. To bow down to Trump who is stripping rights and services from U. S. CITIZENS is unconstitutional. Please stand up against injustice and no longer how your head to a delusional self-appointed king.

Brooke Alexander
Self
Austin, TX

Do not allow this restricting it is gerrymandering and not what the people want. Do the right thing, do not pass this bill

Karen Hayden, Mrs
Self
Austin, TX

I am publicly condemning the radical redistricting process happening in Texas. All state leaders must speak out against the dangerous precedent established by this blatantly partisan gerrymandering. This was just done in 2021and is not needed again. We have more pressing issues that need addressed in Texas than redistricting just because Donald Trump is demanding it. He is not a King and does not need to be obeyed!
Stand up and show him he does not represent Texas, we the people who live here in Texas do and we want our Senator & Representatives to actually represent Texas and NOT Trump!!!

Rebecca Buccini
True Texas Project
Houston (HOU), TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Gwen Flory
Self
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose this blatantly political and unconstitutional redistricting plan. Our constitution clearly states that redistricting takes place every 10 years following the census. All Texans deserve a voice in our government, and acting now to deliberately skew districts to meet the minority's whim is a slap in the face of democracy. How far will you go to appease this rogue administration? Shameful.

Jonathan Wood
Self
Houston, TX

This bill violates the voting rights act of 1965 - and I cannot believe the level of corruption y'all are okay with. Have y'all no conscience? No sense of justice?

Kathleen Davis
Self - retired
Brenham, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map. Please make this happen for your constituents.

Kathleen Justice, Mrs.
Myself
El Paso, TX

I'm not in favor of redistricting for El Paso, Texas. I do not wish to see our representative live 5 or 6 hundred miles from here. I am against this change.

Kathleen Justice

Sandy Dunn
self
West Lake Hills, TX

I saw the proposed district map and Rep. Lloyd Doggett would no longer be my representative. I am appalled that the redrawing of Texas districts is happening at the request of Trump, meaning the Federal government is meddling in state politics. Also this mid-decade redistricting is unjust and out of order, but continues our state government's unfortunate history of trying to disempower the voices of communities of color. The House map proposal represents an extreme power grab at the expense of communities of color, layered on top of an already heavily gerrymandered map from 2021. Districts should be made up of roughly equal populations to ensure fair representation, as mandated by the 14th Amendment. Please do not take away representation for the voices of our communities. Play fair. Everyone wants to know their voice is represented. Thank you.

Dar-Lynn Beard
Self/ Entrepreneur
Tomball, TX

I strongly support HB 4 and the proposed redistricting map.
Thank you

Charles Fredrickson
Self
San Antonio, TX

The process for the composition of districts for the US House of Representatives should not be done in back door sessions with lawyers. Clearly the recently released map was developed without public input. Public input of the map should be deeply considered. From my review the map was designed for a political agenda and not to reflect the demographics of the state but rather for political parties. I am deeply disappointed in the actions taken to this point.

Valarie Liveoak
Self retired
San Antonio, TX

I have been gerrymandered 3 times in the US Congressional District I've lived in for 30 years. Enough is Enough! Don't redraw districts so often!

Michael Schofield
Self
Roanoke, TX

This is just a shot at disenfranchising Texas voters.
This is not how things should be decided.
Remember what works for you can also work against.

Hector Martinez
Self Civil Engineer
El Paso, TX

Chairperson and Members of the Committee,

I strongly oppose the proposed redistricting map under HB 4. It makes no sense for a representative based in San Antonio to be responsible for a district that includes El Paso—two regions separated by over 500 miles, with entirely different local needs and priorities.

This kind of gerrymandering undermines meaningful representation. Our communities deserve to be represented by leaders who actually live in and understand the areas they serve—not by those drawn in through politically motivated lines.

Stop this approach of forcing unnatural districts and instead adopt a fair, reasonable map that respects geographic integrity and keeps communities together.

Texas deserves better.

Allan Toole
Self
Dallas, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map

Steven Zamora
self
austin, TX

I strongly oppose HB4 redistricting plan

Jeff Krusel
Myself
Spring Branch, TX

Please add my voice to the chorus opposed to congressional redistricting at this time. It is another erosion of democracy, with Democrat governors threatening their own efforts at redistricting. At some point people will stop voting, assuming it won't matter since their district has been gerrymandered to favor one side or the other. Please stop this very bad idea from proceeding.

Allison Schipper, Ms.
Self, Texan constituent
Uvalde, TX

This attempt to gerrymander the state must be shut down. I can’t believe we are even going to pretend that this isn’t a fascist coup. Represent the people or the people will remind you what your job is.

Kelly Schievelbein, Mrs
Self
Seguin, TX

I absolutely am against these maps that are nothing more than a ploy to get more republican votes. Please reconsider!

Jennifer Hudson
Self
PEARLAND, TX

I think it is terrible to redistrict at this point solely for the purpose of gerrymandering. This is not a result of a census or population movement. This is solely to eliminate Democratic districts. Why can't we try to be fair? Why can't we try to find out what our citizens actually want? I don't understand why my state wants to cheat in service on somebody who doesn't even live here. Texas is for Texans. You should be acting in our interest, not the Republican party's.

Melissa Bosstick
Self
San Marcos, TX

I support redistricting

Kathryn Ledbetter
Self
Burnet, TX

I do not approve of republicans using this special session to redraw new congressional maps 5 years too early because the president asked them. We just had deadly flooding in central Texas and the victims still need help. They feel like they’ve been forgotten by their government. Texas state legislators should be working for Texans, not an unpopular president struggling with a scandal involving his connections to this country’s most notorious pedophile.

Frances Liao
Self
Houston, TX

This is an unacceptable and transparent power grab.

jill Giles
self
San Antonio, TX

oppose

Maureen Mann
Self - teacher
Dallas, TX

What a pitiful group of republicans you are to redistrict our state because you know your policies are so hated that you can’t possibly win any other way. Why don’t you actually act like republicans and advocate for limited government and stay out of peoples bedrooms and maybe you could get elected in your own merits. Stating that I am against the redistricting plan.

Christina Sabisch
Self
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose this proposed bill and map that carves up my district and gerrymanders so severely to further disenfranchise me and other Texas voters. The map has a ridiculously narrow section and covers vast areas which doesn’t allow fair representation. I am angered and appalled at this blatant power grab and lack of accountability represented in this bill.

Caitlin Kliesmet
self
Austin, TX

The redistricting map laid out in House Bill 4 (HB 4) is inappropriate, and it is, frankly, an embarrassment to Texas and the United States. It displays a level of fecklessness and cowardice in the Republican party that I wish I were surprised to see. If the only way to win is cheating, by deliberately violating citizens' most sacred right and duty - to vote and have their voice represented in our democracy - that is a clear sign that something has gone horribly wrong. I am AGAINST HB 4 and strongly urge our representatives to not only vote against it but to move toward impartial redistricting that does not artificially prioritize one party over another, one community over another, or one interest over another. I live in one of the most horribly gerrymandered districts in the entire US, and the notion that politicians are going to take another pass to make it worse is repulsive, especially in the wake of a tragic natural disaster that's clearly being used as cover to hide this shameful action.

Susie Machemehl, Ms
Self
McKinney, TX

Please vote NO, and start listening to your constituents. Texans deserve a fair and transparent process with district maps that reflect all Texans.

Michelle Nighswander, Dr.
self
Round Rock, TX

I strongly oppose the redistricting as currently drawn. This redistricting is a blatant abuse of power, silencing the voices of so many Texans. A child can see that this map is not drawn to represent common areas of neighbors looking for representation, but as a knife to personally select certain groups to be paired together. It is shameful & needs to be redone in the proper method. If the GOP's ideas are great, people will vote for them. If they are not great, they don't deserve the vote. I oppose this bill.

Melissa Espinoza
Self
Fort Worth, TX

I am writing to express my opposition to redistricting Texas lines, I am opposed to the past and current extensive gerrymandering of Texas and will be voting for candidates that opt for more fair voting and protecting of rights.

Amy Ardington
Myself
Bellville, TX

My comment is on the redistricting that the president is insisting upon and that is predicated upon some pretext of a letter from the DOJ. Mid-decade redrawing of maps is not the norm, and it is blatant GOP gerrymandering and lowdown cheating. We should be better than this; our state leaders have transformed Texas into Trump's pawn. These maps do not need to be redrawn. Reagan was not a fan of this manner of gamesmanship, "conservatives."

Beverly L. Hatcher
Jefferson County Precinct Chair
Beaumont, TX

First and foremost, Donald Trump has openly admitted that he is using Texas to gain 5 Congressional seats in 2026, and has ordered Abbott to put redistricting on the docket this special session. Which means this kind of a mid-census redistricting is solely to disenfranchise voters and silence the voices of citizens, allowing Donald Trump to continue his assault on working-class Texans. And I am admittedly opposed to this type of a vicious hateful way to radically take away We The People's Vote and Who We Want to Vote For.
It is sick that Governor Abbott has held emergency relief hostage as he continues on his racially-motivated scheme to steal five Congressional seats for Donald Trump.
Republicans have shown where their priorities lie by scheduling 7 redistricting hearings, before there was even 1 public hearing to discuss the devastating Hill Country Floods. This is Hateful!
Texas Republicans' only motivation for engaging in redistricting is to benefit Donald Trump, a decision made after he called Greg Abbott. This special session is not about flood relief or fair representation; it is about Texas Republicans protecting Donald Trump and I am adamantly opposed to this cruel racism. Do Not redo the Congressional Maps of Texas! STOP THIS STEALING!!!!!

Cindy Bogard, Mrs.
Self, public school teacher
Austin, TX

The redistricting of Texas, outside of the usual time for restricting, and at the behest of the power-grabbing POTUS, is completely inappropriate. The map itself bizarre and clearly represents special interests and not the interests of Texans. This gerrymandered map must NOT be approved.

Chris Jones
Self
Cypress, TX

I'm against the revised congressional district map!

Janet Bryan
Self/Attorney
Brownwood, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Tommy Johnson
Self
Burnet, TX

No district change!

Chad Cossey
Self
Houston, TX

Subject: Public Comment Opposing HB 4 by Rep. Todd Hunter

To the Texas House Committee on Redistricting,

I am submitting this comment in strong opposition to House Bill 4, introduced by Rep. Todd Hunter. I also respectfully request to attend the special hearing and speak on the record against this bill.

HB 4 is a clear example of political manipulation disguised as redistricting. This mid-decade redraw of Texas' congressional map is not based on new census data or public demand—it is a strategic power grab that threatens the integrity of our elections and the voice of our communities.

This proposed map targets districts that are currently represented by Black and Latino leaders—communities that have long fought for a seat at the table. By breaking apart these districts or lumping them into heavily conservative areas, HB 4 would dilute minority voting power and roll back decades of progress under the Voting Rights Act. This is a direct attack on fair representation.

What's most troubling is that this redistricting effort is taking place during a special session, with little transparency and limited time for public input. The rushed nature of this bill signals that the true intent is not to improve representation, but to push through a partisan agenda before voters have a chance to respond.

Texas deserves a map that reflects the reality of our growing, diverse population—not one that favors one political party at the expense of fairness and equality. HB 4 would shift up to five congressional seats toward Republican control, not through the will of the people, but by undermining the democratic process.

Our communities deserve better than this. Every Texan—regardless of race, background, or political belief—should have equal access to representation. Redistricting should not be used as a weapon to silence certain voices and entrench power.

I urge members of this committee and the legislature to vote NO on HB 4 and to stand for a process that is transparent, fair, and inclusive of all Texans. Please consider my request to participate in the upcoming hearing to speak further on this matter.

Sincerely,
Chad Cossey
Houston district 18th
713-429-2639

Debora Brink
Self
Austin, TX

This effort to redistrict Texas is a blatant attempt to disenfranchise Democrats and further dilute our votes. It's cheating and rigging the election. This bill must not pass.

Alison Killian
Self, AVP Healthcare Software
Austin, TX

I vehemently oppose this redistricting. It is completely unnecessary as we are not due for this until 2031 and the State should be focusing all their efforts on flood and disaster relief and things that are actually in the best interest of it's citizens. This extreme gerrymandering effort is immoral, disgraceful and illegal. The proposed new districts goal is to squash the voices of minorities and is absolutely in violation of the VRA. I beg the members of the Legislature to stand up against this and do your job: to act in the best interest of your constituents, not the power grab party.

Lori Wilson
Self
San Antonio, TX

This is a travesty and injustice to all the people of Texas not just democrats when their votes can be diluted to keep a petty dictator in power and allow him to disregard the constitution. You will all have to live with your decisions long after you have retired and are gone. Your legacy will be tainted and smeared forever by this disregard of justice and fairness.

Kevin Bush
self Engineering Manager
Pflugerville, TX

This is voter fraud. Diluting the votes of Texans that live in urban areas. You should be ashamed for even voting on this.

John Burton, Dr.
self, actuary
Austin, TX

AGAINST HB 4
I oppose HB 4 based on the following reasoning:

* There is no change in the number of US House seats allocated to Texas.
* Texas has already assigned US House districts based on the number of seats currently allocated to Texas.
* There is no new, substantive data that was not already available when assigning the districts in 2021.
* We will have new, subtantive data -- including a likely change in the number of US House seats allocated to Texas -- available in a few years.
* Resources are limited, and the Legislature has plenty of important business that would be a higher priority to consider than an exercise to replace something that isn't broken a few years before the Legislature will be required to make updates anyway.
* The current process is being rushed, which greatly increases the chance of introducing errors, unintended results, or unfair results.
* Given that we already have working district maps in place, there is no substantial upside potential to justify the risk of introducing errors, unintended results, or unfair results.

Ian Lanphier
Director / Self
Leander, TX

American first, Texan second, Republican third. As a proud independent I strongly believe the parties should win voters in the marketplace of ideas, not rig the market.

Donna Sims
Texas Federation of Republican Women
Round Mountain, TX

Texas is for Texans and Republicans. We must maintain any advantage because Democrats have devolved into mental illness and TDS.

Leticia Eades
self
Austin, TX

Chairperson and Members of the Committee,

My name is Leticia, and I am a private citizen residing in Austin, Texas. I write today in strong opposition to House Bill 4.

As a Texan who believes in the principles of democracy and equal representation, I am deeply concerned about the proposed redistricting plan. HB 4, as written, undermines the foundational ideal that every vote should carry equal weight, and that communities should be fairly represented in Congress.

Texas is one of the most diverse states in the nation. However, the proposed map fails to reflect that diversity in a fair and proportional way. It dilutes the voices of communities of color and fractures communities of interest across multiple districts—diminishing their ability to elect representatives who understand and advocate for their unique needs.

Gerrymandering—whether for partisan gain or racial manipulation—erodes public trust in the electoral system. It allows politicians to choose their voters instead of voters choosing their representatives. This bill risks entrenching power at the expense of accountability, transparency, and public confidence in the democratic process.

As a private citizen, I am not affiliated with any political organization. My interest in this matter is simple: I want to live in a Texas where elections are competitive, representation is equitable, and every community—urban, rural, suburban—is given a fair chance to be heard in Washington.

I urge the committee to reject HB 4 and instead adopt a redistricting plan that reflects the actual demographics and communities of our state. The people of Texas deserve districts that are drawn transparently, guided by data, and rooted in fairness—not political advantage.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony and for your consideration of my concerns.

Sincerely,
Leticia

Molly Richter
Self, nanny
Austin, TX

Hi, my name is Molly Richter, and I strongly oppose HB 4 and its attempt to deprive us Texans of a truly representative government by redistricting away the votes of communities of color. I will not be silent or complicit in this racist, anti-democratic power grab. I urge all representatives of conscience to vote no on HB 4. Thank you.

David Baker, Dr
selfH4
Austin, TX

My name is Mary Diane Baker. I live in the Canyon Creek neighborhood in far Northwest Austin. We are a politically and culturally diverse neighborhood within the City of Austin, Travis County, and Round Rock School District. Most of my neighbors work in the tech industry and value our neighborhood because of the good schools. We have owned our house for 24 years and during 22 years of that time, we have been gerrymandered into districts with whom we share little in the way of common ground. I have been thrilled in the past two years to finally have someone who represents me who shares my values. This new map takes our tiny little neighborhood and places it in District 11 with Odessa and San Angelo with whom we share practically nothing in life experiences and world view. I, a 76 year old grump old democrat, am very angry that once again I will be disenfranchised. I urge you to reject this misguided attempt to give in to an increasingly unpopular President and I would worry that in the next election you will face a public that finds this effort totally unacceptable. I am active in election work and vote in every election. I will do my best to support candidates who do not give into political arm twisting next time around.

Evan Carney
self - tech consultant
Austin, TX

If you vote for this, you are hastening our ENTIRELY AVOIDABLE slide into authoritarianism. History will remember you alongside the likes of the chumps who elected Hitler as Chancellor.

sharon chamberlain
self
cedar creek, TX

Texas has two parties, we are best when both are fairly represented . This redistricting represents one party only and a power grab done by the guidance of outsiders. We all deserve to be heard and have our votes count, anything less diminishes our freedoms.Configuring these way out of lines will serve Republicans for a few years but the people will know what your party stands for - inequality for all.

Brittany Howard
Self
Early, TX

I oppose this corrupt redistricting. If you have to cheat to maintain power, then you don't deserve that power. The people of Texas have been abused and neglected by this government for far too long. And this redistricting is not only unfair, it's discriminatory. Do better!!!!

Lisa Maas
Self - Mortgage Loan Processing Manager
Austin, TX

Strongly oppose redistricting in order to gerrymander 5 more Republican seats for Donald Trump. It is completely unnecessary and wrong.

Kathleen Wallace, Ms.
self/retired special education teacher from AISD
Austin, TX

Voters should be allowed to vote for their leaders without being forced into a district that does not represent their demographics. Much growth in Texas has come from the Latino and African American communities but the number of seats drawn to serve those communities has stayed flat or shrunk. To be redistricting right before an important election coming up is not only mean-spirited but also a blatant abuse of the power showing that you all don't give a damn about your constituents. You would be deliberately pitting Congressman Greg Casar and Congressman Lloyd Doggett against each other in your quest to shut up Democrats that still believe our elected officials should be representing us. Trump is using the state of Texas as his pawn. Please do not play into his greedy hands. Stand up for what is right and do not redistrict Texas. Is it worth selling your soul at the expense of our Democracy?

Rene Crosby
Myself
Austin, TX

This is an incredibly bold travesty for all Texans. It's very evident why this is happening- and I object on the merit of bold face bullshit. Gerrymandering Wiley obvious and needs to be objected to.

Kar.en DiAngelo
Self
San Antonio, TX

This is just wrong that you are doing this. Why do the people of Texas always have to pay the price for your bad decisions.

Sara Peterson
Self
Bastrop, TX

As a registered TX voter I oppose the redistricting of TX HB4

Carie Hajek, Mrs.
Self Homemaker
San Antonio, TX

This redrawing of district boundaries is in response to the president requesting more Republican seats in the House. What has happened to our checks and balances? How does this support state's rights, to cower to a White House request. This is shameful and is not good for representatative government or democracy. Stop this blatant power grab and listen to your constituents over your perceived boss in Washington DC.

Erin Bendlin
Self
Cedar Park, TX

Do not redistrict in such an undemocratic way. You are taking away the representation that we have the right to. This is not what democratic countries do. Let the people have the representatives they want. Making voting more difficult, dividing districts and suppressing the will of the people is undemocratic!

Vanessa Munoz
Self
Bastrop, TX

I oppose HB4 and redistricting TX it is unfair and injust

Casey Ott
Self
Houston, TX

I am opposed to the blatant re-districting to create an unfair advantage to the Republican Party to win state elections. Our representatives represent the people of this state, and a map of representation should not be allowed to be redrawn to favor one party over another.

Schuyler Bullock
Self
Weatherford, TX

Democrats have no problem redistricting in their favor where they have a majority. Until there is a more equitable way, Republicans should do the same. It's the only fair way.

Shannon Goodell
self / marketer
Austin, TX

I oppose any mid-decade redistricting that reduces minority voting influence. We deserve fair maps, not political manipulation.

S Baer
Self
Willow Park, TX

The proposed redistricting map will result in people of color in the state of Texas, not having representatives in Congress, who will be speaking for them. The proposed map is a blatant attempt by the Republican Party to suppress the vote, and to choose their voters instead of letting the voters choose their representatives.

Stephanie Chaumont
Self
Austin, TX

Texas voter here - asking you to not do this. Texans have much more important things to be worried about, and as our representatives, I feel you should too.

Steven Apodaca
Self
Austin, TX

To the Esteemed Members of the Texas Public House Committee,

I am writing to vehemently urge you not to move forward with any proposed redistricting plans. The very notion of redrawing our electoral maps at this juncture is an egregious and transparent power grab by the political party currently in power, a maneuver that directly undermines the democratic principles upon which our state and nation were founded.

The techniques being employed, often referred to as "packing" and "cracking," are not just abstract concepts; they are insidious methods designed to manipulate voter outcomes and silence the voices of countless Texans. "Packing" involves concentrating voters from the opposing party into a few districts, effectively wasting their votes in overwhelming majorities, while "cracking" disperses voters of a particular demographic or political affiliation across many districts, diluting their collective power and preventing them from forming a strong electoral base. These are not tools for fair representation; they are instruments of disenfranchisement.

Our electoral maps should reflect the rich diversity and genuine communities of interest that exist across Texas, not be contorted to serve partisan ambitions. "Communities of interest" are groups of people who share common social, economic, or cultural ties, and who benefit from being included within a single district for effective representation. To carve up these communities through gerrymandering is to disregard the very fabric of our society and to deny citizens a meaningful voice in their government.

Furthermore, any redistricting effort that intentionally discriminates against or dilutes the voting power of minority groups stands in direct violation of the spirit and letter of the Civil Rights Act, particularly its provisions aimed at ensuring equal voting rights for all citizens. We have a solemn obligation to uphold these fundamental protections, not to circumvent them for political gain.

This is not about improving representation; it is about entrenching power. It is an obvious and cynical attempt by the political party in power to predetermine election outcomes for the next decade, stifling genuine competition and denying voters the ability to truly choose their representatives. Such actions erode public trust in our democratic institutions and sow deep divisions within our state.

I implore you to consider the long-term ramifications of such an ill-conceived and self-serving endeavor. Do not sacrifice the integrity of our electoral process for short-term partisan advantage. Uphold the principles of fairness, equality, and genuine representation. Do not move forward with redistricting.

Joseline Lajara
Self
Austin, TX

Texas redistricting continues to raise serious concerns about democratic representation. Every ten years, we're told this process is about population shifts—but it's become increasingly clear that it's being used as a tool to dilute the voting power of communities that don't align with those in power.

What's especially troubling is how map-drawing often slices up urban, diverse, and Democratic-leaning areas, dispersing their voices into heavily Republican districts. The result? Districts that don't reflect the true political and demographic makeup of Texas. It's gerrymandering by design.

This is not just about political parties—it's about fairness, equity, and trust in our institutions. When voters feel their voices are being intentionally muffled, they lose faith in the system. And when the maps are drawn behind closed doors, without transparency or meaningful input from impacted communities, the legitimacy of the entire process comes into question.

Texas is not a monolith. It's growing, diversifying, and shifting politically. Yet the redistricting process seems determined to lock in outdated power structures rather than reflect the people of today. Whether Democrat or Republican, we should all want elections where voters choose their leaders—not the other way around.

Eric Dauenhauer
Self, software engineer
Austin, TX

I do not agree with the proposed changes to the congressional map and I do not not believe that these changes represent my best interests. I reject the suggestion that this is a pressing policy issue and instead urge lawmakers to focus on truly urgent needs of the community such as flood damage relief, health care, and education. Please reject the congressional map updates, they area unnecessary and incompatible with governance by the people.

Zavier McFadden
Self
Austin, TX

Hi, my name is Zavier, and I am a constituent in zip code 78748. I am reaching out because of the recently published, redrawn map of Texas that is an outrageous and unlawful attempt to generate 5 new Republican seats that would grossly favor Republicans while disproportionately representing my fellow Texans by geography and race. Texas is not due for new maps until 2031, so focus the legislature on disaster and flood relief, public broadcasting funding, LGBTQ+ protections, and the defense of the public's civil rights!!! I want to see my rep stand for justice, equality, and democracy. Do everything you can to stop the STOP THE TEXAS STEAL.

Bridget Edwards
Self/self-employed
Plano, TX

This "redistricting" is gerrymandering. It's wrong, it's dirty politics…and when the "other" party is in power, this will come back to bite you. I oppose this completely. Texas, have a shred of integrity.

Judy Butler
Self - retired
Portland, TX

Now that the redistricting maps that the Trump administration drew up have been released, I am writing to request that you DO NOT vote in favor of changing the map. If elected officials at all levels are so concerned that they won't be re-elected, maybe politicians should start listening to their constituents and voting as a true representative of their constituents. Redrawing the maps mid-way through the decade is simply corruption. A vote in favor or redistricting at this time will send a loud statement to your constituents about your moral character. The people of Texas deserve representation from elected officials and if your representative lives 200+ miles away, that is not possible. Please DO NOT vote in favor of redistricting, regardless of what Trump promises you or threatens you with.

Melany Troller
Self
Georgetown, TX

I am absolutely against this redistricting.

Adelina Longoria
self
Austin, TX

Good afternoon, members of the Senate. My name is Dr. Adelina Longoria, and I'm writing in opposition to the proposed congressional map backed by former President Trump.
This map is a direct affront to fair representation and democratic principles in Texas. According to the 2020 Census, 95% of Texas' population growth came from communities of color, particularly Latino, Black, and Asian residents. Yet, this proposed map reduces the number of majority-minority districts, diluting the political voice of the very communities driving Texas' growth. Instead of creating new districts that reflect this demographic reality, the map packs and cracks minority voters—splitting them across multiple districts or concentrating them in a single one to minimize their electoral influence. For example, in Harris County, a region with a majority non-white population, this plan carves up communities and weakens their collective power. In Travis County, a liberal stronghold, the map dilutes urban votes by stretching districts far into rural areas. It disenfranchises marginalized communities by weakening their voice and influence in Congress over policies that affect education, housing, healthcare, and immigration. This can lead to less federal funding and support for underserved areas—deepening existing inequities.
Federal courts have repeatedly found Texas in violation of the Voting Rights Act in past redistricting cycles; including2006 League of United Latin American Citizens v. Perry, Abbott v. Perez (2018), the U.S. Supreme Court held that Texas courts erred in applying strict scrutiny to the 2011 maps; and the ongoing litigation for the 2021 redistricting maps. Similarly, the proposed map risks similar legal challenges—and wastes taxpayer dollars defending unconstitutional boundaries.
A healthy democracy requires that voters choose their leaders, not the other way around. Gerrymandering for partisan or racial gain undermines public trust and disenfranchises millions.
This redistricting map entrenches political power at the expense of the people who have contributed most to Texas' growth. It undermines fair representation, exacerbates inequality, and threatens the core principle of one person, one vote. I urge you to reject this map. Texas deserves districts that reflect its true population and protect the rights of all its citizens to fair and equal representation.
As elected officials, your foremost responsibility is to represent all people of Texas—regardless of race, background, or beliefs. At a time when our communities face economic uncertainty, health disparities, and environmental challenges, we need leadership that serves the interests of every Texan. Now more than ever, we ask you to rise above partisanship. Serving the people—not a political party—is your duty.

Jennifer Gongaware

self - Flight attendant/Realtor

Austin, TX

No and no to MORE redistricting. This is the worst. You are betraying the citizens of Texas and our rights to representation. Take care of the more important issues in the state such as FLOODING and TAXES and UNHOUSED PEOPLE and HUNGRY PEOPLE. You are creating havoc where none is needed. Let's see what happens when California and these other states start redrawing their districts to offset this STUPID move.

Roy McDonald

Self, Banker

Leonard, TX

It is unethical and authoritarian to redistrict through gerrymandering to reset the current balance of representatives in the Texas legislature. This was done at the direction of the president and is an abdication of states rights. Vote no against authoritarian power grabbing. There will be a day of reckoning in TX politics fur Governor Abbot and the legislatures overreach in an disenfranchising voters

Parker Welch

Self, civil engineer

Austin, TX

These maps are a blatantly partisan, illegal, and unconstitutional gerrymander intended to disenfranchise the voters of Texas. It makes a mockery of the Voting Rights Act and explicitly targets Black & Hispanic communities to rob them of Congressional representation. The Constitution of our fathers sets out the period after every decennial census for redistricting. It does not allow states to redraw the maps whenever they feel like it will benefit their governing party. It does not allow state to redraw the maps whenever the White House publicly asks them to rig an election. This process is a sham, and every Texas Republican supporting this travesty knows it.

To the republican legislators advancing this map, I have this to say: You do not believe this is fair. You do not believe this is right. You just believe that you can get away with it. And in this life, in this land, maybe you can. But I would remind you there is a higher authority than Donald Trump, and that when He makes the ruling, there will be no appeal. Are you prepared to stand before the Lord your God and answer for what you are about to do? If the answer is no, then Don’t. Do. It.

If then answer is yes, then I put to you that you have confused which living man is indeed the living God.

Kathy Ponce

Self

Maypearl, TX

It's a big, beautiful map – and we’re proud of it!

- We are exercising our Republican majority to ensure fair and accurate representation for Texas values in Congress.
- This map reflects compact, sensible districts – not the gerrymandered chaos from the Democrats.
- We support the America First, Trump agenda – and Texas is leading the way.
- We must course-correct Democrat overreach and restore honest representation for Texans.

Pass these maps out of the TX House today. Do not hesitate

J C

Self/Social Worker

D, TX

I strongly oppose this redistricting plan.

Jessica Bowen
Self/Educator
New Braunfels, TX

I am opposed to the map. What you are trying to do is unconstitutional and illegal. You are gerrymandering. Oppose this bill!

Erin Crump
Self, full-time employee
Lakeway, TX

I am submitting my objection to this gerrymandered redistricting map.

Carrie Kochan
Family, CASA/ Educator
Cresson, TX

I am opposed to the unfair redistricting directed by Donald Trump. Texans deserve fair districting that allows representation appropriate to the community's needs. I love in a rural area, the needs of me and my neighbors is drastically different than the urban areas that are being cracked to dilute their vote. None of us will be represented well when out districts are divided along party lines rather than community.

Do not bow to Washington.

Matthew Perdomo
Self
Buda, TX

As a proud Texan I'm incredibly disappointed. I feel that this robs my rights as a Texan.

Kim Bullock
Self
Dallas, TX

Republicans can't win if they don't cheat. This is blatant and un-American. It is also taxation without representation. Grow a spine and say no to Trump!

Charlotte Tassan
Self
Wylie, TX

I oppose this. Texas is not up for redistricting.

Laurie Nelson
Self, retired, now an active community volunteer
Austin, TX

Dear all,
I feel compelled to register my utter disappointment in the behavior of Texas' Republican Party as they make the redistricting power grab demanded by Donald Trump.

The current map already affords Republican voters more power than their actual percentage of the population. Stripping five additional districts will virtually erase any chance for Democrats to be heard and participate in state or federal governance.

This is supposed to be a nation built on representation of the people by leaders ELECTED by THE PEOPLE, not YOU.

Prematurely re-cutting the state into ridiculous shapes just to pit strong Democrats against each other is nothing other than nasty. This is supposed to be a nation built on honorable leaders elected BY THE PEOPLE to represent and protect their desires and needs. Current behavior has disenfranchised the citizens of our country as Republicans tear up any semblance of respect of factual knowledge, dignity or reflection of the values of our founding fathers, while ignoring the teachings of the god they claim to worship. This redistricting effort leaves me disgusted. You can and should be better than this.

Dorothy Hefley, Ms
Unknown
Austin, TX

This immoral redistricting coup by our president and governor is going to cause our nation to collapse. The MAGA party and President Trump are selling the people of Texas short by trying to turn every district Red. Governor Abbott and The Republican House and Senate have weakened Texas public Schools by using federal tax dollars meant for public education to fund private schools for this own children to the exclusion of their constituents. Texas has taken away women's rights under Trump, The Governor and his evil henchmen (Lt. Governor, AG and Republican House and Senate) delayed assistance to The Hill Country, not to mention that they elected a President who waited 3 days before sending someone from the federal government to render aid, with NO FEMA MONEY causing many more lives to be lost unneccessarily in the aftermath of the July 4th flash Flooding in Kerr COunty, Texas, and now they are deliberately diverting attention away from sending aid so they can redistrict areas of Texas to turn the what is left of blue districts into red ones so no vote for any democrat will ever be counted in any future election. I am 67, a former Republican, and am HORRIFIED at what you are doing to Texas, bit more especially, to this country. What will happen once the people of this great nation stop voting because they know that their votes won't be counted after Texas rigged the election process by turning blue districts red? What's next, pray tell? Since citizens's votes will automatically be counted red no matter who they vote for if this bill passes, constituents will stop voting, and then with the MAGA Republicans in the majority, any benefits citizens once had will be stripped away. When that happens, what will justify imposing taxes on the American citizens if the government is not representing them? As was said during the American Revolution: "NO TAXATION WITHOUT REPRESENTATION"!!! How will turning all districts in Texas into red districts benefit its citizens? If this goes through, and Trump stays in power, the American people, even those of affluence, will eventually have either much less or nothing at all. As the descendant of a signer I of the Declaration of Independence, many Pilgrims and the Quincy family that produced John Quincy Adams, to make a few, I NEVER EVER IN MY LIFE thought I would see the day that a one of the political parties of this country would turn against its own citizenry! I think that redistricting just to gain power for YOURSELVES is EVIL and unwarranted. It strips voters of their rights and it RIGS THE ELECTION ! To do so will NOT benefit WE THE PEOPLE. This is being pushed onto Texas voters without any consideration of how it will effect their lives, and is being done ONLY due to benefit Texas Republicans' and their selfish, nasty and evil (not to mention delusional) President. So, I am writing in to OBJECT to the unlawful & unchristian bait & switch redistricting by Texas Republicans just to keep Trump in power forever

Julian Alvarez, Mr
Self
Garland, TX

Opposed to this bill

Shereen ElDomeiri
Self
Dallas, TX

I oppose the gerrymandering that this current special session was called. This is not an emergency for which a special session was needed. Further, the proposed map does not adequately represent the people and is being done at the request of a Non-Texan for the sole purposes of destroying democracy and suppressing the voice of the people. And like the many other times this legislature has imposed gerrymandering which was later determined to be unconstitutional, this proposed map will is set on the same trajectory. What an epic waste of taxpayer money. Please do your job in accordance with the rule of law and the constitution that you took an oath to uphold. This map does not provide adequate representation of the citizens of this state to whom you have a duty to serve.

Larry Trencher
Self / Human Resources
Katy, TX

No redistricting. Texas does not bow to a wanna be King.

Kornfeld Erik
Swlf
Cedar Hill, TX

This is absurd. You are focusing on trying to gerrymander and consolidate political power instead of trying to do your jobs. Fix the power grid so we don't to worry about losing it during the hottest and coldest months of the year. Pass regulations to prevent investment realtors from seizing the market and destroying it like they did in NY and CA. No, that takes work and commitment to your constituents. Instead you want to try to game the system and you aren't even doing it during a census period. Redistricting is only supposed to happen when you have new data on the districts. The only data you have is that you are losing voters. And you will continue to lose voters as long as you focus on publicity stunts instead things we actually need.

roy sanchez
self
houston, TX

I’m against past and future racial gerrymandering I'm Roy Sanchez, a proud member of HOPE AFSCME Local

123 and a resident and voter of Congressional District 29. As we discuss redistricting, shouldn’t we be focusing on life safety issues that could have

saved those souls on the Guadalupe and any future disaster? I strongly encourage you to consider the potential impact on communities of color. Can

we prioritize transparency and inclusivity by sharing maps and engaging in a collaborative discussion? By doing so, we can ensure that the voices of all constituents are heard and valued. Currently, we have a congresswoman Garcia who is a huge part of the district and respected by the constituents that live in CD 29. Let's focus on building a safer and more equitable future for all Texans. As a community, we have a unique opportunity to shape our collective future. I urge you to preserve the integrity of our congressional districts and protect the voting rights of all Texans, regardless of race or ethnicity. Together, we can create a brighter future for our state and uphold the principles of democracy.
Government of the people, by the people, for the people ……not a political party!

Mike Ruiz
self - retired
Friendswood, TX

Redistricting during this special session is not right! Let us not cater to those in DC who want 5 additional seats to appease the current administration. Please focus on Texas and our people who need you right now. Everyone knows this is not a Census year and not even a remotely appropriate time to consider redistricting. Please listen to your guiding principles on what is right and what is not right. Thank you!

Yarrow MacDonald
self; management and administration
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose this bill. It violates our fundamental American values of democracy and representation in government. It is clear that this bill is a shameful attempt by a shrinking political elite to seize power undemocratically because they cannot win fair elections on the basis of policy or platform. In this country, we believe that the government should be BY and FOR the PEOPLE. If a faction's policies are unpopular with the people, then they should change their policies rather than trying to cut out the people. This bill is also a danger to public safety because if people do not have a way to participate in politics, if they are shut out by the institutions that are supposed to serve them, then some of them may be pushed toward extremism and this will beget chaos. We must have fair and equal representation for the sake of public safety, peace, and stability.

Erin Skinner
Self - Photographer
Austin, TX

Simply put: we aren’t due for redistricting until the next census, which happens in 2030. To preemptively draw the district lines is unfair to the Texans who currently reside there. Quite frankly, I am so disappointed that our legislature and governor will kowtow to anyone outside the state of Texas for these important matters. ALL Texans deserve better than this. ALL Texans deserve fair representation.

Phillip McJunkins
self - technology risk advisory
Austin, TX

Having just changed districts in the post-2020 redistricting, I see the new maps would change my district yet again. I believe Texans should have representation by people who know their communities; revising districts mid-census (and for apparently partisan purposes at that) does not accomplish anything useful for Texans, is a waste of time, and should be abandoned. Thank you.

David Brisco
Self / technology
San Antonio, TX

Please stop redistricting efforts to undermine the public and implement your will on the people. This is ridiculous and is an attempt to create misrepresentation of the people of Texas.

Mary-Ellen Pon
Self
Pflugerville, TX

Such a sneaky, shameful and dishonest way to dilute the voices of the voters. You can't win so you cheat by redistricting.

Melinda Lambert
Self and family
Abilene, TX

You have been elected to represent the people of Texas. But you have decided to bow down to the orange POS. It is called ass kissing. When history is written your descendants will be ashamed of you. You are proving time and time again that you have no integrity. How pathetic is it that you will lie, cheat, steal, deny and deflect for the orange POS. Grow a pair and don't ass kiss!

Donna Clark
Self Registered Nurse
Lampasas, TX

I support the redistricting HB4 by Hunter.

Elisa Sepulveda
Self Banker
Austin, TX

Prioritizing redistricting over other more important matters in our state shows how pathetic, weak, and corrupt the leadership is in the state of Texas. We have a power grid on the brink of collapse, people dying from climate caused disasters without adequate systems for warning/protection, women dying in childbirth at the highest rates in the country, but bending the knee to the president is more important. This is not something that I want prioritized or my tax dollars spent on. I want representation that prioritizes the needs of the constituents of this state. The state is already incredibly gerrymandered and this move only continues to stifle the needs of tax paying citizens of the state. I want fair representation and this bill exemplifies discrimination against the REAL PEOPLE of this state.

Kelli Cresswell
Self
Dallas, TX

As someone who has lived in Far North Dallas area for almost 10 years, I believe the current maps reflect our community. Our neighbors that are people of color more so than ever deserve electing officials that understand their wants and needs. The current map that has been presented not only hinders that, but completely suppress their representation. These maps need to be redrawn at the next census, where more data has been completed. I urge all Texan officials to vote NO, and listen to their constituents. The people of Texas have spoken, and will not stand to comply with authoritarianism. NO MORE cheating, let the people of Texas speak for themselves at the ballot box. My greatest wish is all officials listen carefully. Thank you for your time, and attention.

Jennifer Jacobs
Self realtor
Gun Barrel City, TX

I strongly oppose the redistricting. I am exhausted by all of the cheating that goes on in this state, and that's exactly what this is.

Doris Murphy
self
DALLAS, TX

stop the madness and fear mongering. do your damn jobs. we need to get rid of the electoral college period.

Jeanne Devine, Ms.
Self
Austin, TX, TX

I am opposed to the drawing of new districts for the election of members of the United States House of Representatives from the State of Texas. When the current maps were drawn a few years ago, Republican politicians avowed that race was not a factor in their drawing. Oh, now it is? Why must the State of Texas do the bidding of national politicians, rather than protect the interests of its own citizens? We have the right to choose our representatives. They do not have the right to choose us, yet that is exactly what is proposed in these ludicrously gerrymandered new districts. The hypocrisy is evident. Do not inflict this manifestly unfair redistricting proposal on the people of Texas.

Conor Daugherty
Self, Military Officer
Abilene, TX

Stop gerrymandering Texas!

Libby Edwards
Burnet County Precinct 18
Granite Shoals, TX

I support HB 4 redistricting

Linda Settles
Self
Lewisville, TX

I am opposed to any redistricting since it is being driven by a twisted request from the man in the White House. He apparently has figured out that the performance of his administration is not popular among many Americans so his solution is to cheat. Yes redistricting only to not lose the house in 2026 is cheating. Taking away the voice of Texans that may have different opinions than you is just wrong. Maybe not taking away Medicaid, cutting food stamps, or putting tariffs in place that we will pay would be the way to win back voters.

Nina Siglin
Self, HR Executive
Austin, TX

This illegal and unconstitutional and does not represent a fair and democratic republic of Texas.

Marc Pittenger
Actual Citizens of Texas
Austin, TX

Texas House Bill 4 (HB4), under the guise of protecting election integrity, serves primarily to consolidate power among the political elite while undermining the democratic voice of everyday Texans. Instead of safeguarding democracy, it effectively suppresses it—disenfranchising communities, erasing national representation, and privileging partisan interests over the will of the people.

At its core, HB4 creates significant barriers to voting by criminalizing assistance to voters—especially vulnerable populations such as the elderly, disabled, and non-English speakers. It imposes harsh penalties on those who help others fill out ballots, which disproportionately affects grassroots organizers and community members working to expand civic engagement. The result? A chilling effect on voter turnout in marginalized communities who already face systemic obstacles to casting their ballots.

Worse, HB4 directly conflicts with federal election laws, giving Texas the power to criminalize actions that are otherwise protected under national voting rights statutes. This is not only legally questionable—it's a blatant power grab designed to restrict who gets to participate in national elections. The bill sends a clear message: the voices of everyday Texans—especially from communities of color, immigrants, and lower-income areas—are expendable in the pursuit of political control.

Supporters of HB4 claim it is about preventing fraud, but there is no credible evidence of widespread voter fraud in Texas. Instead, HB4 weaponizes unfounded fear to justify authoritarian policies that silence dissent and cement a one-party system. It benefits only those already in power—career politicians and their allies—who use these restrictions to protect their seats from legitimate challenges rather than earn them through the trust of their constituents.

Democracy is strongest when it is inclusive, accessible, and representative. HB4 is the antithesis of that. By erecting barriers, intimidating volunteers, and selectively enforcing new rules, Texas HB4 undermines the basic right of Texans to choose who represents them on the national stage. It's not about fairness. It's about control. And in doing so, it erodes the very foundation of American self-governance—one vote, one voice.

Leslie DeHart
Self
Hutto, TX

Didn't the Texas AG just get through arguing in court that these maps are not racially biased? How is it suddenly exactly that? The attacks on the people of Texas are ridiculous. I completely oppose this bill and request it NOT be moved forward.

Cynthia Johnson
Self Retired Educator
Austin, TX

Current Texas Republicans are gerrymandering in a more partisan way than Texas Democrats have in the past. They are redrawing the Congressional maps at the request of the president to win the house midterms in 2026. Using the middle decade of the U.S. Census instead of waiting for after the 2030 census, is outside the normal redistricting process. The percentages in the proposed redrawn Congressional maps do not reflect Trump's share of the vote in the last election. Trump got 56% of the state's votes, yet three of the new redrawn districts would have backed the president 79%. Also, the other two proposed redrawn districts which were won by Democrats in Trump districts in 2024, would be put in jeopardy. These facts clearly show the extreme bias of the Republicans. Redrawn Congressional maps in Texas should follow norms and reflect fairness and the will of the people.

James Wolf
Self
The Woodlands, TX

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed congressional redistricting of Texas. This off-cycle ad hoc measure serves only the authoritarian wishes of our president, and does nothing to preserve the representation of all Texans. Please resist this effort to undermine our democratic institutions.

Jenni Trietsch
Self, CPA
Abilene, TX

It is 100% NOT OKAY to redraw congressional districts off cycle in order to game the system. Cheating is NOT OKAY. Draw the districts fairly. Let the representatives rise who will represent that area as the citizens desire. CHEATING IS NOT OKAY. Redrawing the districts in a crazy way to make sure the current office holder is no longer eligible to represent that district is NOT OKAY.

Our representatives are supposed to do the right thing by their constituents. But it's stupidly hard to do so with the gerrymandered districts and outside interests pressuring through funding

STOP IT. you all should lose your job if you are representing your constituents clearly and fairly. If you are biased and bought, you should be voted out. You shouldn't CHEAT and game the system. Didn't your mama teach you better??

Kathryn Dauenbaugh
Self
Richardson, TX

I am opposed to redistricting Texas. It is not in the standard cycle. Texans did not ask for this to be done. The purpose is to dilute the vote of myself and other Texans. The people choose their representatives, the representatives do not choose the people. I would like age as move to an independent voting commission so that our representatives actually reflect the wishes of the population.

Katelyn Low
Self
Austin, TX

This redistributing is an unconstitutional power grab and it's completely obvious to everyone in the state of Texas that this is done at the behest of the president. The president is not a Texan and does not represent the uniquely diverse people that will be incredibly harmed in these efforts. The state legislature just argued in court that the current maps are justified and representative of the people of Texas so it makes absolutely no sense how we can be arguing the opposite just a few years later. I've lived here my entire life and it's so upsetting that we have lost our soul to the whims of a billionaire who proves time and time again he doesn't care about the people he supposedly represents. Taking the voice away from the people only proves that you don't actually represent them and that you don't care to even try. You as our elected officials have a responsibility regardless of political party to represent the will of the people you represent and purposefully gerrymandering such that you only represent the will of a few is neglecting your responsibility. I truly hope the state of Texas uses all their might and power to show that we will stand together as a state and against taking the voice away from all the marginalized people in this state that make it the wonderful place it should be.

Jessica Wood
Self
San Antonio, TX

This congressional gerrymandering is cheating. If your conservative Christian nationalist policies were at all popular, you wouldn't have to cheat to win seats. Listen to your constituents and stop racially gerrymandering to get the outcome you want. I don't even think your cheating will help you. Texans are sick of your policies and we're not going to put up with it anymore!

Charlotte Friend
Self
League City, TX

It's unnecessary and undemocratic to redistrict on a year that doesn't include new census data. Your maps will be drawn with outdated numbers and will not reflect who currently resides there. Additionally, waiting to discuss flood relief and other flood concerns until after redistricting shows your priorities and they aren't the lives of Texans.

Allison Mabbs
Self, Homelessness Consultant
Austin, TX

I’m a Texan and I loudly reject the gerrymandered redistricting efforts occurring right now. I demand fairly drawn districts for all Texans and for our democracy as a whole. Gerrymandering is an abuse of our electeds political power and an affront to fair and equal elections. Electeds need to earn their positions and not rig elections in their favor via absurd redistricting.

Melissa Betush
Self, engineer
Austin, TX

I am writing to you today as a concerned constituent to express my profound opposition to the practice of partisan gerrymandering and the current approach to redistricting in Texas. The integrity of our democratic process is the bedrock of our society, and it is being eroded by the manipulation of district lines to secure political advantage.

Gerrymandering, as you know, is the practice of drawing electoral district boundaries to benefit one political party over another. This is not a partisan issue; it is an anti-democratic one. It denies voters their voice, creates uncompetitive elections, and allows elected officials to choose their voters, rather than the other way around. This system effectively silences millions of Texans and fosters an environment where politicians are not held accountable to the will of the people.

The current redistricting process in our state has created districts that are not only geographically contorted but also politically polarized. This has led to a legislature that is less responsive to the diverse needs of our communities. It has stifled meaningful debate, increased political extremism, and diminished the power of the individual vote. Every Texan, regardless of their political affiliation, deserves to have their vote count and to be represented by a voice that truly reflects their community.

I urge you to support a legislative solution that removes the redistricting process from the hands of partisan politicians. I believe the best way forward is to establish an independent, non-partisan redistricting commission. Such a body would be tasked with drawing fair and compact districts based on logical criteria, such as population equality, geographic contiguity, and the preservation of communities of interest.

Our state and our country were founded on the principle of government by the people. Gerrymandering undermines this fundamental ideal. I implore you to take a stand for fair and honest elections and to champion a redistricting process that serves the people of Texas, not political parties.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this critical matter. I look forward to hearing your thoughts on this important issue.

Kathy Jurgens
self/adult education advisor
Austin, TX

Preposterous. Unbelievable. Re-drawing districts mid-census? Please stop to think what you would think if it were happening by another party. Republicans would be screaming about how unfair it was for Democrats to carve out another 5 seats in Texas. How can Texans respect you if this is how you live out the "bully on the playground" in constant heinous scenarios? I teach Sunday School. I'd venture to say my kids have superior morals to yours. I will pray for you. God knows, my thoughts are with you constantly.

Ashley Turner
Self
Dallas, TX

Against this gerrymandering, very unethical.

Michael Snyder
Self; business analyst
Austin, TX

Partisan gerrymandering takes power away from the citizens. Please reject this power grab and ensure all Texans have a voice!

Maria Selke
Self - educator
Leander, TX

I strongly oppose. Stop rearranging districts to benefit Republicans alone and start working for ALL the people

Charles Villarrubia
Self
Austin, TX

The people are supposed to elect the government. What you are proposing is the government selecting it's people. Shameful act of political corruptness.

Larry Belcher
Self….. retired
Lipan, TX

I fully support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map!

Evette Alvarado
Self
Austin, TX

Redistricting power grab: Texas is already one of the most gerrymandered states in the country, thanks to decades of a republican majority. There is absolutely no valid reason for this additional gerrymandering whose sole purpose is to dilute the voting voices of non-white Texans. I remember when the Republican Party of Texas stood for something. I may not have agreed with the party on many things, but I believed the state legislature and governor truly wanted what was best for ALL Texans. There was a time when the Republican Party of Texas would not have taken marching orders from ANYONE in the federal government, from ANY president, Democrat or Republican. "Texans know what's best for Texas" is a phrase I've heard all my life. What has happened to that belief? Rather than spend your time (and taxpayers' money) on issues that truly matter, like flood prevention and response, school funding, children's health and access to meals, you are instead spending that time coming up with a legislative map that that no one except the current occupant of the white house wants. I never thought I'd see the day when Texas would kowtow to any president. The fact that the governor and Republican members of the legislature are choosing to do the bidding of a felon and sexual predator speaks volumes. And for what? So the would be dictator can maintain his fragile hold on the US House. I would caution you to be careful who you make a deal with. Whatever he has promised you in return, you should realize he has no intention of delivering. Do the right thing and do not take away our voices. Do the right thing and reject the would be dictator. You will be remembered for whether you chose to stand up to fascism, whether you quietly looked the other way while it happened, or whether you openly invited it in. I can think of no other words to express my strong opposition to this proposed redistricting.

Jennie Montaño, Ms.
Self - Engineer
Austin, TX

I am against re-districting as proposed. As our elected officials, you should be listening to those who elected you instead of being dictated to by Trump. Your work should be focused on helping Texans recover from the floods. Those pushing this proposal of redistricting continue to ignore the will of the people in almost every aspect of legislature - we want safe access to healthcare including abortion yet you ban it. We do not want a school charter program, voted against it twice, yet you passed it. You continue to attack the rights of every Texan.

Robert Hoffnar, Mr
self
Austin, TX

This bill will make it more difficult for me to have a voice in our government. Instead of me being a working citizen choosing who represents me by voting the government is choosing voters and controlling their influence. This bill gives big government more power and control over my life which I do not want. I want freedom and a voice that can be heard if I choose to use it. Texas big government wants to keep us people quiet with complicated gerrymandering. If you keep pushing us back with such selfish cynicism we will remember when the time comes.

Shelia Lanier, Mrs.
Self
HOUSTON, TX

Extreme gerrymandering has allowed political parties to create “sure thing” districts. Today, where partisan gerrymandering is allowed to flourish unchecked, the outcome of every election is virtually guaranteed before the first ballot is cast. The extreme gerrymanders that we have seen evolve in the past 15 years have been the result of improvements in our mapping software capabilities and big data. The accountability of elected officials is also diminished. With the general election being determined in the primary, the public can no longer hold these elected officials accountable in the general election. If they want to vote them out, they must vote in the primary, and they sometimes must cross party lines to do so. With voter turnout in the primary being so low, this often means that candidates will be decided by as low as 10% of our population. In every redistricting cycle in the last half-century, Texas has been found to have intentionally discriminated against racial minorities or violated the Voting Rights Act. I am Pleading with you to: (1) Hold a public hearing with public testimony on any proposed maps after they have been drawn, but before they pass through Committee. Provide adequate notice to the public about this hearing and an opportunity to review the maps before the hearing. (2) Allow enough time at hearings for other legislators and the public to introduce alternative map suggestions. (3) Explain how the maps were drawn, and why there was any deviation from traditional redistricting principles (e.g. county and precinct splits, population deviations). Include analysis of how these maps affect the ability of historically disenfranchised groups to elect candidates. (4) Make all communications open regarding proposed maps. We have unchecked crime running rampant in our communities throughout Texas. We need people who are in and around our communities to represent and solve our issues. We need judges like Hillary Unger be held responsible for their poor decisions and removed from the bench as mentioned in Governor Abbotts recent post on 4/22/2025. My son was a victim of a senseless brutal crime of Murder in SW Houston while sitting in his car and with eyewitness testimony the murder was found not guilty in Judge Hillary Unger’s court after a farce of a trial in her courtroom October 2024. He has been victimized by the murderer Tristan Woodards, Judge Hillary Unger and murderers defense attorney Steve Aslett. It included Judge Hillary Unger's dismissal of all relevant witnesses to the murder except one after jury had been seated to ensure a victory for the murderer and the defense against the great State of Texas. We need people who care about our communities elected to represent our communities. We need corrupt judges removed from benches as the Governor stated and I agree.
I would like to "Thank You" for the time allotted to me today.

Mary Fechter
self, author
San Antonio, TX

If you can't win by your policies, it is wrong to win by redrawing districts to favor your party. Bad enough you've held off the special election for the empty seat in the 18th district, but to combine seats, and spilt seats up is unfair to the people of Texas. Texas went 42% for Harris, so our representatives should be much closer to that percentage. I implore you not to redistrict.

Kerri Remmy
Self
Killeen, TX

Texas Republicans cannot win elections without cheating by changing voting districts to select their voters instead of allowing voters to choose their representatives. If Republican policies were truly for the good of the people of Texas instead of manipulated for the benefit of the Republican Party this bill would be completely unnecessary. If Democrats initiated this type of action the outcry from Republicans would be deafening. As usual, the hypocrisy of the GOP is astounding. You waste time and resources on manufactured, racist, misogynistic, hateful, self-serving ideas and never seem to get around to solving the real problems of the people.

Larry Embrey
Self
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose this bill

Mariana Manco-Stenz
Self, student
Austin, TX

OPPOSE

David Clark
Texas Citizen
Hurst, TX

Committee members,

In re U.S. Fifth Circuit’s 2024 ruling in the Petteway v. Galveston County redistricting case.The Petteway decision reversed decades of precedent and established that districts based on “coalitions” of minority groups are not protected by the Voting Rights Act. Therefore, I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map. Thank you.

Christine Kirby
Self
Leander, TX

Texas Congressional districts were already redrawn in 2023. The Senate’s chief map-drawer, a Republican from Houston, said the redistricting process to draw the maps was “race blind,” and Governor Abbott echoed that message as he signed off. Now, as the DOJ has demanded that race not be considered, Governor Abbott has called the Legislature back into session to redraw those "race blind" districts. One can only deduce that this is motivated by creating the 5 seats for a power grab in ways that disenfranchise our fellow Texas citizens of color. There has even been an admission that the Senate doesn't have clear information about the population in order to draw these maps. There is no current census information to inform the decisions. This is all about a power grab. It is CERTAINLY not about equitable representation, a principle of democracy. I dissent.

Tim Studley
Self
Richardson, TX

You all know better. You've studied American and Texas history, you know the stories of taxation without representation, and that's what this redistricting bill is all about. Your parents and ancestors, your families and your past civics teachers would all be ashamed if you support this bill, as you should be.

Jill Burns
Self
Boerne, TX

I oppose HB 4. As a Texas taxpayer, I'm owed equal representation under the law. This corrupt action initiated by Abbot is not only a distraction from doing actual legislative work to address the Kerr county flooding emergency, but it's a gross manipulation of the system to prevent voters voices from making a difference. The whole corrupt Texas GOP knows this is an abomination, and may they suffer the consequences at the polls. Shame on Abbott, his is despicable trash and unworthy of the office. Do NOT redistrict.

Nita Williams, Ms
Self
Audtin, TX

Please stop this restricting because has not been 10 years since the census, do this attempt to draw new maps right now is illegal and unfair.

Kia Biller
Self
Austin, TX

I am a lifelong Texas resident that grew up in a small rural town. I currently reside in Austin. I'd like to go on record in opposition of the redistricting efforts. ALL Texans deserve to be represented by politicians that stand up for their rights and protect our well-being from healthcare to education and everything in between. It is our right to be represented by those in our community. This attempt to steal votes by removing representation should be dismissed immediately and those pushing to steal votes for the corrupt Republican Party should be held accountable.

Cheryl Richter
self
Leander, TX

I SUPPORT HB4 and the proposed redistricting map. I'd prefer more districts to be added to accommodate Texas growth, but can accept the proposed redistricting map.

Robbie Ausley
self
Austin, TX

Please show courage by not supporting Trump's politically-motivated redistricting which is an unnecessary process that will split cohesive communities and impede fair representation.

Francesca Talbert
Self
Wylie, TX

We are not due for new maps until 2031. I want my rep to oppose the redistricting efforts and fully focus on flood and disaster relief during the special session. Thank you.

Kristina Nielsen, Dr.
Self
Garland, TX

This is an undemocratic move. As someone living in the already heavily gerrymandered District 32, I find it insulting and horrifying that we are now going to open up Redistricting whenever a powerful political figure fears their grasp on power may slip. The consequences of this are dire, and I hope the citizens are fully aware of what a race to the bottom to squelch democracy they will set off across the country should they move forward with this. Oppose this move to redistrict.

Laura Kaplan, Nurse
Self
Spicewood, TX

Republicans keep taking rights away from women: healthcare, VOTING, etc. Women fought for the right to vote and we won't let Republicans take it away! Our vote/voice will not be silenced!!

Stephanie Frizzell
self
Dallas, TX

As a Texan, I reject this map!

Chiara Giamona
Self
Wylie, TX

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Margaret Giamona
Self
San Antonio, TX

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Robin Pritchard
Self
Hutto, TX

I am in strong opposition of this obvious power grab and gerrymandering proposed in Texas. The state of Texas and this country is incredibly troubling because it seems as if one political party wants to eliminate the power of a fair and democratic election. The proposed redistricting has the sole purpose of protecting the Republican majority in both the House and Senate. If that's not the reason, then what is????

Walt Davis, Mr.
Self, retired musuem director
Dallas, TX

I am a 3rd generation native Texas living in Dallas in House District 32. Julie Johnson is my representative, not Donald Trump, not Gregg Abbott, not Todd Hunter. The gerrymandered district map you presented to the House and proposed in HB 4 is an offense to any fair-minded citizen. If the map is approved, District 32 will be the poster child for its unconstitutionality. Please withdraw HB 4.

Dawn McAughan, Ms
Self. Texan
Palestine, TX

I oppose this outrageous redistricting map to disenfranchise Texans from true representation. This is bullshit

Anna Dickard
Self; Senior Administrative Associate
Austin, TX

I'm writing to oppose HB 4 and the mid-decade redistricting called by the Governor. The precedent established by a partisan mid-decade redistricting cycle is a setup for downward spiral where many states would gerrymander districts to gain seats for the party in power, leading to constant switching back and forth and getting very little impactful work done in the process. Additionally, it makes no sense to spend any time on further partisan gerrymandering when constituents are still reeling from the aftermath of the recent flooding and devastation; we should be focused on disaster relief and prevention, not infighting.

Donna Twomey, Mrs.
self
Austin, TX

To the "Honorable" Legislators, you represent us the citizens of Texas. We elect you and pay you to act honorably and truthfully in making decisions, laws and policy that benefits us, The People. The proposed redistricting map is nothing more than an order from President Trump and/or his Administration. Y'all need a reminder here that you DO NOT work for President Trump or his administration you work for The People of Texas. Redistricting to find "five seats" dilutes the voices you were elected to champion, is that an honorable way to treat your constituents. Choosing to redistrict to this new "find five seats" map is a dishonest act, not a morally responsible way to represent The People. I and my fellow Texans demand fair representation!

Jean Tanner
self former teacher
Houston, TX

A redistricting map was put forth after the public comment sessions but before the first public session on disaster preparation and flood mitigation. In fact, one member of the Legislature is on both committees, so we know they aren’t both working full-time. It is abundantly clear that the priorities of Gov. Abbott and the Legislature are not with the safety of their constituents or the actual needs of Texans, but with playing political games to rig the midterms at the behest of the President. It is also an admission that elected officials in Texas know that their policies are not popular with voters. Rather than adapting their policies to better fit voters’ concerns, they work to mute certain voices, hoping the rest will fall in line. The problem with that is that President Trump’s policies are underwater with Republicans as well as independents and Democrats. Can you really gerrymander enough to hide a 37% approval rating, and how much will that disapproval rub off on you if you try? We’ll find out. But here is the real question. Since the previous map was drawn in 2021, the state of Texas has testified under oath that the map was drawn race-blind. It’s now 2025, and suddenly we have to redraw the map because the Dept. of Justice said it was racially drawn. No argument, no pointing to the ongoing court battle, the Legislature just caved. Was the state of Texas, namely Sen. Huffman, lying then, or is this committee lying now? Will the state now change their stance in court, plead guilty to perjury? And do Texans think a congressional map is more important than a disaster plan in the middle of hurricane season? Personally, I will be thinking of those who put their jobs ahead of honoring those little girls' lives with a solution when I cast my ballot in the primary and the midterms.

Bryant Quinney
self, Sr. Applications Expert
LITTLE ELM, TX, TX

This is an outright attempt to steal the vote by diluting with such egregiously shaped districts! The will of the people is not being heard with this power grab of the corrupt political party that has been in power way too long in this state to even care. Leave the district makeup as it has been, giving deference to sensible realignment during the next census.

Johanna Owens-Jackson
Self, Teacher
Anna, TX

I am completely opposed to redistricting outside of the regular schedule following the census results. The new proposed map is even more racially prejudiced than the current map. Unfairly attempting to cut five Democrat seats from Texas out of Congress is blatantly discriminatory. It is already settled law that racial gerrymandering is unconstitutional and will immediately tie the state up in further lawsuits that waste time and money, not to mention ignoring the will of many voters. We need fair and free elections, or we cannot call ourselves a functioning democracy anymore. Let elections be won fairly based on good candidates and good policies, not because of unfairly-drawn districts designed to suppress the power of minority voters.

Barb Schmidt
Myself
Coppell, TX

This is a ridiculous power grab. Stop it!

Molly McKee
Self
Austin, TX

I oppose the redistricting MAP as it is drawn. This is a bald faced power grab that does not benefit the people of Texas.

Maureen Morrison
Self/ retired
San Antonio, TX

I support HB 4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Ann Harris, Ms.
Self
Austin, TX

I oppose mid-census redistricting. I support compact districts reflecting communities of interest.

juan lajara, Mr.
self
Austin, TX

Austin in it’s DNA is a liberal community with a blend of conservatism. We should not be forced to represent something we are not. If this bill is passed I will never ever vote republican again considering how skewed and mis represented our community would be misrepresented with this act.

Holly Olson
Self, administrative officer
Hutto, TX

I am VERY opposed to this bill and am completely disgusted by the very obvious corruption, incompetence and capitulation to a convicted felon that our governor and this state government continues to participate in. THIS IS NOT WHAT TEXANS WANT!

Daniel Fu
self, designer
Austin, TX

The plan to continue redistricting Texas in ways that are clearly based entirely on centralizing power in the hands of a particular political party is decidedly against the spirit of this country, if not outright unconstitutional. I've watched this go on for the past few decades, and every time, it shows a complete lack of integrity by those that propose and vote it into reality. If any redistricting happens, it should be done to regress the current districts back into something that makes geographic sense.

Melanie Rummel
Self
Fort Worth, TX

I am against this bill and am appalled at this attempt to further gerrymander Texas. Looking forward to voting you all out!

Kelly Weinschenk
Self, MPP
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose the proposed mid decade redistricting plan (HB?4) being rushed through this special session. This effort is not about fair representation—it is a blatant partisan power grab designed to flip up to five Democratic-held U.S. House seats, including diluting the voices of Central Texas communities in Austin.
This map merges two Austin-based Democratic districts—represented by Reps. Greg Casar and Lloyd Doggett—effectively eliminating one voice from our community and consolidating power.

These changes disproportionately target Black and Latino voters in and around Austin, Houston, Dallas, and South Texas—precisely the voters who fueled Texas's population growth over the past decade. This violates both the Voting Rights Act and constitutional principles of equal protection.

Key concerns:
- Mid decade redistricting is highly unusual and breaks with democratic norms—it inherently prioritizes political gain over public interest
- The compressed timeline—with only a few regional hearings in a state of nearly 30 million people—means many Texans have not had a meaningful opportunity to comment.
- This shift could disrupt constituent services: ongoing cases and relationships with current offices may be severed, harming vulnerable individuals who rely on federal assistance.

I urge lawmakers to:
1. Reject this partisan map and any process that silences public participation.
2. Support an independent redistricting commission or establish clear, non partisan criteria—including contiguity, communities of interest, compactness, and compliance with the Voting Rights Act.
3. Prioritize urgent public needs, such as flood recovery, instead of partisan political maneuvering during this special session
Texans deserve representation based on fairness and integrity—not maps drawn to benefit one party. Democracy only thrives when voters choose their representatives, not the other way around.

Thank you for your service and I urge you to honor the voices of all Texans.
Kelly Weinschenk, MPP

Michelle Vallejo
Self - small business owner/former congressional nominee TX-15
Mcallen, TX

I am submitting this public comment ahead of tomorrow's 10 a.m. hearing to express my complete opposition to the proposed mid-census redistricting maps.

Considering the overwhelming outpour of disapproval, discontent, and even outrage from everyday Texans, the very people whom all legislators are first and foremost accountable to, this process is a betrayal of public trust. Moving forward with this proposal, and wasting our time, resources, and taxpayer dollars, is negligent, irresponsible, and dishonorable.

This entire effort has caused unnecessary unrest in our communities, and it appears to serve no one except Donald Trump. I demand that this committee acknowledge where the support for this mid-census redistricting truly comes from, because it is certainly not from the people of Texas.

Our state deserves a redistricting process that is fair, transparent, and rooted in respect for the voters, not political self-interest. I strongly urge this committee to reject these maps and listen to the people you represent.

Pat Fehrenbacher
Self Retired
Humble, TX

Texas already redrew its congressional maps in 2021, but now Donald Trump and national Republicans are demanding a second redraw, not because of new Census data, but to protect their grip on power as MAGA extremism loses ground. In response, Governor Abbott called a rushed special legislative session just one week after devastating floods hit communities across the state, choosing political manipulation over disaster relief.

This mid-decade redistricting is not normal. It's a calculated, anti-democratic power grab. Do not allow this redistricting to happen! Please think of the people you represent and how this will affect all of us! Thank you

Zachary Zeman
Self/Student
Austin, TX

I'm writing today to express my opinion about the craven plan to disenfranchise democratic voters put forward by republicans in the Texas legislature. Texas is already severely gerrymandered. In the 2024 presidential election (a good year for republicans) 42% of voters voted for the democratic candidate. Meanwhile, only 31% of the Texas congressional delegation are democrats. With the plan to redistrict, 5 democratic seats stand to be lost, putting representation by democrats in the delegation at 18%. That's a 24% mismatch between how voters voted statewide and those representing them in the house. This is plainly unfair and a way for Republicans to mitigate their losses in the midterms at the expense of fair representation for Texas democrats. Politics should be competition for who has the best ideas not who can draw lines cleverly enough to edge out their competitors and choose their voters. If you think your ideas are better, prove it. Fairly.

Katelyn Little
Self
Dallas, TX

The corruption of this special session is so loud and obnoxious. Trump sends the command to get rid of 5 democratic seats and Abbott calls for a special session under the guise of funding for the flooding, and tosses in the extreme anti abortion bill again from the session to top it off. DO NOT APPROVE THE NEW MAP. IT IS BLATANTLY CORRUPT AND DOES NOT REPRESENT THE WISHES OF THE PEOPLE. I AM OPPOSED!

Dale Ritzen
self
Austin, TX

This effort was initiated by Governor Abbott pursuant to a letter from the US DOJ supposedly questioning the diversified constituency in Texas legislative districts. It is an unprecedented act of chicanery to artificially re-orient our state's representation in the House of Representatives in Washington to build/keep a partisan majority there. There is no other reason that this was even considered at this mid-census juncture. It is a blatant political move to ensure that the legislative branch of the US government continues to rubber stamp the actions of the executive branch. In doing so, you will be dividing up neighborhoods of color and communities that share their mutual customs and concerns, i.e. people that we have come to know and work with over time. It is unjustified and unnecessary with lawsuits still pending in the courts from the last attempt at gerrymandering here in Texas. Please consider this a "no" vote to the current redistricting effort. It is not warranted at this time and should never have been initiated during a special session when there are more important items to consider, such as flood control and warnings along the Hill Country waterways.

Susanne Warren
Self
San Antonio, TX

I strongly oppose the passage of the congressional redistricting bill. It is glaringly obvious that Abbott is pressuring Texas Representatives to adopt this measure because he, and they, are concerned they may lose representatives in the midterm elections. And, because Trump is pressuring them to do so. The policies and actions of the current Republican Administration/Regime are extraordinarily and obviously unpopular, as polling indicates. Rather than kowtow to authoritarians, I urge you to do the job you took an oath to do and represent the interests of your constituents.

Stephanie Martinez
Self, Business Owner
Schertz, TX

As a native Texan, one who grew up near the Alamo, the Missions, and San Fernando Cathedral, I know what Texas and its people represent. From the history our state brings to the impacts we make nationally, Texas has been committed to its people. We take pride in our independence and ability to serve ourselves and our nation.

Being forced to do this unlawful and unconstitutional redistricting is not what Texas is about. We make our own decisions and do not let anyone dictate our lives. For republicans to kneel to Trump and give up Texas only proves they are the traitors of Texas and the U.S. Texans are not going to be silenced, we have never been quiet. Texans will fight as we have fought before. Republicans are weak and do not represent Texas, do not represent the people, and do not represent the U.S.

This redistricting is a power grab to steal what Texas always stood for. We will stop this and we will not stand for it. For republicans to willingly give away Texas, is proof that republicans were never Texans.

We demand that you side with Texans if you truly are a Texan. On behalf of all Texans, we demand that you stop the congressional redistricting.

Phyllis Tippit, Dr.
Self, retired pastor
McKinney, TX

Please consider your vote carefully. This kind of gerrymandering gets worse each year as both parties use the other’s actions as an excuse to become ever more extreme. Gerrymandering is always a deliberate attempt to diminish the power of an individual’s vote and is against the basic principles this country was built on.

Shannon Wade, Mrs.
Self
Plano, TX

Stop the gerrymandering. Do not redraw Texas Districts. You are making Texas look like idiots.

Haley Campbell
Self - PM
Austin, TX

This redistricting plan is transparently partisan jerrymandring. In a fair and just government, this map would be illegal. I am strongly opposed to the redistricting plan.

Jennifer Voss
Self
Austin, TX

I am writing to strongly oppose the proposed mid-cycle redistricting maps in Texas. Why?
Texas' Track Record: Texas has had to defend its maps in court after every redistricting process since the Voting Rights Act took effect in 1965.
Proposed Map
The proposed map forces currently elected officials out of office. This is an anti-democracy strategy. Texans voted these officials in and should be empowered to personally vote them in again or vote them out if they choose, and to do so without interference outside of the democratic process. The maps even split neighborhoods and undeniably suppress voters of all walks of life. The proposed map targets urban areas and seeks to dilute their voices, especially voices of minorities. The existing map is already neck-bending in its manipulation. The proposed map exacerbates the current gerrymandering issue. Even a recent Fox News Article (link) stated that the redistricting is attempting to relocate Democratic voters from competitive seats into more Republican-leaning districts and move more Republicans into democratically controlled districts.
No Sound Basis to Redistrict
There is no legitimate reason to redraw districts in the middle of the decade—redistricting is intended to follow the decennial census, not partisan priorities or special interests. This unusual and rushed process only serves to unfairly advantage one party and dilute the voices of independent and democratic voters as well as minority communities (who are not necessarily Democrats), bypassing normal procedures and public input.
Texans' Lives and Taxpayer Dollars
What is most important to handle in a 30 day special session? Revisiting maps that were supposedly drawn fairly and equitably or focusing on protecting Texans from even more unnecessary tragedies during catastrophic weather events? The time spent on this is a waste of time and taxpayer money when there are far more urgent matters to address. The state must not use this special session for political advantage strategy while only giving a passing glance to fixing the unacceptable disaster preparation and response that permeates throughout and leaves hundreds dead. 30 days is short. Special sessions should be focused on dire needs.
Is the Texas GOP admitting racially drawn maps in 2021?
The current maps were just implemented in 2021 and are still being legally challenged; disrupting established districts now undermines stability, public trust, and representative democracy. We're told that the Texas Legislature believes four majority-minority congressional districts in the Houston and Fort Worth areas are unconstitutionally racially gerrymandered. However, a recent trial over Texas' current maps had representatives for the state repeatedly arguing that a race-blind process was used to draw the boundaries of the existing districts. Which is it? We are seeing extreme bait and switch. Can we be proved wrong?
I urge legislators to reject this unnecessary, costly, and undemocratic change

Connie Justice
Self
Austin, TX

I am totally AGAINST the corrupt redistricting of Texas. YOU know it's wrong and WE know it's wrong. Stand up and be a person of integrity and donthe work for THE PEOPLE and stop bending the knee to trump. I'm a 5th generation Texan and I've never been so ashamed of my state. Do better.

Pamela E. Ice
Self, writer, retired college professor
Dallas, TX

My name is Pamela E. Ice. I am a retired educator and I live in the North Oak Cliff neighborhood of Dallas in the already gerrymandered 33rd US Congressional District. I have come here to object to the mid-decade plan to redraw and further Gerrymander our congressional districts.

This redistricting is being entertained at the behest of Donald J. Trump who is searching for Five additional congressional seats to shore up the Republicans' narrow margin in the House. Governor Greg Abbott bowed to Trump's request to add redistricting to the special session agenda which should be focused on the Hill Country flooding, restoration, and future warning systems.

I implore this Congressional Redistricting Committee to decline to undertake this proposed Redistricting.

Sharon Bryan
Self
Dallas, TX

As a proud Texan, I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed mid-decade congressional redistricting plan currently being considered during the special legislative session.
Redistricting is meant to follow the decennial census—not to be used mid-cycle for political advantage. Attempting to redraw congressional boundaries just a few years after the last map was approved, and while legal challenges to those maps are still pending, undermines both public trust and the basic principles of representative democracy.
This proposed action is more than a political maneuver—it strips me of my freedom as a voter by attempting to silence and scatter the power of my voice and my community. It's a blatant act of cheating, breaking the clear rules that are meant to ensure a level playing field in our elections. Texans expect our leaders to play fair, not bend the system in their favor.
I believe every Texan deserves fair and equal representation. Proposing a redistricting plan now, without clear and compelling justification, feels like an attempt to manipulate electoral outcomes rather than a move to strengthen our democratic institutions. It risks splitting communities, diminishing the political influence of fast-growing areas, and eroding confidence in the integrity of the process.
Like so many others, I contribute to this state through my work, my vote, and my civic engagement. I expect my leaders to focus on the real needs facing Texans—like improving public education and weather preparedness, fixing our power grid, addressing health care, mental health care, and housing needs—not on political tactics that divide and disenfranchise.
I am especially concerned about the impact this could have on counties such as Fort Bend, Collin, Dallas, Harris, Travis, Williamson, Bexar, El Paso, Denton, and Tarrant, where communities are growing, thriving, and deserve fair representation.
Texas deserves better than this. I urge you to reject the mid-decade redistricting plan and focus instead on serving the people of this great state with fairness, transparency, and respect for the Constitution. Please remember your oath of office to do just that.

Jessica Ray
Self
Austin, TX

Here is my public comment:

As a proud constituent of Texas' 37th Congressional District, I am writing to express my strong opposition to the current redistricting efforts in our state. The blatant gerrymandering taking place is an affront to the democratic principles that should guide our electoral process.
Austin's vibrant, diverse, and civically engaged population is being deliberately fractured to dilute our collective voice. This isn't about fair representation, it's about political manipulation. Carving up Austin into multiple districts that stretch hundreds of miles beyond the city serves no purpose other than to undermine the will of the people who live and work here.
Every Texan deserves a representative who reflects their community's values and needs. I urge the legislature to put people over politics and commit to a redistricting process that is fair, transparent, and rooted in respect for communities, not partisan gain.

Carly Janak
Self
Cedar Park, TX

I disagree with this attempt to further gerrymander the state of Texas and steal representation, not only from constituents in Texas, but impact fair representation for the entire country. If republicans actually cared about the people they were elected to represent and stood behind their own work they wouldn't hate to cheat to get re-elected.

john daniewicz, Mr
Self; engineer
Austin, TX

The new proposed maps are unconstitutional and violate Article 1, Section 3a of the Texas Constitution. They also violate Section 1 of the Fourteenth Amendment of the US Constitution.

Sarah Martinez
Self
San Antonio, TX

I'm a Texas resident and I oppose the redistricting because it isn't the proper time and it doesn't represent the residents well.

Gary Jones
self / retired
Lake Jackson, TX

This bill should not be forwarded or approved by the committee. In the last election, approximately 40% of voters were voted for Democrat candidates. Therefore, 40% of congressional representatives should have representation. This bill does nothing to create fair representation in the U. S. House of Representatives and as such should not pass.

Richard Ertel
Self
Mountain Home, TX

I oppose HB 4. This bill will move 10 million people out of their current congressional districts. These people will lose their current congressional representatives. This bill will reduce the number of majority minority opportunity districts and will increase the number of anglo opportunity districts, in violation of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Kathleen Jones
Self
Austin, TX

I was born in Texas, raised in Texas, graduated from UT Austin, and I've never lived anywhere outside of Texas in the 48 years I've been on this earth. Being a Texan used to be something I was so proud of. I couldn't imagine living anywhere else. Over the last decade+ I've watched my state become a place I don't recognize. A state I'm embarrassed by. A state run by corrupt, amoral, racist, misogynist, greedy, power-tripping, lying, cheating, criminal thugs. The government is supposed to be for us, the people. Not for a handful of greedy billionaires. And our government is absolutely not meant to serve one dictator/king. Republicans are showing their true colors more than ever at this terrible moment of crisis in our country. It was never about "family values", never about The Constitution (we've watched you tear that to shreds), never about protecting "life" as you seem to enjoy human suffering so much. It's about your insatiable appetites for money and power, and your hatred of anyone who is not a white "Christian" "man". You ignore the voices of the people you swore an oath to serve, take away our voices, and instead serve a wannabe-king who is probably (definitely) a pedophile and rapist. And that is one of the litany of heinous crimes our crass, bullying, lying, cheating, bribe-taking, classified-document-stealing, hate-filled, undignified, unfit, racist, treasonous president has committed. History will not be kind to the GOP (there is nothing "grand" about you people). There is no way to justify this illegal redistricting. You are doing the bidding of your orange master with total disregard to the people of Texas. The Texas Republican Party is an absolute disgrace. This redistricting is wrong, you know it's wrong, and everyone one of you is too spineless, gutless, and heartless to do the right thing. You are just bad people, every single one of you. I can't think of a single thing Republicans have ever done for anyone. Literally not one thing. All you do is take from us, take our money, our rights, our freedoms, and just give, give, give to yourselves. You contribute nothing to society aside from misery. You should all be ashamed, the harm you are doing to real human beings matters!! This is wrong and may all your many misdeeds haunt you for the rest of your pathetic lives.

Jayda Wheat
self
Desoto, TX

As a 22-year-old Texas constituent, I am writing to voice my strong opposition to Governor Abbott's proposed mid-decade redistricting plan. This proposal threatens fair representation by specifically targeting minority coalition districts—CD 9, CD 18, CD 29, and CD 33—which are vital to ensuring communities of color have a voice in our government.

Texas has a well-documented history of federal findings against its redistricting practices for violating the Voting Rights Act and engaging in racial gerrymandering. Although communities of color make up 60% of the state's population, they hold only 34% of congressional seats. The 2021 maps, which are still under federal review, ignored racial data, decreased the number of majority-minority districts, and expanded majority-Anglo districts. This new mid-decade redistricting effort threatens to further weaken the representation of communities that have been fundamental to Texas's growth and diversity.

Longstanding districts like CD 18, which has served as a protected minority seat for over forty years, and CD 33, which gave Tarrant County voters of color a federal voice, are now at risk. These changes go beyond politics—they represent a significant setback for racial equity and fair representation.

I respectfully urge you to oppose this plan and stand up for fair maps and equal representation for all Texans. Thank you for your leadership and your commitment to justice.

Mark McCulloch
self retired
Austin, TX

Let’s start by examining the math. The Republican for president in Texas in 2024 received roughly 56% of the vote; the Democrat received roughly 44%. This translates to 21 Republican and 17 Democratic seats in relation to fairness.
Current distribution is 25 R (66%), 13 D (34%).
Distribution on the newly proposed map would be 30 R (79%), 8 D (21%).
Acceptance of the new map would destroy any hint of fairness.
Acceptance of the new map would destroy any scintilla of communities of interest.
Acceptance of the new map would destroy any whiff of hearing from our rich, wonderful, racially diverse state.
Acceptance of the new map would destroy any glint of contiguousness. (Districts in Central Texas that would run every which way rival most Rorschach tests. Unbelievable and unacceptable.)
Egregiously racist. Egregiously unfair. Egregiously inefficient. Egregiously un-Texan. Your decennial gerrymandering in 2021 was abominable. Your gerrymandering attempts in 2025 are, incredibly, worse. Just stop.

Jack Reaves, Mr.
self
Richardson, TX

yes to HB 4

Mark Dowell
Church of the Savior
Round Rock, TX

Please do the right thing

Jana Dodd
Self
Austin, TX

I am urging our representatives to vote against this racist, gerrymandering bill. We need fair maps and fair elections.

Gilbert Paquian
Self, engineer
Austin, TX

HB4 represents an egregious effort by President Trump to remove representation that opposes his views from the house. This redistricting bill will reduce fair representation in our state and ultimately damage the ability of the house to adequately represent all of Texas’s constituents.

Rachel Coming
Self
Austin, TX

I am in strong opposition of the proposed redistricting in Texas. This proposal is being made prematurely and unnecessarily. This change in districts threatens the democracy of Texans, and is clearly more in favor of the politicians needs rather than the citizens.

Fay Barclay
self - Teacher
Lumberton, TX

I think that redistricting in order to scare up 5 more republican seats is a terrible idea. It may not be illegal, but it is definitely unethical. The people who make up the house of representatives were elected to represent the people of Texas and Texans should come first in every decision that is made. Intentionally rearranging the current districts, which are already gerrymandered for maximum republican benefit, in an effort to silence the voices of your fellow Texans is unacceptable. This is not a matter of democrat vs republican. It's a matter of right vs wrong. And this is wrong. I know it's wrong and you know it's wrong too. We are all Texans together and we are all great - no one is better than anyone else. And we should come first on your list of priorities, not some order from the president. You are essentially selling out your fellow Texans to curry favor with the current president. You are not here to represent his interests. You are here to represent our interests. You are betraying the trust of every Texan by further gerrymandering this state's congressional maps. As Texans, we demand fair representation. We deserve to have representatives who will fight FOR us, not AGAINST us.

Pam Karter
Self
Houston, TX

I'm totally against redrawing the voting district maps in Houston! It's not right or constitutional! Vote against redistricting!

Christina Bonnington
Self, technical writer
Austin, TX

I vehemently oppose this restricting attempt. The people choose legislators to represent them. Legislators do not get to choose the people who represent them. That is not democracy. Any legislator who supports this blatant and corrupt power grab is a failure and a disgrace to our great nation. We are a nation by the people and for the people. Do your job. Otherwise you are destroying democracy.

Megan Cooper, Mes
Self
Austin, TX

This is a clearly partisan move to appease the president and avoid actually representing the Texas residents. I will deeply ashamed of Texas if re districting happens in this manner.

Joyce H. Miller, Dr.
NA
Port Aransas, TX

Please continue to be an honorable voice for the Texas Legislature. Preventing people from voting for people who will represent our local needs is dishonorable in every way. It is impossible for a legislator who lives far from his/her constituents to represent them responsibly and consistently.
Do the right thing: let voting district boundaries be geographically situated as close as possible to the people being served by the elected representatives. PLEASE vote for responsible, responsive districts!

Lucy Long
"Self" retired
Magnolia, TX

The redistricting is a travesty and is nothing more than voter suppression. Our representatives (I use that term lightly as they are not representing me) are bowing to pressure from the governor and the criminal in chief. The present regime's approval is dropping with every stupid move. Do NOT approve this.

Steve Kluchin, Mr.
Self
Del Valle, TX

Gerrymandering and redistricting. Do not remove the 5 districts proposed. This is unconstitutional, unjust, and undermines the system. It would be unethical to follow through with this plan. It would be more appropriate to add districts in population dense areas. Please do the right thing!

Barbara Springer
Self/retired
Austin, TX

This is beyond partisan to redistrict in Texas when your constituents don't want it. Please spend your time on issues that are more important to everyone.

Drew Tonjes
Self / N/A
Pearland, TX

I am a constituent of Texas's 9th Congressional District, represented by Congressman Al Green, who has diligently served our community. I strongly oppose HB 4. Voters are supposed to choose their representatives, not the other way around. Manipulating maps to stay in power comes at the expense of Texans and undermines democracy.

It is wrong to manipulate districts to increase partisan control, especially when that control comes at the expense of communities like mine. This effort would silence the voices of Black, Brown, Indigenous, immigrant, and working-class Texans. All voters deserve representation that reflects their values, needs, and lived experiences, not the political interests of those in power.

District maps should be drawn to keep communities intact by reflecting where people live, work, and go to school together, rather than splitting them apart to serve political interests. We deserve representatives who know our neighborhoods and are accountable to our shared needs.

I urge lawmakers to reject HB 4 and commit to fair, community-informed districting that reflects the diversity and strength of Texas.

Thank you.

Mara LaViola, Ms.
Self
Austin, TX

Public Comment Opposing HB4 – Redistricting in Texas
To the Select House Redistricting Subcommittee
89th Texas Legislature, Special Session 1
August 1, 2025

My name is Mara LaViola. I'm a lifelong Texan, a committed voter, and an advocate for equity and civil rights. I am writing today to urge you to vote NO on House Bill 4.

HB4 is not about fairness. It is not about fixing representation. It is about rigging the game. There is no legal, constitutional, or demographic justification for redrawing congressional maps in the middle of the decade. The only thing driving this process is a public directive from the President to create five more Republican seats—a blatant attempt to skew the outcome of the next election before a single vote is cast.

This is not redistricting. This is manipulation.

Even worse, the process outlined in HB4 completely disregards transparency, public participation, and basic fairness. Texans are being given 30 days to digest a massive overhaul of our representation—with no obligation to provide five days' notice for maps, no impact analysis for communities of color, and no requirement to preserve communications or map drafts.

This follows the same pattern the federal courts condemned in both 2011 and 2019—closed-door decisions, rushed hearings, and intentional exclusion of public and minority voices. And we remember what those courts said: that Texas's redistricting process had discriminated against people of color on purpose.

And now we're doing it again.

HB4 limits public input.
HB4 offers no meaningful review time.
HB4 does not protect the voting strength of historically marginalized communities.
HB4 fails the basic test of democracy.

I am asking you—on behalf of families like mine, and voters across this state—to reject this bill. The integrity of our elections and the trust of your constituents are at stake.

Don't be part of a rushed, partisan power grab. Stand up for a process that is open, accountable, and fair.

Please vote no on HB4.

Thank you,
Mara LaViola

Stacey Lawson

Self, my children's future

Belton, TX

Right now, families in Central Texas are burying their children. Little girls were swept away in floodwaters. Entire families were lost. Communities are reeling from unprecedented devastation, and instead of addressing this urgent crisis, our state leaders are obsessing over gerrymandered redistricting maps designed to consolidate power, not serve the people.
This is not governance. This is grotesque negligence.
Texans are dying. Infrastructure is collapsing. Our climate vulnerabilities are becoming deadly realities. Where is the comprehensive flood mitigation plan? Where is the statewide emergency relief? Where is the acknowledgment of this trauma and loss?
Instead, Texas legislators are holding hearings on maps. As if lines on paper matter more than lives in danger. We are watching a government more concerned with choosing their voters than protecting them.
Let me be clear. This is not democracy. When the party in power uses tragedy as cover to redraw districts that silence millions of voices, especially voters of color, it is not democratic. It is authoritarian.
If my neighbor and I are separated on a map because someone in Austin thinks we will vote differently, that is not representation. It is rigging. My community deserves to be heard, not carved up for political convenience. We deserve representatives who serve us, not political games that reduce our power.
I am a mother. I am responsible for showing my children what democracy looks like. What they are seeing is not democracy. It is what democracy looks like as it is being dismantled.
To my Democratic representatives: do not lend legitimacy to this sham. Break quorum. Walk out. Refuse to sit at the table of a process that mocks our pain and ignores our needs. We elected you to stand up for us, and right now, that means standing fully against the dismantling of democracy.
History will not forget that while Texas families grieved their dead, the legislature redrew maps.
Be on the side of the people, not the procedure.
We demand better. We deserve better. And we see exactly what you are doing.

Connor Hall

Denton County Democratic Party

Denton, TX

When your time on earth is done, you will have to stand before God and testify for all that you have done. If you go through with this, you will have to tell him that you acted unjustly towards the people you swore to represent. How do you think God is going to take that?

Debra Cantoni-Sementelli

self

Carrollton, TX

This is not only not necessary but an obvious attempt by President Trump to gerrymander Texas to create the 5 more seats he specifically, publicly asked for. To the contrary, no actual Texas legislators asked for this. This map will totally disenfranchise Black and Brown voters. It's also unconstitutional and a blatant and obvious attempt to cheat and rig the midterm elections. And it's a disservice to all the citizens of Texas.

Lianna Patch

Self - Consultant

Austin, TX

This is blatantly atrocious gerrymandering for the sole purpose of giving the GOP outsized representation — so they can continue to oppress the working class. We do not want this. No one wants this. You should be ashamed of yourselves. VOTE NO.

Mackenzie Bettineschi
Self
Houston, TX

I’m writing to express my deep concern about the proposed redistricting efforts in Texas, which appear aimed at gaining additional Republican seats rather than ensuring fair and representative districts. As your constituent, I strongly oppose any gerrymandering that prioritizes party power over the voices of the people.

Redistricting should be about accurate representation…not manipulation. Every voter, regardless of political affiliation, deserves an equal voice in our democracy. I urge you to reject any partisan redistricting plans and support a transparent, fair process that reflects the true makeup of our communities.

Please stand for democracy and fair representation. Texans are watching.

Sandra Kuehl, MS
"Self" Retired Public Health Dietitian
Houston, TX

This bill is wrong in so many ways..Whoever drew it cant be a Texan.. Texans wouldn't treat their constituents in such a way... Especially mid decade...Shame on all of yall responsible for screwing the urban areas by limiting their representation when it's well known that we the people produce the tax revenue for rural texas to survive. Redistricting should NOT be done mid decade... that shows bowing down to the felon in washington who had the maps done... BS on yall THIS IS WRONG

Ryan McKelvy-Gonzales
Self
Dallas, TX

This stunningly blatant power grab by President Trump and Governor Abbott by pushing for mid-decade redistricting threatens fair elections and silences working people. We’ve already drawn the maps—this is about power, not people. These maps will greatly worsen gerrymandering in the state of Texas which is already one of the most gerrymandered states in the country. Democracy works best when it works for all of us. This attempt for politicians to pick their constituents and unfairly gain additional seats in Congress is illegal, immoral, and a threat to the integrity of our nation. As a constituent in the state of Texas I demand legislators and the governor end this illegal attempted power grab and instead opt for transparency, accountability, and fairness lest we lose the democracy we’ve had for the last 250 years.

Regards,
Ryan McKelvy
Dallas, TX

Mary Wilson
Self
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose this redistricting.

Ellis Mumford-Russell
self
Austin, TX

Current redistricting efforts by the Texas lege are an infringement on my rights as a Texas voter. By intentionally dividing population centers and creating obviously gerrymandered districts, the lege strives to silence the voices of their constituents. Do not forget that representatives are supposed to be working for their constituents, not the party, not their donors, not the president -- US! In redistricting this way, the representatives make it clear that they know that their policies are unpopular and the only way they can continue to hold onto power is by making the maps unjust and gerrymandered. This is a disgrace!

Anna Derengowski
self, software developer
Austin, TX

I am firmly opposed to the proposed redistricting map. The proposed map is racial gerrymandering. A new racially gerrymandered district map is not an improvement on the current racially gerrymandered district map. I am opposed to mid-decade redistricting, and urge Texas to put the redistricting process in the hands of an independent commission.

Michael Wolbaum
self
Austin, TX

The redistricting is nothing more than empowering an incumbent party who already manages this power via infamous gerrymandering. The maps were already redrawn in 2021, and this quick redraw perfectly lines up with President Trump asking Governor Abbott for five more Congressional seats. This new district map, by 2024 election numbers, would flip exactly 5 Democratic seats over to the Republicans. My current district, number 35, would be moved entirely out of Austin, instead merging into the new District 37. This new district is focused mainly on the main urban population of Austin/Travis Country, and move more blue voters into a district that was already decidedly blue. Elected Democrats would have their districts moved to areas that have less than 50% current overlap with their current district area, essentially forcing them to run for re-election in an entirely new district, the logic of which baffles the mind.

Under the 2024 voting results, white majority districts would go up from 22 to 24 districts, while the largest demographic group in the state, Hispanics, go from 7 to 8 districts. The previous redistricting of the 18th District was already flagged by the US DOJ for racial gerrymandering, but now with the current DOJ serving as an attack dog for President Trump and the GOP, the Texas GOP has little to no oversight from the federal government to keep them from violating civil rights.

Vote no on this redistricting.

Matthew Anderson
self
Austin, TX

I support this revision. As a resident of Travis County in the City of Austin, thank you for your work to improve my representation in the House.

Ann Locasio, Dr.
Self, Treatment plan coordinator
Austin, TX

I am firmly opposed to redistricting. It is unnecessary as it is not required at this time and there are so many other pressing issues for the legislature to address, such as Texas flooding and climate change mitigation. When I attended the last hearing, there were not even any maps provided. The redistricting is happening because Governor Abbott said so, and Governor Abbott said so because Trump's White House said so. Such federal interference with state government is unprecedented. The effect of targeting the specific districts that were chosen is to dilute the power of racial minorities. This was found to be problematic by courts in 2011 and 2019. The districts chosen are urban minority-majority districts. So, this is race-based gerrymandering designed to weaken the representation of communities of color. It also sets a precedent of allowing anyone from any party to do redistricting at any time to favor their party. For all of these reasons, this redistricting should not happen.

margaret tiedeken
self
austin, TX

redistricting hurts Republicans, we don't need that. please vote against.

Zach Brittain
Sed
El Paso, TX

This redistricting plan, which is nothing more than a blatant power grab by Republicans, would effectively leave El Paso without the congressional representation. There is absolute no reason that a City of El Paso’s size should be part of a the same congressional district as San Antonio. How is a congressional member that lives over 500 miles away supposed to have the best interest of El Pasoans in congress?? Not only this, but the current representative of the proposed district regularly votes against the interests of El Paso by supporting cuts to veterans programs, nutrition programs, infrastructure funding, water and wastewater funding, and more.

Sophia Mirto
Self
Austin, TX

A mid-decade redistricting is an absolutely absurd use of TX Lege time in the wake of a massive disaster with a death toll of over 150 Texans. We are paying everyone in the TX Capitol building salaries to govern for the "benefit of the people" and according to their oath to the constitution. If the GOP is creating such unpopular policies that they are afraid of the midterms, they should change their policy agenda rather than trying to change our representative districts. This is an unconstitutional power grab and an embarrassing capitulation to a wanna-be-dictator who violates his oath of office every day, without fail. If the hearings so far are anything to go by, the TX GOP is indeed uniting the state - against them. We would like representatives with spines, please, who attend to the needs of Texans rather than blindly obeying the executive branch (as we have never done before). Central Texas families are still burying their children. Spending time on a redistricting power-grab, at this moment, is deeply insulting to the families who were devastated by the flood.

Bertha Rogers
Self
El Paso, TX

Just leave the district the way it is. Making it part of another district that isn’t even close makes no sense. As a registered Republican I’m very disappointed in the party and the state. Leave things as they are. The party is not looking out in the people. Hands OFf

Katherin Hodet-Sar
Self
El Paso, TX

I do not feel representation properly with this new redistricting. Those that are currently representation me were elected to do so, I do not want to be representation by someone I did not choose from a different district. The people have the right to choose their representation.

marco lofat
self
Austin, TX

This Bill is aimed at silencing the opposing voices to the GOP agenda in Central Texas and has no legal or demographic justification. It is ethically wrong and the proponents should be ashamed of trying to get this done while other urgent issues in Texas such as Health Care, Education, Infrastructure, Disaster Readiness are set aside and rank low on the GOP's agenda.

Mary Breen, Ms
Self
Austin, TX

Donald Trump should not be allowed to manipulate our districts in order to gain more support for himself and his programs that are harmful to every day Texans.

Aradhana Panicker
SAAVE TX
Dallas, TX

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Sincerely,
Aradhana Panicker
Dallas, TX

Amanda Neary
Self
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose redistricting Texas mid-decade. This is unnecessary and a blatant use of illegal gerrymandering. Wait for the census like you are supposed to!

Nancy Ramsey
Pflugerville Democrats Club
Pflugerville, TX

The city of Pflugerville and its surrounding area is already divided into a ridiculous map. Most of the Pflugerville area is currently in District 10, with Rep. Michael McCaul. The rest of us are either in 37 with Rep. Lloyd Doggett, or in 35 with Rep. Greg Casar, or District 17 with Pete Sessions. It's already a bad map, and the proposed map would make it worse.

This proposed new map puts Pflugerville into District 11, which starts just shy of New Mexico in Midland-Odessa, then heads east through San Angelo and 17 mostly empty rural counties, then Horseshoe Bay and a sliver of Marble Falls, to finally stop at the east end of Pflugerville.

District 11 is currently represented by August Pfluger, who is a MAGA representative and doesn't represent our fair city.

Please don't vote to move this map on Friday because it's an even worse map that what we currently have. We don't want our city divided up and represented by politicians who do NOT represent us.

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Tell Trump to worry about problems at the federal level, which he doesn't seem to have time for. He needs to let Texas decide how our map should look not the President. What happens if a Democratic president is in office next and ask California to create 5 more Democratic leaning districts? This is crazy. Please have a backbone, and tell Trump to stay out of the business of Texans and our voting.

Thanks,
Nancy

Preeta Monga
Self
Dallas, TX

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Preeta
Dallas, Texas

Ramesh Panicker

Self

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Sincerely,
Ramesh Panicker
Dallas, Texas

Bridget Shannon, Dr

Self

Frisco, TX

I wholeheartedly support HB4- the proposed redistricting map. It’s past time for the “other” people of these districts to have a voice!

Ellen Lopez

Self

N. Richland Hills, TX

It is important that our census be accurate as well as in alignment with the actual political geography of the state - which has changed. Pass HB 4 ASAP. Thank you!

Elyse Munselle
Self
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose the redistricting proposal currently under review. Redistricting is traditionally conducted once every ten years following the census to ensure fair representation. This mid-decade effort, initiated without legal mandate and reportedly influenced by partisan demands for additional seats, undermines public trust in the legislative process.

This proposal appears to serve political objectives rather than the needs or voices of Texans. It risks disproportionately silencing Black and Latino communities, further eroding fair representation in a state that is increasingly diverse. Every voter deserves equal power at the ballot box — this map threatens that principle.

Texans should choose their elected officials, not the other way around. I urge the committee to reject this map and recommit to a transparent, accountable redistricting process that prioritizes voters over political advantage.

James Lindsay, Mr
Self
Austin, TX

Leadership of the State of Texas

Let me be frank and very direct. Redistricting is bad for Texas and bad for America. The message you are sending is also very clear on the language you have posed. Specifically you are telling America two major things: first you are telling us that district redraw is something you can do to create an u balance, inequitable slice at voting precincts. The second thing you are telling us is that you are so terribly frightened of the integrity of this federal administration that you know for certain the next election cycle will possibly go democratic. Both of these reasons are not the purpose of redrawing voting lines at all, and you know it.

I will urge you to end this conversation in its tracks, and perhaps you will garner favor from the Texas public. The alternative is nothing more than teething on the teat of corruption.

James lindsay

Joel Lucio, Mr.
Self - Mental Health Therapist & Researcher
Laredo, TX

This absurd gerrymandered plan speaks of Republican’s cowardice. This plan seeks to silence any form of democracy left in our state, freely giving way to a one-party authoritarian regime.

Texas is great, and it has immense potential to be even greater, but it is unfortunately being strangled by Republicans who only serve themselves and their whiny, insecure, wannabe dictator. This terrible gerrymandered map is another example of this.

Focus on improving education, healthcare access, research, infrastructure, climate resistance—ANYTHING that benefits Texans. Not this.

Texas is already heavily gerrymandered, and this map further devastates the people’s will. If you lose, lose like a man. This reeks of weakness. This map should be completely dismissed, and Republicans should do better at their jobs in serving the people of Texas.

Carole Owen
Self/retired
Lubbock, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Amber Meinzer
Self, Risk-Manager
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose the Texas Senate Republicans' redistricting effort, which represents a blatant attempt to undermine fair representation and manipulate electoral outcomes for partisan gain. Rather than reflecting the true diversity and demographic growth of Texas—particularly among communities of color—this redistricting plan dilutes their political power and entrenches incumbents by drawing lines that prioritize party control over the will of the people. Such gerrymandering erodes public trust in our democratic institutions, suppresses voter voices, and violates the principle of equal representation. This is not governance—it’s political rigging, and Texans deserve better.

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Tim Blair
Self
McKinney, TX

Redistricting again before the next census is unnecessary. This map will further hamper representation of all non Republicans.

Alonna Beatty
Self
Manchaca, TX

Do NOT redistrict the state of Texas. Redistricting should occur after a census. There is no reason to redistrict right now. Doing so shows that the current majority of the Texas House of Representatives does not believe in the democratic process but wants to attempt to secure a majority in the future by rigging the system in the favor of one party over another. Redistricting without any sort of transparency does not help represent the people, thereby by-passing our system of democracy to rule over us and not allowing the residents of Texas to choose representatives who truly speak for the majority. Please do not pass HB 4. Thank you.

Iliana Holguin
El Paso County Commissioners Court
El Paso, TX

Let me be clear: this is not a partisan issue. This is about fair and legal representation. The Supreme Court just days ago paused a lower court decision that would have blocked private citizens from enforcing the Voting Rights Act—preserving the public's right to challenge unlawful redistricting. This ongoing litigation—including challenges brought by LULAC, MALC, and other civil rights organizations—focuses directly on the kinds of discriminatory impacts being proposed here today. The courts are watching, and so is our community.
The numbers alone tell the story. In Texas, rural and majority-white districts are being underpopulated—some by over 5%, while heavily Latino urban districts like those in El Paso are being overpopulated—by as much as 8%, according to data presented in the ongoing federal litigation. For example, while the ideal population for a House district in Texas is approximately 195,700 residents, some rural Anglo districts have as few as 186,000, while El Paso's districts are nearing or exceeding 212,000 residents. That's not just a demographic trend—it's strategic malapportionment. It ensures that votes in rural Anglo areas count more than those in El Paso. That is not equal representation. That is not democracy.
Furthermore, dividing El Paso into multiple congressional districts—some potentially linked to areas with no cultural or geographic connection to our border community—would directly harm our residents. It would mean less access to federal resources, less accountability from elected officials, and less responsiveness to our community's unique needs. We've already heard concerns from local leaders like State Representative Joe Moody about how disconnected representation could delay emergency response, undercut long-term planning, and weaken cross-government collaboration.
As an attorney, I also want to emphasize: proposals like these are not just politically harmful, they are legally vulnerable. Texas has a long and well-documented history of Voting Rights Act violations during redistricting. This is yet another chapter—and one we have a moral and legal obligation to stop before it goes any further.
To this committee, I ask you to rise above the politics. Look past partisan advantage. Recognize that communities like El Paso are better served when they are represented by leaders who come from them, who understand them, and who are chosen by them. Representation is not a game. It's a promise.
I urge you to reject any maps that reduce the number of Latino opportunity districts, that divide El Paso County, or that dilute the voting strength of communities of color. Our district, our county, and our residents deserve fair representation that honors our growth, respects our diversity, and complies with the law.
Thank you for your time, and for your serious consideration of what is at stake.

Yvonne Gonzalez
Self
Cedar Park, TX

I strongly oppose Texas' proposed congressional redistricting map, which undermines fair representation and disproportionately harms communities of color. This plan is a transparent partisan power grab, designed to silence voters by dismantling competitive districts and diluting minority voting strength—especially in Austin

The map intentionally fractures communities of color, packing Black and Latino voters into fewer districts while spreading Republican voters into Democratic-held areas. These changes violate the Voting Rights Act, prioritizing political gain over equitable representation. The fact that 30 of 38 districts would now favor Trump by double-digit margins—despite Texas' rapidly diversifying population—exposes this as an undemocratic scheme to rig future elections.

I ask that you reject this discriminatory map and commit to a transparent, nonpartisan redistricting process that respects all Texans—not just one party's agenda. Our democracy deserves better.

Judy Doughty
Self.
Waller, TX

Ya'll BETTER get this redistribution done BEFORE YOU RECESS.

Salvador Meza
Self
Austin, TX

This is not OK. Please do whatever it takes to prevent this from happening. Voices are beings silenced and it’s an obvious way of rigging the system.

Harper Klamian
Self
Austin, TX

I'm opposed to the idea of spending time and money on efforts to redraw districts without an updated census and on demands from the president

Linda Miller
Self
Austin, TX

I am 100% opposed to redistricting our maps at this point in time. The 2021 maps already have been drawn to give an unfair representation for Republicans over Democrats in the State, and the thought that you would gerrymander them even MORE because Donald Trump told you to, is just outrageous. Frankly, it makes me
wonder what dirt he has on Republican law makers in Tx, that they will bow to his command so easily. Please do the moral and correct thing and leave the maps alone. Out democracy depends on giving equal representation to ALL Texas. I fear we are entering an era where half of all Texas are experiencing taxation without representation. Last time that happened, it was fixed with a war. Let’s not go that route. Thank you.

Grace Dickinson
Self
Houston, TX

I am vehemently opposed to this bill. It is a blatant attempt to manipulate voting power. The districts belong to the people you must take us seriously. Thank you.

Crystal Cross
Self
Pflugerville, TX

Greatly opposed!

Carmen Lynn
Self
San Antonio, TX

This is a disgusting ploy & I hope that if this redistricting gets passed, Texas citizens use it to wake up! Most of you all (Texas politicians) are doing a piss poor job at running this state. That being said may everyone that supports this bill be fired by the people they are elected to represent!

Jeanette Flexer, MS
self
Dripping Springs, TX

I'm a Texas voter, and I’m deeply concerned about the proposed redistricting maps. They seem designed to give one party an unfair advantage instead of reflecting real communities. That’s not how democracy should work.
Please prioritize fair representation, not political power. Texans deserve districts that make sense and give all voters an equal voice.

Emily Wischnewsky

self

Austin, TX

Good morning. My name is Emily Wischnewsky and I'm here to testify against the Mid-Census Redistricting Maps in Texas. Before I begin, I'd like to honor the 136 people who died less than a month ago in the Central Texas floods. —moment of silence— Thank you.

I'm 33, grew up in Houston, have lived in Fort Worth, and now live in Austin. I'm a Texas A&M graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies, a former middle school math and science teacher, a former homeowner, a small business owner, a sterilized single woman, and a proud member of the queer community. Texas is my home, and I'm fighting for it and future generations.

This mid-census redistricting effort is legally, ethically, and morally wrong — and you know it. The people of Texas, the United States, and the world know it. The GOP fears Texans because they know their unpopular policies and lack of integrity will cost them in 2026.

We're mid-census — redistricting isn't due. The only reason this is on the table is because Donald Trump openly said he wants to redraw Texas maps to gain five Republican seats. His words: "Texas will be the biggest one. Just a simple redrawing, we pick up five seats."

That's not democracy. That's political manipulation, authoritarianism, a constitutional coup.

As a former math and science teacher, I know numbers don't lie: Texas is a majority-minority state, but our House doesn't reflect that. This redistricting will worsen the imbalance. Instead of serving constituents or addressing the devastating floods that killed 136 Texans, our leaders are rushing an unlawful power grab.

This is not about fairness — it's about fear. We will not bend the knee to a convicted felon and known bigot. Your closed-door meetings are made of glass; we see what you're doing. You've chosen to act as cogs in a machine of corruption, bending to authoritarian power instead of honoring your oath to the people.

Ten million Texans are being moved, 6.6 million of them people of color. We will not forget this attempt to silence our voices. We will not forgive the harm you're inflicting on future generations in the name of political gain.

We want lawmakers who represent us, not oligarchs. Leaders who listen, not gaslight. A government that serves constituents, not Project 2025 — already halfway complete and moving into Project Esther.

We are paying attention. And we're not going anywhere.

While I'm disgusted with most Texas leaders — namely Greg Abbott, Ted Cruz, and John Cornyn — I thank those fighting for us: Jasmine Crockett, Greg Casar, James Talarico, Lloyd Doggett, Sarah Eckhardt, Molly Cook, Al Green, Sylvia Garcia, and the late Sheila Jackson Lee and Sylvester Turner.

Thank you for your attention and consideration in blocking these gerrymandered maps. I yield my time.

Ann Smith

Self

Austin, TX

Again free and fair elections are under attack, an attack mainly led by our bully president. I strongly disapprove of the timing and protocol of this attempt at redistricting. Sadly, Texas leads the nation in its willingness and receptivity to President Trump undermining Democracy at every turn. The Texas flood in Kerr County should be the topic of discussion, not this untimely decision to recreate a voting map. So utterly in poor taste. We Texans deserve good, sound government, not people who bow to bullies.

Rochelle Borne

Self-AR Specialist

Round Rock, TX

This is blatant gerrymandering that no one in the state of Texas asked for! You are attempting to circumvent the will of the people and it is disrespectful and disgusting. You are not civil servants and should be ashamed of yourselves. Most of you probably claim to be Christian and this is the most in-Christlike action. You swore to serve the Constitution when you took on this role, NOT to serve Donald Trump. Vote NO on this horrendous, anti-Constitutional legislation.

Geoffrey Chambless
Self software developer
Austin, TX

I oppose this redistricting

virginia daniel
self
Athens, TX

I am the widow of a Dallas Firefighter and live in House District 32. My friends and neighbors are highly deversivied group feel that the new congressional map that's being proposed by nationwide Republicans is unfair to us Texans and the nation at large. This map would silence our voices. It is not representative of those who put you in office. Do your job. Hear us as we speak clearly. We expect you to stand up to Trump and the GOP! Do the right thing by voting against a map that does not relect us or our values in House Bill 4

Sydney Trautwein
Self
Austin, TX

I oppose the proposed maps as they will be unfair

Martin Saenz
LULAC and Self
Garland, TX

Hello Chair and Vice Chair and members of the committee.
My name is Martin Saenz and I am here representing Lulac has their State Director for LGBTQIA. Thank you for letting me come and speak to you all today I am here to oppose the redrawing of in regards to the redistricting maps that were drawn I feel that these maps are very gerrymandered and I feel that they are also more biased and one sided and I feel that these are discriminatory in regards to the way they were drawn I feel that these maps were drawn specifically to quiet and silent the voices of the Latino and black voters so I feel that this maps should be redrawn and be marginalized to fit the community that lives there so I feel that we need to stop kissing the boots of the man from New York and stand up for ourselves as Texans because we don't bow down to a 34 count felon. Like everyone has stated in the earlier hearings we are watching you and we will take names of how you vote on this maps that were drawn from someone out side the State and also has far as I see drawing current Members of Congress out of there districts is illegal and unconstitutional.

Hiram Tovar
Self
Eagle Pass, TX

Gerrymandering is institutionalized racism. The Texas Legislature has a duty to represent and defend its constituents. Yet today, it quietly kneels to authoritarianism. Any representative who defends this racist, unconstitutional law is a coward caving to fascism.

We, the people, elected you to speak up for us, so do your job. We demand fair voting maps. The idea of redrawing electoral districts before the midterm elections is a desperate act of corruption. It is blatantly clear that republicans want to rig the voting system. This administration seeks to silence the voices of minorities in order to empower autocrats in Washington, D.C.

Democracy is under attack on all fronts by corrupt fascists. As members of the Texas Legislature, it is your sworn duty to fight corruption and protect the people who elected you. If you cannot fulfill that duty, then resign and make way for those who truly care about this state and its people.

Samuel Evans, Mr.
self
Garland, TX

Texas has larger concerns than kowtowing to the President to further silence the voices of the non-far-right in this state. We cannot let this man control the direction of our state.

Briana Gowing
self
Austin, TX

Redistricting mid-cycle is illegal! Why are the Republicans JUMPING to appease President Trump? This is Texas. Focus on saving Texas lives with advanced bad weather warnings in remote areas.

Jean Barton
Self
Austin, TX

I completely disagree and so does everyone I know.

KENNETH JONES
Self - retired
LAVON, TX

Texans are being treated with total disrespect by the political system, when determining the boundaries in such a way as to remove the voices of persons of color - Black, Brown, Yellow, Red, every variation there of except "white"- in an effort to appease the President of these United States in his plan to destroy all Federal programs which states and voting public have benefited from for nearly 100 years. In this effort to give 1 man absolute power, we take away the 1 man 1 vote goal of the Civil Rights legislation of 1964. The voices of 300 million Americans reside in their ability to be heard, not ruled by tyranny through giving 1 man whatever he wishes. This bill seeks to destroy the very foundation of our Constitution, which decreed our freedom from a king, only to have Texas House seek to install a new one 250 years later. The absurdity of such dilution of the voices of these persons is no better exhibited than in the US Speaker of the House's district, Louisiana's 4th Congressional District which stretches from virtually the Northwest corner down to the Gulf of America, in order put as many lily-white voters in align as possible. Now our Texas Legislature at the behest of our Governor & the President seeks to do the same in diluting the voices of Texans.

Dana Azurin
Self
Pflugerville, TX

The proposed congressional map is even more racially biased than the 2021 maps. The proposed map makes no sense as districts are splitting urban neighborhoods and cities into slivers and extending them to farm lands and other rural communities. This makes it harder for lawmakers to focus on the topics of interest in their districts when there are too many interests to focus on. Geographically, I have seen this inhibit Rep Sessions ability to even visit my city to host a town hall, it feels as though we don't matter to him. This is not how a constituent should see their rep.

The lack of transparency over this topic and the lack of interest in holding hearings in the most affected districts is of deep concern.

The fact that the map clearly targets Congresswoman's Crockett district, someone willing to question congressional actions, is also telling of the authoritarian nature that state and federal Republicans are leaning towards.

Bowing down to out of state entities to try and force the passage of unjust federal laws, is not the way I was taught Texas politics should work. Please do not approve the proposed map!!

Donna Morrow, Ms
Self/ retired
Austin, TX

I oppose redistricting during mid-census year

Linda Miller
Self
Austin, TX

I am 100% opposed to redistricting our maps at this point in time. The 2021 maps already have been drawn to give an unfair representation for Republicans over Democrats in the State, and the thought that you would gerrymander them even MORE because Donald Trump told you to, is just outrageous. Frankly, it makes me
wonder what dirt he has on Republican law makers in Tx, that they will bow to his command so easily. We are getting to a point where half the State residents will be taxed without representation in the legislature. Last time this happened in America, it ended with a war. Let’s not go that route. Thank you.

John Mckiernan-Gonzalez
SELF - teacher
AUSTIN, TX

Dear House Committee,
Cheers, greetings and salutations.
My name is John Mckiernan-Gonzalez, I work at Texas State. This comment, however, has nothing to do with my job and everything to do with democracy in Texas. I am here of my own volition, and I want you all to defend democracy and due process. Let the current map go through litigation.
When I was screwing up, my mom always told me, dime con quien andas, y te dire quien eres. In English, Crosby, Stills and Nash shortened it a bit: "love the one you are with."
I live and work in CD 35, Greg Casar's district, and for the first time, I feel the txlege knows me and my people. I live in the poorest and most ethnically diverse zip code in Austin. I work at a public university that draws 1/3 of its students from Austin, 1/3 from San Antonio, maybe 15% from Houston and maybe 10% from Dallas. And, we have rural roots that stretch all the way back to LBJ and Uvalde. For me, and for all the working people who take I-35 to San Antonio, San Marcos or Austin, this district knows me – an economy based on construction, public schools, IT, universities, and migrant communities, many of whom care for and work for people in wealthier zip codes. I wish more Texans could have a district that so ably represents their community of interests and feels like home.

However, this ain't so for the majority of Black, Latino and Asian communities in Texas, and my comfort comes from a state-wide disenfranchisement.

We live in a state of 30 million people, a majority-minority state where 39% marked themselves as Latino, 13.6% as Black, 6.3% as Asian and 42% as white, and the second largest Native population in the USA. Our congressional representatives do not reflect this ethnic distribution. Seven hearings will not do for 30 million people.

They do not mirror the political distribution of the Texas where, say, 55% voted for Ted Cruz, and 45% voted for Colin Allred. If everyone's votes in the Senate translated directly to congressional races, we would have 21 Republican congressional representatives and 17 Democratic congressional representatives. Instead, we have 25 Republicans and 12 plus one Democratic Party representatives. This is 72% of the already available seats, taken from 55% of voters. This is an uncanny overperformance.

The push to 30 Republican seats and 8 democratic seats would mean 55% of the votes would get 80% of the representation in congress, which is a deeper distortion of all of the voters in Texas, and in particular the 45% who voted for the democratic Senate candidate, and would only have 20% of the seats available. (2 people, one vote for democrats; 3 people, five votes for the Republicans),

Trust the courts and the voting rights specialists to work out a proper district.

If you vote for this plan, you will make clear 'que no andan con Texas.' Rather, you love the one you are not with, the senior citizen in the white house. And, last I checked, Texas will outlive us all.

Jennifer Lord
Self
Austin, TX

I am strongly opposed to redistricting done by house members or frankly any member of government. Any redistricting should and must be done by a committee of non-partisan citizens.

Amanda Gegoux, Mrs
Self Radiologic Technologist
Leander, TX

Please explain to me how I am supposed to believe that anyone who votes to gerrymander this state more that it already is has any respect for democracy? I'm so tired of greedy Republicans cheating the system to stay in power with no regard for the needs of the constituents they are supposed to represent. When every child has food, superior public education and health insurance we can talk. Otherwise, I will continue to push for change. Do better!

Honey Weinstein
Self
AUSTIN, TX

Is this manipulation and an unethical power grab. Please ask yourself before you vote is it right or is it political. Can you explain to your children and someday grandchildren how this vote supports democracy? Do the right thing not just to win but think if you were on the other side of this. Would it be right and fair to all the citizens of Texas? Please do the right thing so all voters can be heard.

Elisabeth Fischer
Self
San Antonio, TX

Against - I oppose the new redistricting maps in House Bill 4 (HB 4). They are designed to dilute the voting power of communities of color and are blatant gerrymandering.

Kimberly Wassmuth
Self
Round Rock, TX

I oppose this bill.

Catherine Faver, Dr.
Self, Retired
Katy, TX

As a resident of Katy, TX (Texas House district 132 and Texas Senate district 17). I am writing to OPPOSE mid-census cycle redistricting. There is no justification for the current redistricting initiative. The initiative to conduct mid-cycle redistricting is aimed at increasing the number of Republican districts and does not contribute to fair representation of all Texans. Texas' current Congressional delegation does not reflect the diversity of the state. Texans have a right to have the federal court weigh in on the challenges to the legality of the 2021 districts before any further redistricting can be proposed. Thank you for your consideration of my comment.

Susan Hooks, Ms
Self - retired
Austin, TX

I am so ashamed of the Texas GOP right now. If you can't win it honestly then you don't deserve to win.
HAVE YOU NO SENSE OF DECENCY?

Keri Nickerson
Self
Houston, TX

Against this bill.

Tara Cohen
self - retired
Pflugerville, TX

The Texas GOP is stealing power directly from you and me and all of us. Under their proposal, Travis County will be split into four different districts that stretch from the Texas Gulf Coast to west of Odessa. This redistricting at the urging of a sitting POTUS is shameful. The fact that Gov. Abbott is serving this redistricting up to Trump on a platter is a disservice to every Texan. You are literally stripping away our representation and follow this path despite actual residents of Texas NOT approving. This is a straight up power grab and history will Not remember you kindly if you pass this. Reject HB4 in any form.

David Evans

Self representing All The people as an Exploratory Federal Candidate

El Paso, TX

EXCERPT from previous testimony on re-redistricting

One of the philosophers of the Enlightenment noted that when a decision must be taken quickly, it can be done with a bare numerical majority. Other decisions, particularly those of great and long-lasting effect, seem to require something more than a temporary alliance of affirmative voters. They require vision, experience, full and fair debate among statesman, informed by conscience and constituents.

EXCERPTED from Texas Senate Committee on Jurisprudence testimony by Progressive Populist Caucus organizer David Evans Robert Duncan R-Lubbock Chair Royce West D-Dallas Ranking Member 2003

August 1, 2025

Two-ninths of a century later, little has changed in the pursuit of majoritarian advantage.

I agree with many of the concerns expressed in live testimony today especially in regard to TX CD 18, with a special election scheduled for November.

Roiling the waters three months in advance clearly has been calculated since the executive passed on an April special election date.

My question to state and national executive officers is “what is the quid pro quo?”

I hope they will understand if many interested observers believe the cost of DPS deployment and the raw material and installation cost of border barriers, whether bollard or razor wire, and the state’s liability for civil right violations deliberately or negligently allowed, and the cost to local governmental agencies for reducing the paid federal immigration jail census, could have been avoided by allowing federal responsibility to remain unimpeded in Shelby Park as well as the city streets in the Mountain Time Zone.

Lisa Albracht

Self

Austin, TX

I am apposed to further gerrymandering of TX districts. Have you seen my district, 21, lately? It reaches from the SW corner of Austin, down to the top of San Antonio and over to the hill country. It’s obvious and blatant and takes my vote and throws it out the door. Worsening the already flagrant biased districting is an obvious grasp for more Rep seats and it’s not fair, equitable or democratic.

Larry Katzung

Self, retired

Frisco, TX

This effort to redistrict is against all that fair government should be about. Current districts are already crazy. I am in congressional district 4. It's map looks like it was drawn by a kindergartener. All of this just to assure a Republican wins the seat. Now to try to assure that Republicans retain control in 2026, more silly maps are being drawn. This is not fair representation, it is cheating democracy where every vote should be counted fairly.

Let's redraw the map to represent geographical areas that are consistent, and not based on party. Gerrymandering is not democratic, it is cheating!

Judith Thompson

Self

McKinney, TX

Please vote for HB4

Yi Chen Lai
Self
Richmond, TX

Strongly support HB4 for giving 5 more congressional seats to Republican

Charlotte Baker
Self, fundraiser
DALLAS, TX

I strongly oppose this bill and any attempt at politically motivated mid-decade redistricting. Texans deserve to choose who will represent them and their communities. Disenfranchising disproportionately black and brown voters is a blatant attempt to steal congressional power from Americans.

Jasmine Muñoz, Nurse
Self
San Antonio, TX

This could definitely backfire but if it creates Hispanic districts there’s a chance it could be overturned on the basis of racial gerrymandering which is illegal.

Benjamin Schick
Self
Austin, TX

This map is an illegal racial gerrymander and an insult to basic democratic principles. Politicians should not be able to surgically select the kinds of people who can vote for them.

Susanna Sharpe
self
Austin, TX

I have been a proud Texas voter since the early 1980s. I am writing to urge you to resist the partisan pressure to carve Texas up into districts that disenfranchise Texas voters. This is what is being threatened by the proposed redistricting, and it is for one purpose only: to ensure the control of one party by any means necessary. I urge all lawmakers to dig deep into their consciences to ask whether power is worth having if it is grabbed in such an underhanded way.
Sincerely,
Susanna Sharpe

Catherine Miller
Self
Little Elm, TX

My name is Catherine Miller, and I live in the Dallas–Fort Worth area in the city of Little Elm. I may live in the 26th district, but when you live in DFW, all of DFW is your community, your friends, and your family. I am submitting this comment in strong opposition to the proposed mid-decade redistricting and in support of continuing litigation on the current maps.

The congressional maps adopted in 2021 are still under review by the federal courts due to concerns about racial discrimination. These concerns remain valid, especially in the DFW area, where changes to districts such as CD 30, CD 32, and CD 33 have reduced the ability of working class communities of diverse backgrounds to elect candidates of their choice. Communities that have historically been underrepresented should not be further disenfranchised before the courts have ruled on the legality of the existing maps.

In Dallas County, the packing of CD 30 and the shifting of CD 33 into Dallas have diluted representation for Tarrant County communities of color. These changes undermine the principle of fair representation, particularly when DFW's population growth over the last decade has been driven by diverse communities.

Mid-decade redistricting is unnecessary, confusing to voters, and a misuse of state resources. Instead of redrawing districts now, lawmakers should allow the courts to COMPLETE their review. If changes are required, those changes should be made through a TRANSPARENT PROCESS that prioritizes public input and keeps communities of interest intact.

Texans deserve fair maps that reflect the people of our state'. The Legislature must not bypass ongoing litigation to manipulate maps for political gain. I urge the committee to uphold fair representation by continuing litigation on the current maps and rejecting this mid-cycle redistricting.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jenee Ovitt
self
Austin, TX

This mid-session redistricting is so wrong on so many levels. I cannot believe people who are supposed to represent all Texans are even considering doing this just because Trump asked them to. Please do not give into this. Please do not redistrict in the middle of the census! It's voter suppression, pure and simple. It's wrong!

Alejandra Elenes
Self
San Antonio, TX

This is not the time to change the composition of House districts. Especially when the result is to disenfranchise voters. Let's focus on problems that are affecting every day people such as access to education, health care, and housing.

Karen Walker
Self
Dallas, TX

I am FOR redistricting HB4 in Texas

LeDon Williams
Self
Plano, TX

Blatantly racist and not needed if the GOP is so sure of their dominance in the state. Party of less government sure is making a mess of it and trying to force their propaganda down our throats. Enough is ENOUGH! I oppose the redistricting!!!!

Stephen Smith
self
austin, TX

I am honestly astonished at the undemocratic nature of this redistricting. Texas is already gerrymandered beyond belief but this part any of it. If you want to represent the people of this state (your job, believe it or not), you are supposed to enact what they support and garner their support through that. You are not supposed to twist the law and district lines so that you will stay in power no matter what. You are cowards, and you do not represent anything except your own corrupt political career.

Julie Oshiro
self/Teacher
El Paso, TX

I am writing to express strong opposition to any gerrymandering practices in El Paso that continue to dilute the voices of long-standing, underrepresented communities—particularly Native populations whose presence and stewardship in this region predate any political boundary.

It is deeply concerning that redistricting efforts have, time and again, resulted in the fragmentation of Native communities and other local residents, effectively minimizing their ability to influence decisions that directly impact their lives, lands, and future. Fair representation is a cornerstone of democracy, and the current structure undermines this principle by marginalizing populations that have historically had little voice in civic planning and policy.

While it is true that Fort Bliss and its military families play a significant role in the regional economy, it is critical to recognize that the majority of these families are transient—residing in El Paso for only two to three years on average. Policies and decisions that are tailored primarily to this temporary population often fail to account for the long-term needs of local residents, especially Native and Indigenous groups whose roots in this land are deep and enduring.

It is unjust and short-sighted to allow temporary constituencies to disproportionately shape housing policies, infrastructure projects, education resources, and environmental priorities—often at the expense of those who will live with the consequences long after others have moved on.

We call for a redistricting process that is transparent, inclusive, and genuinely representative of El Paso's diverse population. That includes ensuring that Native communities are not split or silenced, but empowered to participate meaningfully in the decisions that shape this city and region.

Equity in representation is not a privilege—it is a right.

Toni Carter
Self
New Braunfels, TX

Seats to republicans

Amy Wood
self
Austin, TX

My name is Amy Wood and I live in Austin DC 37. I'm strongly opposed to the proposed redistricting plan that would eliminate District 37 and others, directly reducing my voting power.. I voted for Representative Lloyd Doggett because he reflects the values of my community — this map would erase our voice to serve a political agenda. This is not democracy.
This is a racist and undemocratic attempt to dilute the power of Austin voters, and especially voters of color in Texas. It strips us of fair representation and rigs the system for partisan gain. I urge you to reject this map and protect fair representation for all Texans.

Jim Jackson
Self
La Grange, TX

I am in favor of this house bill passing.

Traci Barros
N/A
Plano, TX

I'm AGAINST HB4.
There's no new census or evidence that Texas needs new maps mid-decade. Instead of helping Texans recover from the July 4 floods, lawmakers are wasting this special session on gerrymandering. Trump himself said: "Texas will be the biggest one. Just a very simple redrawing, we pick up five seats." This is openly partisan. These maps disproportionately harm communities of color, stripping away their chance at fair representation.
This is about silencing communities instead of serving them.

Maira Garcia
Self
Temple, TX

urge you to ensure Texas congressional districts are drawn fairly, without partisan bias, and with public input. Representation should reflect our communities—not political agendas. Please support transparency and equity in the redistricting process.

Ann Deeds
Self and my kids as a mother /CSR
San Antonio, TX

I have never felt the need to make my voice heard until recently. I generally do not have an interest in politics or the time to be consumed by the ups and downs, the back and forth of policies. It has never been a real problem or area of concern as things tend to balance out in the past. As history has shown. However, current times are different! There is no balance, no common sense, no respect, no manners, no Texas politeness. I am now moved to do something about Trumps agenda getting out of hand! It all started with his name calling and bullying… who does that? I have no respect for someone like that and I can not overlook it and the effect it is having on our nation. The call from Trump to change things so he can continue down his agenda and leave the citizens of America behind is not acceptable. This request to draw new district lines is just one more thing!
I ask you to stand for the people, we need you… he doesn't!! He and his family is set for life.What kind of an individual can be so callous? He takes joy in firing people, turning families upside down. By moving forward with re-districting you are supporting him, his behavior and are no better than his being. It hurts me and I'm ready to speak out now. Please consider your actions.

Susan Parten, PE
SParten Properties
Austin, TX

I strongly opposed this mid-cycle redistricting effort. It does no good for the State of Texas and its citizens, and instead is purely driven by partisan politics and the White House. We need to focus on things that serve Texas, not bowing down to requests from the executive branch that are driven by pure self-interest. We need to focus on flood control and warning systems, for example, and stop pushing completely divisive issues like this re-districting thing. The current map was reviewed and approved, and any changes now are a transparently nefarious attempt to manipulate and pervert representative democracy in this state. Should politicians in Texas proceed with this, it sounds like large "blue" states like CA and NY will simply follow suit, and chaos will grow in this country. We need to stop this nonsense, and build bridges, not tear them down. Thank you.

Alysha Taylor
Self
Dallas, TX

Oppose the new map. Republicans are cheating!

Olga Sarff, Na
Self
Houston, TX

I , as a Texan and Hispanic, am appalled at the redistricting that the Republicans are attempting. I am totally against HB4! This gerrymandering is intentional discrimination against people of color. Allow the courts to complete the case before them. There is no need to make things worst for all of us! Don't follow the dictates of Trump to cheat!

Lilia Montes
Self
San antonio, TX

As a resident of Texas, I strongly disagree with gerrymandering, disgused as redistricting. As legistatures, you should be representing us all, not a redesign that works in favor of one side. I encourage you to find your own ethics and stand strong against Trumps demands. He will only be here for a few more years in office but you legistatures will continue to leave here with us all. We all deserve to have a voice, not just the rich and red. Please stand against unethicl redistricting.

Martha Davis
Self, Retired TSgt, USAF
San Antonio, TX

Trump is greedy. He only wants more votes by redistricting Texas. Texas does not need redistricting. We have enough counties.

Rebekah Gainsley
Self
Austin, TX

I oppose the redistricting of Texas. This is an egregious power grab that will leave vulnerable Texans under represented

David Goree, Mr.
Self
SAN ANTONIO, TX

I am opposed to redistricting at this time.

Lucy Hairston, Dr.
Self; Retired physician
Sunset Valley, TX

I am a native Texan who has voted in every election, both local and national, for over 50 years. The proposed Texas redistricting bill
is the most blatant, undemocratic, unethical power grab I have ever encountered. To redraw districts to marginalize voters of color who may not support the current White House
administration is morally corrupt. Mr. Trump has our governor and his "yes" men twisted around his crooked finger. He asked for 5 more Texas Republicans in the House so let's
just get out the map and make it happen! This is not the choice of the Texans who elected their representatives to perform their duties in a just and fair manner. DO NOT condone this travesty. Please be an upstanding politician following the likes of Ann Richards, Barbara Jordan and LBJ.

Heather Clark
Self - Accountant
Austin, TX

I am commenting to voice my strong opposition to redistricting Plan C2308.

I currently live in Congressional District 35, one of the districts that will be gutted under this new plan. My district currently stretches from Austin, where I live, to San Antonio. Under the new plan, TX-35 will instead stretch all the way to Port Aransas, four hours away from my home. This is so absurd that it would be laughable if it weren't also incredibly serious. There is no way that my representative could ever have enough of an idea of what's happening both in East Austin and Port Aransas to represent us both.

Beyond my specific district, this entire process is shameful. Texas last redrew its maps 4 years ago, and those maps are still mired in controversy that hasn't been fully litigated. In fact, Texas has drawn disputed maps every single decade since the Voting Rights Act was passed. If we can't get these maps right on a normal cycle during a 140-day legislative session, why in the world would we think we could push through a rush job in a 30-day special session with limited deliberation and minimal transparency?

These maps put partisanship and the President's misguided opinions over the needs of Texans. I call on this committee to reject Plan C2308 and further attempts to redraw districts until at minimum it's been determined whether our 2021 maps are constitutional or not.

Robyn Broughton
Self, Law Librarian
Austin, TX

Dear Members of the Texas Senate Special Committee on Redistricting,

I am a resident of Austin's 78727 zip code. I hold a Juris Doctor degree and work as a law librarian, which informs my strong commitment to the principles of fairness, equality, and adherence to the rule of law in our democratic processes. I am writing to express my firm opposition to the proposed Texas redistricting map.

This map raises profound concerns because it appears to entrench partisan and racial gerrymandering in direct violation of the spirit—and potentially the letter—of the Voting Rights Act. The proposed boundaries dilute voting power, particularly among minority communities and Democratic-leaning voters in my area, contributing to a process that prioritizes political advantage over fair and effective representation.

As a legal professional by training, I understand the critical importance of compliance with federal and state laws designed to protect minority voting rights and ensure equal representation. The clear goal of redistricting must be to create districts that fairly reflect demographic realities, preserve communities of interest, and respect geographic and cultural ties—not to manipulate boundaries to predetermine electoral outcomes.

Unfortunately, the current proposed map fragments neighborhoods and communities in Travis County, undermining cohesive representation. Diluting minority voter influence violates not only the principle of "one person, one vote," but also the democratic ideal that every citizen should have an equal voice in choosing their representatives.

Moreover, this map's partisan bias erodes public trust in the electoral process. When voters perceive maps as tools engineered to favor one party, confidence in democratic institutions diminishes. Transparent, impartial, and community-focused redistricting is essential to maintaining the legitimacy of Texas' government.

While I am not a member of the Texas bar, my education and work as a law librarian have instilled a profound respect for legal principles and the importance of safeguards like the Voting Rights Act. I urge the committee to reject this proposal and embrace a map that provides all Texans a fair opportunity to participate in their democracy.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter. I respectfully ask that my written testimony be included in the official record as you make decisions that will shape political representation and community empowerment across Texas.

Nan Kennedy, Ms
None
Dallas, TX

I am opposed to this mid-decade redistricting. It is not normal. It’s a Trump-mandated, calculated, anti-democratic power grab.

Louis Luckhardt, Secretary/Treasuser
Dallas AFL-CIO Central Labor Council
Dallas, TX

The Dallas AFL-CIO CLC is opposed to HB 4, and our organization finds it disappointing for this issue to be placed on the call of this Special Session of the Texas Legislature. We have multiple statewide issues facing Texas working families, including recovering from our disastious Flood. The recovery from our recent flood has
been used as the reason for this special session, but the citizens of Texas recognize, this is an attempt to take away our voting rights.

Mark Johnson, Mr
Self
Lufkin, TX

This redistricting is an abomination. We need a representative democracy. This bill destroys that. If you can't win elections on ideas and plans, perhaps you shouldn't win elections. Cheating isn't the answer.

Betty Brooke Ligon, Ms
self, retired
Fort worth, TX

I support HB 4. Texas has grown tremendously. Many of our districts are way gerrymandered to increase "minority" representation. Our current district map does not allow fair representation for ALL Texans. Vote YES for HB 4

Janelle Delaney
Self
Austin, TX

The redistricting proposed in this bill is just another assault on our rights.

Cynthia J Beeman
Self, retired Texas State employee
Austin, TX

I want to register my strong opposition to this bill and/or any other attempt to re district Texas except during the established years connected to US Census counts. This is a craven, sycophantic attempt to appease a dictatorial president and any Texas legislator who supports it should be ashamed. Any legislator with any self respect or who has even a modicum of respect for Texas voters should vote against this bill. If you say you represent Texans, then do that with dignity and legality. Vote NO.

Michael Capome
Self, elections coordinator
Austin, TX

I am deeply concerned about the lack of data warranting such redistricting at the midway point between census taking years. Current litigation regarding the racial divisions of districts are unresolved. It is not clear to me that the proposed redistricting represents our beautiful state’s population accurately.

Blair Streit
Self - Software
Austin, TX

This redistricting plan is shameful. If you’re trying to convince people that government is corruot and useless and their votes are pointless then you’re doing a great job. Otherwise you should take a long look in the mirror and end this nonsense.

Amanda Perez Sanchez
Self
Weslaco, TX

As a concerned Texas voter, I'm absolutely outraged by what's happening with these new redistricting maps. It's a disgusting display of power-grabbing, and it's a direct attack on my right to have a meaningful say in who represents me. The Texas legislature has a long and shameful history of using gerrymandering to manipulate election outcomes, and this latest attempt is just another chapter in that book. This is an affront to our democracy, and it's being done with a nod and a wink from the highest office in the land.

The way they've carved up these districts is nothing short of a dirty job. They're trying to pack Democratic voters into a handful of districts, while at the same time diluting the power of voters in other areas by spreading them across multiple, newly-configured Republican districts. This is exactly what happened in 2003 when Texas Republicans redrew the map to pick up six new seats. They're trying to do it again, but this time with the open encouragement of a president who has already shown a disregard for the rule of law and democratic norms.

This isn't just about partisan politics; it's about the fundamental principle of one person, one vote. Our population has grown significantly, and the majority of that growth has been among minority communities. Instead of creating districts that reflect this demographic reality, they're drawing lines to protect their power and suppress the votes of people of color. This is an echo of the racist voting practices of the past, like poll taxes and literacy tests, that were designed to disenfranchise voters. We've fought for centuries to overcome these barriers, and we will not stand by and watch as they try to re-establish them through legislative chicanery.

Kelly Josh
self
Austin, TX

HB 4 silences the voices of voters to give one party an even greater advantage in the US congress. Voters of color will lose representation and the electoral maps will be even more distorted. This is not real representation. When the opposing party routinely wins 40% of the state-wide vote, how can having 79% of the congressional districts mapped out as safe seats for the majority party be considered real representation? If we saw this anywhere else in the world, we wold denounce that country as havin a sham democracy. This bill silences Texans and furthers the destruction our nearly 250 year-old democracy. I urge all of the representatives in the Texas Legislature to vote against it.

Kim Zeman
Self-retired teacher
Amarillo, TX

This is clearly a corrupt, partisan power grab. It is anything but democratic. This bill is maliciously designed to disenfranchise progressive Texans. If the GOP is afraid of losing seats, they need to pass better bills and make better arguments, instead of cheating the democratic process.

Lauren Penn
Self / self employed
Denton, TX

I strongly oppose redrawing the maps of representation in Texas. Doing so at Donald Trump’s bidding is a sad admission of where Texas Republicans get their guidance. Instead of listening to constituents, they bow to a corrupt and coercive administration. Prove to the world just how strong Texas is and don’t do this.

Astrid Cazares Aguirre, Mrs
Self
San Antonio, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Ashley Saylor, Dr
Self
Austin, TX

Every citizen deserves a vote that counts. If you stand for this country and value the individual, you will not allow this redistributing to occur.

Don Holland, Mr
Self
Austin, TX

I have many concerns about the new redistricting efforts. I feel that this bill dilutes our democratic and minority populations in Texas, I am concerned about the number of seats being increased for the Republicans and feel that this will silence democratic strength, will diminish different districts when it comes to their vote, possible Voting Rights Act violations, Racial Discrimination and lack of transparency are my concerns. I feel that this does not represent what Texans want and feel that this act is desired only for our politicians. I hope to have this issue resolved!

Londa Chandler
Precinct 9 Chair Republican Party
Marble Falls, TX

I urge all members to quickly and clearly support Rep Hunter. We are watching.

Lana Van Vleet
Self
Sulphur Springs, TX

This is clearly a situation where legislators try to choose their voters instead the voters choosing their representatives. Undemocratic. Power grab. Unpatriotic

Londa Chandler
Precinct 9 Chair Republican Party
Marble Falls, TX

I urge all members to immediately support this bill. The eyes of Texas are upon you

Michael Ippolito, Dr.
Self
San Marcos, TX

As a Texas AFT member and educator in Hays County, I oppose any mid-decade redistricting that reduces minority voting influence. Our communities deserve fair maps, not political manipulation.

Melinda Lipani
Self
Austin, TX

I am strongly opposed to this bill. It is against the norm to redistrict at this time. It also dilutes the voice of communities in Texas by separating communities. I believe this is not democratic. This is fixing the vote, rigging the system, making Texas a laughingstock of the nation by being a pawn in a plan. Texas has a history of proud independence. This is giving away our independence. We are better than this as a state and nation. Please do not pass this bill.

Mary Dubec
Self
Hutto, TX

I am opposed to the redistricting that is currently being proposed in the Texas legislature. Democrats represent a large number of Texan citizens and should be appropriately represented. Our state goverment should represent Texas citizens and not bow under Trump and his administration that do not represent all Texans and Americans.

Ruchi Patel
Self
Austin, TX

It would be offensive to the Texans to complete this redistricting. How can you say this is legal to do so.

Janice Sturrock, Ms
Self-lifelong Texas and US citizen who appreciates my right to vote in a free and fair election
Austin, TX

I was born, raised and have lived most of my life in Texas. I love my state and my country and I am so saddened by such a blatant, illegal request from the President to gerrymander voting districts in Texas. HB 4 is a sign that Democracy is aggressively being corrupted by the Governor and Republican Legislators of Texas. HB-4's only purpose is to steal my right as a United States Citizen to vote and be represented by the Legislator of my choice. This will also become a poison pill since it will lead other states to use the same tactic to countermand Abbott's response to Trump's bidding. HB-4 is bad for Texas and awful for the United States. Please as a Legislator sworn to support Democracy, to support our state and to support our country, do not vote for this bill. Thank You

Mary Fannette Welton
Self
Bedford, TX

I am a Texas taxpayer and a resident of Tarrant County. Last month my county decided to redistrict so they could increase the number of Republican votes. The final map agreed upon by two commissioners and the County Judge were clearly packed and stacked. To date, a lawsuit has already been filed and the taxpayers will now foot the bill to defend this gerrymandered map. I anticipate my taxes will be increased in order to pay the bill. When I look at the proposed maps for the state, I see similar issues. It is clear that the lines have been intentionally drawn to diminish the black and brown votes. Again these maps will be challenged in court and I suspect my taxpayer dollars will be used to defend another gerrymandered map. It seems ironic that the very maps drawn in 2021 and declared ‘color blind’ are now considered racially unfair. I listened to the testimony from Arlington Texas on Monday as person after person spoke against redistricting. Listen to the voice of the people and do not allow Texas to be controlled by the President of the US.

Lorena Kanak, Lavaca Co. Republican Chair
Lavaca Co. GOP
Hallettsville, TX

While I am extremely disappointed in losing very honorable Congressman Michael Cloud, I support redistricting for it’s purpose.

Mary Lou Ginandt, Mrs
Self retired
Austin, TX

I recommend the redistricting for the election of members of the US House of Representatives in Texas be realigned.

Lisa Roberts
Self
Austin, TX

First, this has been a rushed and overly confidential process, which can not really be called a "process" - certainly one that has involved constituents. If we then have to rely on history, redistricting is literally a public act of breaking up communities that should be represented under one person only to serve people in power who are desperately clinging to it. From what I've always seen, it ends up hurting primarily people of color and poorer communities. Also, it means reps are representing people from extremely different areas with extremely different needs. Why would I be in a district with people from the hill country? We have very different needs, priorities and challenges. I'm agains this wholeheartedly.

Sara Ray, Dr
Self, pharmacist
Austin, TX

I oppose the redistricting bill. I deserve to have representation that is local to my area and local issues, instead of stretched all the way to the coast. My vote should be worth just as much as any other citizen. This is a ploy to dilute votes and it is in no way democratic..

Misty McCarthy
None
Austin, TX

This is ridiculous. The whole process is a sham undermining the public trust in government. Under the proposed map, my child’s elementary school district is represented by two different congressional districts. My parent’s district would stretch from rural Texas to DFW. Somewhere our government should care about representing its people. This is about politics and has nothing to do with what is best for Texans. Breaking norms at the behest of a single person will only set a precedent that will damage our state and our government for generations. I hope you will put people before party - that’s what you are called to do and it is beyond time you do it.

Marie Wood
Self - retired
Bryan, TX

I support Redistricting especially since the 2020 census so much incorrect data and was used to establish the districts.

Braniff Davis
Self
Austin, TX

I urge the legislature to reject the redistricting measure. This is a blatant, unconstitutional power grab that is specifically designed to disenfranchise urban voters and voters of color. For a state that prides itself on independence and free will, the fact that the legislature and our governor are blindly taking illegal orders from the president should embarrass any Texan, past, present or future.

Melissa Lawall
Self
El Paso, TX

I am absolutely against this redistricting effort. This is blatant voter suppression and we should be better than this.

Stephanie Gonzales
Self
Del Vale, TX

I strongly oppose this bill and ask that you do not move forward with it.

Andreina Keller
self
Houston, TX

My name is Andreina, and I live in Texas' 18th Congressional District — a district with deep history, once represented by Congresswoman Barbara Jordan. I'm proud to live here. And I'm submitting this comment today because I'm deeply concerned about HB 4 and the proposed congressional maps.
Texans did not ask for this. At the recent redistricting hearing in Houston — and across the state — residents spoke overwhelmingly against reopening the maps. Even the committee chair acknowledged that. And yet here we are, with a bill that does exactly what the public asked you not to do.
Why? Because former President Trump publicly called on Texas Republicans to draw maps that would give his party five additional congressional seats ahead of the 2026 midterms. And that is exactly what HB 4 aims to achieve — not by reflecting population growth or public input, but by dismantling existing districts and suppressing the political power of communities of color.
My home district, CD-18, has been both cracked and packed — its voters split and submerged into CD-9 and CD-29. This district has long been a voice for Black and Latino communities in Houston, and its political strength is being intentionally fractured.
What's more, these maps were drawn by Adam Kincaid, a Virginia-based operative who also helped design the 2021 maps. Those very maps are now under legal challenge for discriminating against Latino voters. How can maps found problematic in court now justify a mid-decade redraw — led by the same architect?
These proposed changes reduce the number of performing districts for communities of color from 13 to just 8. Several of the targeted districts were created by court order to address past racial discrimination. Now, they're being taken apart. This isn't redistricting — it's regression.
Some of the new so-called "majority-Hispanic" districts are designed to appear representative but are drawn in ways that make it nearly impossible for those voters to elect their preferred candidates. That's not democracy. That's manipulation.
This process is not being driven by data, fairness, or the will of the people. It's being driven by partisan goals, national political actors, and an open disregard for what Texans actually want.
HB 4 must be rejected. Protect communities, not parties. These are NOT the maps we deserve.
Thank you.

Beatriz Hodavdekar
Self/high school counselor
Austin, TX

I support Rep Doggett's views on redistricting. Not only would it harm Texas residents ability have their voices actively represented in state politics, this also has the potential to impact educational outcomes for lower income students, an already vulnerable population.

Kathleen Dignan
Self. Retired.
Austin, TX

I oppose the proposed re-redistricting map. It does not adequately represent the people.

Jinny Sutherland
Self Educator
Katy, TX

This is outright cheating - there is no reason to draw new lines until after the next census.

Leah Beggs
self
San Antonio, TX

I would like to make it extremely clear that I am completely opposed to the illegal redistricting of Texas to help Donald Trump on his power grab. It's ABHORRENT that just weeks after my hometown (and surrounding counties) were DEVASTATED by the flood our governor is more focused on winning in 2026 than any kind of flood relief. If republicans cannot win election fair and square then that's Greg's problem, not mine. It's a disgrace and an absolute slap to the face for all Texans demanding HELPFUL leadership during a time of great need in our state.

Annette Royalty
Self
Corinth, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Stephen Butler
self
Trophy Club, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map. The democrats would do this in minute if they had the opportunity. It is critical that conservatives receive fair representation in proportion to their numbers.

Alondra Jardon, Miss
Self
Dallas, TX

STRONGLY opposed just like thousand of people Texas residents.

abby brody
Self
Georgetown, TX

I am vigorously opposed to the gerrymandering in HB4. This measure is nothing but a power grab by the President of the United States, who's afraid he'll lose the House in 2026. As a central Texan, I want my vote to count! NO gerrymandering my vote away!

kathryn house
Self
Houston, TX

I cant believe the dtate is using the deaths of children to capitalize on their authoritarian agendas. Regardless if we are represented by a dem or a MAGA, these elected officials are there to answer to us and will be held to a new standard given the abuses this republican regime has enacted over the past 30 years. Ignore your constituents at your own risk.

Alexander Wolfe
Self - Attorney
Bedford, TX

I am opposed to this bill because it represents a blatant, unconstitutional power grab by Republicans.

M Burton
self
Austin, TX

I strongly strongly oppose any attempts to redistrict Texas in a way that gerrymanders the state to be even less representative of the population of our great state of Texas. Texas is already significantly gerrymandered to dilute and eliminate urban voters, voters of non-majority races, and voters who do not support the current party in power. Please do your ethical and moral duty and do not support drawing district lines in a way that exacerbates gerrymandering Texas even more. We all tell our children to play fair - be a good role model and do the same as we tell our children to do.

Stacy Dill
Self
Round rock, TX

We are not due for new maps until 2031. The current maps were drawn by republican and should suffice until new census data is available. I do not support redrawing these maps as they will severely impact minority voices and representation No to this proposal! .

Rodric Nelson
Self/ BCBA
Humble, TX

I do not believe it is an effective use of the government's time to introduce legislation that looks to extend and solidfy the leadership of one of the divisive and self-serving administration s of my lifetime. Redistricting the State of Texas presents no benefit to its residents. The president has gone on record saying that the sole purpose of redistricting is to gain republican seats in the house. This will only serve to support the Trump administration as they look to continue to bully hard working Americans and take away much needed supports that I am happy to pay into whether they benefit me or not. The Trump Administration and Governor Abbott by proxy do not have American's best interests at heart. They are looking to create an authoritarian regime in which a handful of people in power essentially decide who can be successful in this country. This is not the country that our founding fathers fought for and it is certainly not the American Dream that has been sold for nearly 2 centuries. As my representative on Capitol Hill, I urge any and all elective officials to vote no on this waste of government resources and turn your attention to more pressing issues. Ensure every child has access to a free quality education. Enhance green initiatives to keep the planet moving forward. Create a more efficient path to American citizenship so people from all over the world are able to come here and make their dreams come true. This legislation has nothing to do with American people and only serves the tyrants currently in power.

Donna Wilder
Self
Austin, TX

I am sickened by the gerrymander that is happening here in Texas. How can you allow Trump to have such control over you. Do the right thing and vote against redistrictiting. This is such a manipulation. Do the right. It may help you sleep better at night

Amanda Saunders
Self
Austin, TX

I STRONGLY oppose this Redistricting bill!!

Rachel Turman, Your Boss
The people
Elgin, TX

I strongly contest the redistricting / gerrymandering proposal. We're not buying your justification for redistricting. Plain & simple, this action is a result of Trumps directive to secure 5 more seats in the next election - because he KNOWS what he is doing is not supported. This redistricting action is outright theft of the people's right for a chance at electing representation of their choice. If you move forward, you are knowingly & willingly supporting the subversion of the democratic process.
My appeal: I want you to surprise the world with a bipartisan majority declaration of support for fairness in the electoral process and love for the US Constitution as foundational to this country's great success. I want you to surprise the world with a demonstration of conscience and public rebuke of trump's directive.

Jacalyn Ducharme
self
Austin, TX

We are still a democracy! We should be choosing our legislators--not letting them choose their voters. This is corruption par excellence! If you can't win by the rules, don't run. We are currently on our way to becoming just like Hungary, Russia and Turkey. Congress should not abdicate their responsibilities as the Legislative Branch. Taking orders from Trump is not your job! Vote against this travesty!

Ann Schwartz, Dr.
Self
Round Rock, TX

I oppose HB 4. Political maps should be drawn by independent, nonpartisan committees.

Perry Starkey
self
Garland, TX

I oppose the redistricting plan as proposed.

Carolyn Rekerdres, MD
Self
Aledo, TX

I oppose further gerrymandering of Texas districts as it further disenfranchises me. I'm currently in a heavily carved out district and would prefer to not be lumped into disticts that are so far away we barely share any of the same issues.

Nona Allen
Self
Pflugerville, TX

I am writing to make known my opposition to this redistricting bill. This bill will unfairly surpress the votes of many. Not only that but this bill is an ultimate illegal power grab by a Republican governor who wants to please a corrupt and convicted criminal President who wants to turn our government into an authoritarian one. If you are voting to support this bill you will be put in that same category. Is that what you support, an authoritarian government? Where the people's vote is stolen by one party? I am begging of you to do the right thing and wait until the next census comes out. My father used to be in this very House of Representatives. I can tell . you he is turning over in his grave, because of the lack of respect and consideration amongst all of you. But believe me, he also taught me how to campaign and support the causes I believe in. And I can tell you that I do NOT support this bill or anything it stands for.

Zelie Alvernhe Barton
Self
Austin, TX

The House of Representatives from the State of Texas was voted by Texans for Texans. Changing the composition of the house which was voted by Texans will decrease the transparency and accountability of our government. Our voice has been heard and we do not want the administration to change it through this bill. I, therefore, oppose HB4

Kris DeFoer
self, market research project manager
CARROLLTON, TX

Texans elected you to serve us, not a political party, a governor, or outside interests. Redistricting in the middle of the decade—especially in a state already gerrymandered—is not about fairness or representation. It's about holding onto power.

These changes don't just affect votes. They uproot communities, shift congressional offices, and change who people can turn to for help—sometimes moving that support hundreds of miles away. This disrupts lives, not just maps.

Texans don't like being manipulated or told who they have to vote for. We value fair representation and local control. If it becomes clear you're not working for us, we'll remember that at the ballot box.

Do the right thing. Reject any mid-decade redistricting. Serve your state, not your career. Serve Texans—not those trying to force their will on our democracy.

Thomas Thomson
self, retired artist
Pflugerville, TX

I am strongly opposed to the proposed redistricting map and see absolutely no justification for redistricting at all in the mid-term unless Texas moves away from public officials choosing their voters. I live in Pflugerville which is almost totally in Travis County. Pflugerville underwent severe "cracking" in the 2021 redistricting after the 2020 census, resulting in the city being divided up into 4 Congressional districts. One can literally stand in the parking lot of the HEB at FM 685 and Pecan Street in District 10 and look across the street immediately to the south to see District 35 and across the street immediately to the west to see District 17. District 37 is a mile and a half south. The only logic for moving part of Pflugerville into District 17 was to take some Democratic voters out of District 10 because Rep. McCaul had two very close elections in a row. I live in District 17 and have no common interests with voters in a district headquartered in Waco.
The proposed map would move Pflugerville to District 11, a district that stretches from Odessa and Midland in the west, makes its way through counties with more cows than people and finally snakes its way to Pflugerville on its east side. It extends 306 miles west of my house to Ector county. Northern Travis County is a tangled ribbon of districts. If you travel up I-35 north from Howard Lane in Pflugerville to Sam Bass Road in Round Rock, a distance of six and one half miles, you will pass through five districts (37 - 10 - 11- 17- 31).
The proposed map clearly violates the US Constitution 14th Amendment, the Voting Rights Act and the Texas Constitution. Pflugerville is a majority minority community. The proposed map totally disregards the concept of communities of interest. What are the shared interests of Pflugerville voters with voters in Odessa, Midland or Mertzon in Irion County compared with our shared interests with the other voters in Travis County? Where is the geographic cohesion? The goal should be to ensure that a community's voters can effectively voice their concerns and elect representatives who will advocate for their specific needs.
Based on Rep. August Pfluger's voting record, it is clear he will have no interest in effectively representing our specific needs in Pflugerville. To approve the proposed and totally uncalled for map is cynical and shameful.

Katherine Beamer
Self
San Marcos, TX

I am writing to strongly oppose the current redistricting proposal, which appears to be heavily influenced by **partisan bias** rather than a commitment to fair and representative democracy.

Redistricting should be a process that strengthens voter confidence, not one that undermines it by manipulating district lines to favor a particular political party. The proposed maps clearly prioritize partisan advantage over the rights of voters to choose their representatives. This kind of gerrymandering damages public trust and reduces electoral competitiveness, effectively silencing large portions of the electorate whose voices deserve equal weight.

Partisan redistricting corrodes the democratic process. It leads to unaccountable leadership, entrenches political power, and disregards the needs of diverse and vibrant communities. No party—regardless of its ideology—should be allowed to draw lines that guarantee its own success at the expense of a fair vote.

I urge the commission to reject this proposal and commit to a nonpartisan, transparent, and community-centered redistricting process that reflects the true will of the people—not the interests of political insiders.

Respectfully

Tamara Welsh
Self
Round Rock, TX

I support the redistricting and precinct I represent,Republican precinct 139 of Williamson county. This needs to be done and our representatives needs to listen to their constituents and not outside influencers.

Hannah Schaeffer, MS
Self
Alpine, TX

In what sense does this gerrymandering plan represent real democracy, the one you claim to care so much about? Real democracy means letting your neighbor have their opinions heard too, even if they are different from yours. You don't just represent people who vote and look and talk like you, you represent all Texans. This is cheating. It is morally wrong. Please do not let fear muddy your life and career. Stand up for all Texans and oppose this gerrymandering bill.

Mike Boone
Self
San Marcos, TX

As an Independent Senior Voter, I Say NO to the re districting Map. What goes around, comes around. Don't Divide the Country and State more than it is already Divided.
Fair is Fair.

Don Bartos
SELF/ATTORNEY
Austin, TX

No one of you was elected to be Donald Trump's whore. Mr. Trump is a Yankee Conman. If you have any sense you recognize this. Don't be afraid of him. Have a spine. If you think divisiveness is good do Dumbass Donnie's bidding. Y'alls mind is probably made up because y'all are cowards. Can't cross Donnie. I doubt I'll show up in person because it wouldn't make a difference and I haven't been in a whorehouse in over 40 years. And that was in Nuevo Laredo, not Austin, TX. Look at your consience and try to be an independent person

Diana Moinot
Self
Cypress, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Jeannine Lowrance
Self
Round Rock, TX

Please support this bill for redistricting.

Sharon Barnhill
Texans
Denton, TX

This illegal power grab orchestrated by the rapist felon in the Wht House is not what Texans need or want.
It's time Texas GOP decided to work for Texans & not the rapist felon. Maybe if GOP policies weren't so vile, you could win elections without having to cheat. Texas deserves better than a bunch of chickens scared of a pedophile who wants to be king. Do your damn job for the people in your districts!

Anastasia Bowley, Ms
Myself
Austin, TX

In Texas, a Democratic voter living in a city already has little hope of being heard on a state level. Designing a democracy to exclude the voices of legal voters and tax paying citizens is morally wrong and at odds with the spirit of our founding documents. Texas is moving to do the president's bidding by giving Republicans, nationally, an outsized voice in a midterm where they ought to be held accountable. Governor Abbott should be focused on rebuilding Kerr County, not currying favor with Donald Trump or expanding power.

Kathryn Sisk, Mrs
Self
Spring Branch, TX

I strongly support HB 4 redistricting bill. The influx of people into CD 21 are predominantly conservative. We share the same conservative values in the Hill Country, and those moving into our area share them. Our Representative lives in the district. It's important to all the CD21 residents to have strong conservative representation. Chip Roy understands & shares those values. We want to keep him! We are historically RED & want to stay that way. The proposed map picks up conservative areas that have been represented by Democrats, leaving them under represented. That needs to be rectified.
Again, I strongly support HB4.

Laura Gomez
Self
Houston, TX

I'm opposed to redrawing of voting districts as it is a blatant and unconstitutional attempt to disenfranchise voters. Regardless of the party, any attempt to silence opposition must be stopped.

EdwArd Quinonez
Self
San Marcos, TX

The biggest crime spree across the United States. Shame on you. Do not think anyone but myself shall rise and save myself. And the power grab that will force the weakest among us to suffer the betrayal of what Texas means to be Texas in the Union. I loath the worship of wealth and power and yet still want to speak of the Creator and call a rock a rock. No right. None are perfect and none ever will be. Money and truth have nothing to do with each other. One would utterly think that being a Texan that Texas would actually be a leader and example for ALL. FOR ALL TEXANS. Regardless of wealth or status. We as Texans, as well as America, should be measuring our wealth by our poorest not our wealthiest. Why keep the cycle running? Again. Wealth and power. Regardless of who is in so called control. Is it ever really under control though? Be Texas. Be a leader not a follower. Show what it means to share the wealth with ALL TEXANS. Show the fools around the world that we are about TEXANS. And that means we lead. We shape. We innovative. We create. We give unto Texas and all Texans prosper. Or just keep the cycle going. Which is what I'm inclined to believe. Great. Not.

Linda Bartle
Self/Insurance
Spring Branch (unincorporated community), TX

I am in favor of HB 4, the redistricting maps look fair and display equally with the population growth. The maps are also aligned with the US Census data giving each district equal number of constituents

Margaret C Greenlea, Ms
Myself
Austin, TX

I am strongly opposed to any efforts to change the districts for the election of members of the US House of Representatives from the State of Texas. Efforts to change the districts will decrease the representation of Texas in Washington, DC. To be it seems to me that Republicans are not confident that they can win the elections on the merits of their ideas and their work for constituents so they are changing the rules to give them unfair advantage. Shame

Alexander Thurlow
self, Director of Engineering
Austin, TX

In plain terms, you all know that this map represents illegal gerrymandering. To vote for it is to vote for the sake of power in spite of the constitution and the laws of the land. If you value the rule of law and the constitution, you must vote against this map.

Carolina Trevino, Rev
self / pastor
Austin, TX

I oppose the redistricting as proposed in this bill. I believe we should follow the 10-year census data like we used to and change things according to the demographic information then. That seems the most fair. I don't like it when either party messes with that formula. And as an Austinite, I really don't like it when you propose to tear up my town into little pieces. I don't follow the logic that we get "more" representation with more Representatives, especially when it means there's no one person to hold accountable when Austinites' voices are ignored. Do not pass this bill.

Bonnie Sullivan
Self
Austin, TX

We don't need a guy from NYC to make decisions for Texans. Our Reps are supposed to represent us not him.

Maria Borges
self
Fredericksburg, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Sallie Burchett
Self Planner
Austin, TX

What would Jesus do? Not manipulate for votes. What would Satan do? Exactly this. Don't redistrict!

Ellen Flocke
self, academic advisor
Wimberley, TX

I oppose the new congressional map. These changes threaten democracy by allowing politicians to choose their voters, rather than the other way around. They will dilute minority and working-class votes in key Texas communities.

Deanna Price
Self, SAHM
North Richland Hills, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map 100%.

Cristina Adams
self, writer
Austin, TX

I am writing to express my outrage and disgust at the Republican members in the Texas Legislature and their determination to stomp on democracy and deny millions of Texans a voice in Washington, DC.
Texas already redrew its congressional maps in 2021, but because Donald Trump and GOP members of Congress are demanding a second redraw to protect their grip on power, Greg Abbott has decided to cave to that pressure, instead of putting the needs of Texans first. It is shameful and horrifying that Abbott called a special legislative session just one week after devastating floods hit communities across the state, choosing political manipulation over disaster relief.
This mid-decade redistricting is not normal. It’s an unethical, calculated, anti-democratic power grab. What’s more appalling is that the GOP reps in the Texas Lege aren’t required to be transparent about the process. They aren’t required to ask for public input. AND they aren’t required to ensure fair representation through their gerrymandering (because that’s what it is, pure and simple).
Texans deserve better than a bunch of unethical, cowardly legislators who put Donald Trump’s ego and desperation to hang onto power over the needs and lives of Texans.
You are legislators because the voters of Texas put you there. WE are your constituents. WE deserve a transparent and accessible process.

Thomas Alston, Dr
Precinct 6A Bowie County Texas
Texarkana, TX

We support the Big Beautiful Map Bill

Nancy Socher, Mrs
Bexar Democrats
San Antonio, TX

Please do not pass this bill.
The bill is so unfair. Do not let D Trump
have any sway on this vote! Each of you has a voice to do what's right and fair.
Do not pass this bill.

MARTHA CORONADO
SELF
SAN ANTONIO, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Genna Phillips
Self
Sugar Land, TX

I object to the redistricting of any districts in Texas!

Laurel Gries
self, retired
Austin, TX

This maga attempt to gerrymander the districts of the god awful state of texas is absolute BULLSHIT. the hyperpartisan white men in the repub party led a corrupt cripple are choosing to disenfranchise voters of color and undermine the democratic process so blatantly, it will be challenged in court and exposed as criminal. to think that a pussy grabbing, overfed, delusional convicted felon and pathological liar is calling the shots is unconscionable. time for a showdown, cultists.

Robert Hargus
self
Loraine, TX

I was born in Abilene and have lived in Texas all of my 57 years. I am shocked and saddened to see such subservient behavoir form our elected representatives.
Governor Abbott previously stated that their was no racial bias in our congressional district maps. Nothing changed since he made that statement other than Trump was elected.
The existing maps were exhaustively reviewed and approved by everyone. The plain truth is we all know that every redistricting since the Bush era has been done with the intention of consolidation of republican power in the state.
Donald Trump has demanded that Texas redraw its maps to "pick up 5 seats", there can be no more blatant admission that this is illegal partisan gerrymandering, and submission to such demands is spitting in the eye of every man that stood in the Alamo. It is a complete disregard for every ideal the governor and the state claims to stand for. Texas is already a state that has little respect for its voters and that is reflected in the low turnout to every election. Often, less than half of registered voters bother to cast a vote they feel is meaningless. And, even then, Democrats regularly get about 45% of the vote. The TGOP has been clear that, as the majority, they have ALL the power and everyone else should just sit down and shut up. This is Texas. That ain't gonna happen. This bill should never be brought to the floor. I urge everyone in the legislature, regardless of party, to remember their vows to both the state and federal constitutions and send this bill where it belongs. The trash can. You cannot claim to represent the people or be a guardian of freedom if you submit to the whims of a feckless dictator who literally despises the people of our great state.
I urge you to stand up for yourselves, if not the people or sovereignty of our state. Don't allow a man in DC to make you his puppets.

Kathleen Kerr
Self - retired
Austin, TX

I am AGAINST this bill. I have seen the proposed district map for my area and it makes no sense there is no cohesion and wondering how a congressman can effectively represent the interests of West Austin and far west Texas? These gerrymandered maps were only redraw to benefit one party. There has no significant change in population as you might see after the census to warrant this effort. It is a disgrace and the Texas Republican Party should be ashamed.

Joyce Bertolacini
Self
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose this bill. It is an inappropriate attempt to impact voting and is not in the spirit of our democracy.

Miriam Livingston
Self
EL PASO, TX

Against redistricting bill

ZION PINEDA
SELF
MISSOURI CITY, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Michele Granata
Self
Austin, TX

Strongly oppose redistricting bill

Danny Roth
Self - retired
Austin, TX

I am against this bill. The gerrymandered districts are shameful.

Marilyn Jose
NORTH COAST MEDICAL SUPPLY
Houston, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map

Eric Edwards
Self- Americans
Highland Village, TX

Although the Texas Legislature has significant authority to pass many different actions, the people of Texas elect and trust them to serve the people, and not some outside influence such as President, Governor, or Political Party. Once the true allegiance of those in the Legislature is clear to be other than to serve Texas, voters will be quick to dispatch them to another profession. Many of you may not believe this, but Texans don't like being jerked around nor told what to do or who they have to vote for. Party ideals are fine for campaigns, but not for official actions of critical importance. These changes move people between districts. Changes the Representative, the congressional office, the staff. In some cases, the congressional office will move from just across town to hundreds of miles away. This isn't just about the vote, it's about people's lives. I urge and compel you to just say No. Don't pass any mid-decade redistricting bill. Serve your state, your fellow Texans, not those who would steal power to force an authoritarian state on your nation. Act not for your own personal career in politics. Take charge for the good of the people and the nation, but most of all, for your fellow Texan

Jonathan Smith
Self
San Antonio, TX

Please do not silence the voters of the Great State of Texas by passing this gerrymandered map to appease the White House.

Richard Johnson, Mr.
Self Executive Sales
Spring, TX

I am opposed to the redistricting plan proposed in HB4. Redistricting is a practice based on Census data, to accurately represent the people of Texas in light of new births, people who have moved here (from the States and Abroad), and population. This is a maneuver to bias the demographics (political affiliation) of the citizens of Texas. This violates our right to have representation based on political and social beliefs. I oppose this redistricting (gerrymandering) requested by the Governor and President as an assault on fair representation in what was once a democracy.

Jim Rutan
self
Austin, TX

In a true democracy, the people choose who represents them. When we reach a point where the politicians pick who elects them, we no longer have true representation and elections become a farce. Rigging the system to benefit only one party is a shameful act brought on by shameless people. This is not a game. When you initially ran for office, were you genuinely hoping to improve the lives of your constituents, or were you just looking for a low-key power grab? If the answer is power or just serving one individual, are you proud of your actions? Do you have children? Do you think they are proud of you or will be when they reach an age where they understand what you have done? I admit that I haven't voted Republican for some time but haven't ever ruled out voting a Republican ticket if the person running was genuine and presented decent actionable ideas. I have been incredibly disappointed at quite a few election results but have always accepted them because they were fairly elected. The amount of redistricting we already have in Texas are making a joke of our system and further redistricting would just make elections an unamerican farce. Think of your legacy when you vote on these maps. This state and country's future depends on your actions. Do you choose short term personal greed or a united republic? Please do the right thing.

Alexis McCrossen, Dr.
Self—teacher & writer
Highland Park, TX

Democracy means that each member of the body politic has a vote, and the wisdom of the majority will then lead to the best choices and decisions. When you pervert democracy —as HB 4 does with extreme gerrymandering— then you prevent the best decisions from being made.

Please set things up for fair fights and fair wins. Gerrymandering is cheating—cheating for a win, but worse, cheating democracy from striving towards ‘a more perfect union. ‘

Don’t do it!

Anna Gamm
Self, teacher
Austin, TX

Stop illegal gerrymandering!

Deborah Hall, Mrs
self
Austin, TX

District lines should respect existing neighborhoods, towns, and communities with shared interests to ensure their voices are not diluted and they can effectively elect candidates who represent them. The proposed maps divide communities of interest, reducing their ability to collectively elect candidates who represent them. They weaken the voting strength of minority groups, particularly in areas with growing Latino and Black populations, potentially violating the Voting Rights Act and other anti-discrimination laws. There is a strong likelihood that these unfair maps will face legal challenges, potentially leading to lengthy and costly court battles.
Any mid-decade redistricting is disrespectful to all Texas citizens, regardless of their political affiliation. However, this redistricting is clearly driven by partisan interests to favor one political party over another, rather than ensuring fair representation for all Texans.
My business, my family, and many of my friends and colleagues reside in Austin. The proposed maps would divide Austin into slivers drawn into large rural areas stretching far from our community.
Please vote against HB 4 and preserve the integrity of Texas elections.

Ben Nelson, Mr.
Self
Keller, TX

This measure is a partisan attempt at keeping the voices and will of the people suppressed. Our citizens should not stand-by our elected officials listen not to their constituents but instead to a small faction of far right nationalists trying to wind back the clock while turning back the wheels of progress. These are the same “leaders” who denied funding for flood prevention and alerts. The same people who tell women what they can and cannot do with their bodies while acting like the laws they pass do not apply to them. They are immoral hypocrites, and this measure would give them a larger voice. No Texan should support this measure; and those pushing it need to be voted out of office.

Doris Faul
self
Aledo, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Clayton Browne
"self" tech writer
Burnet, TX

The proposed changes to the current congressional districts in Texas represent a blatant power grab by President Trump and the Republican Party. This is yet another egregious example of right wing zealots trying to "stack the deck" in their favor as they know their racist and elitist policies are not supported by most Americans, and they have to rig the election by gerrymandering if they hope to complete their takeover of the American government. This new redistricting plan is OBVIOUSLY designed to disenfranchise minorities and low-income individuals by redrawing district boundaries based on conservative demographics so that Republican candidates have a greater chance to defeat imcumbent Democrats in existing districts. Please don't allow this blatant power grab by Trump and the Republicans. Vote against the proposed changes to Texas congressional districts, and insist that any changes made create fair districts that truly represent the people of the great state of Texas.
Clayton Browne

Robert Kinkle
Self , Parking Cashier
AUSTIN, TX

As a lifelong citizen of Texas it's important that myself and others who believe in the rule of law are not rejected. To change the districts in the State of Texas to favor Republicans is not fair to the people of Texas.It is a tool to hold power in the US Senate and Congress. It's a blatant attempt to hold down Democrats, minorities and people like myself who believe in freedom. All the major cities in Texas, Dallas, Houston, San Antonio, Austin all have been dominated by Democratic voters who I feel represents a vast majority of Texas. To do redistricting will not be fair to Texans nor to the US as a whole. Our democracy is at stake should this redistricting take place. This is a power grab and it's illegal and is gerrymandering. I am against this as are most Texans. Texas should represent ALL citizens and should not try to shut them out. This is not ethical. If this is done It will been seen as the corruption it is in our State and Country by the rest of the world.

David Stout, Commissioner

El Paso County Commissioner / Representing Precinct 2

El Paso, TX

Honorable Committee Members,

I submit the following comments:

1. The proposed congressional map would remove Fort Bliss, which includes significant assets such as the under-construction Veterans Affairs Health Center, from Congressional District 16:

a. Fort Bliss is an economic engine for El Paso's procurement economy, especially in defense contracts; to transfer it from Congressional District 16 to Congressional District 23, which spans 27 other counties and is anchored in San Antonio, would disadvantage our constituents, who deserve an El Paso-based representative with an undivided focus on these complex operations;

b. Fort Bliss directly employs more than 40,000 people and indirectly impacts 126,000 jobs, contributing hundreds of millions in procurement to El Paso and producing $9 billion in disposable personal income, according to the Texas Comptroller. Fort Bliss also contains the under-construction Veterans Affairs Health Care Center, for which Texas District 16 Congresswoman Veronica Escobar secured $700 million;

c. El Paso, known as the Veterans Capital of the U.S.A., is a proud military community. Fort Bliss and El Paso are linked by geography and history; both have grown together over 150-plus years, and is home to tens of thousands of military veterans including El Pasoans and those who choose to become El Pasoans when they leave the military.

2. The El Paso International Airport (EPIA) and the Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ) No. 68 were created by and through the efforts of El Paso, for El Paso, and must be represented by someone with an undivided focus on El Paso:

a. The El Paso Airport plays a critical role in the El Paso community's quality of life and economic development needs; this includes the EPIA FTZ 68, which is responsible for more than 2,000 jobs in El Paso and moves billions of dollars of goods annually.

3. This redistricting does not follow any significant change to El Paso County nor any new information in the state of Texas. Rather, the President publicly stated that he wanted Texas to "pick up five seats." The state of Texas is complying with this directive by rushing into a process for which it was not prepared, addressing only Congressional seats, and failing to hold hearings with sufficient notice around the state nor in impacted regions along the U.S.-Mexico border.

4. The El Paso State Legislators, including House and Senate members and former members, have expressed alarm and concern at the purpose, execution, and impact of these redistricting efforts.

Protect El Paso's right to fair, locally based representation, and our voters' rights to choose their representatives, by rejecting any proposal to transfer Fort Bliss and the El Paso International Airport from the El Paso-based Congressional District 16, and reject any attempt at mid-decade redistricting, which will undermine democratic rule of law and weaken the voice of El Pasoans. Thank you.

Laurie Herzer, RN

Self

ROGERS, TX

I am expressing my opposition to HB4. I have been a Texas citizen my entire life; proud, independent in thinking, fiercely protective of "underdogs", and valuing the inclusion of all varied ideas into the governing of our state.. All the qualities that used to make Texas (and Texans) proud and strong in the eyes of other states and in the eyes of our fellows Texans.
Redistricting (and let's not kid ourselves) for the sake of diluting the voices not aligned with current federal and national ideas, is nothing less than selling out and cowardice. I ask that you keep the bold, independent Texas spirit alive and do not redistrict our state. Doing so will further ensure that the lesser heard voices are silenced even more therefore adding to the disillusion that Texas supports all people not just those deemed to be "better" or "worthy".
The time is now to stop this blatant undermining of silencing citizens' voices until their numbers no longer matter in the shaping of our state.

Sally Tutor
Self
Burnet, TX

I am in favor of redistricting in Texas so that the districts have a true representation of Texas political make up. The map that is being considered seems to do that well.

Linda Slavis
Self
Austin, TX

I am against the current effort to redistribute voting districts now. The legislature should stick to the plan of redistricting congressional districts only after new census information is available when the census has passed been completed, (every 10 years)as it has done in the past..

Dianne Hughes
Self
Austin, TX

Anyone who votes to enable this naked power grab by the Felon-in-Chief covers himself/herself in shame. Remember: you were elected to serve the people of Texas. THEY are your employers. Donald Trump is not. Do your job!

Sandra Cooley
Self
Fort Worth, TX

I'm against redistricting mid-cycle and only to appease Trump. He fears a rejection of his policies in the 2026 election. And, he seeks to cheat the Texas constituents and the power of the people to elect their representatives by stacking the deck in the favor of the GOP. Trump and the Texas Republican party seek to do this by redrawing 5 districts. Their aim is too crack and pack, mostly, black and brown people. Also, they plan tovcarve up urban swatches and dilute them with rural people. The two have almost nothing in common. This gerrymandering is wrong. It is a power grab. It is poor representation for the people of Texas.

Joseph Wolfskill
Self
Austin, TX

Title: Opposition to the Proposed Redistricting Plan

As a concerned resident of Texas, I strongly oppose the redistricting plan currently under consideration by the Senate Special Committee on Congressional Redistricting. The proposed maps appear to dilute the voting power of minority communities and undermine the foundational principles of fair and representative democracy.

Redistricting should reflect the true demographic and geographic diversity of our state-not serve partisan interests. Texans are fully aware that these maps are designed to entrench Republican power. The current congressional map, drawn by the Republican-led Legislature in 2021, already secured 25 of the state's 38 seats for Republicans. The newly proposed maps aim to expand this advantage even further, potentially adding five more Republican-leaning districts.

Equally troubling is the failure of these maps to reflect the demographic realities of Texas. Communities of color have driven the state's population growth, yet the proposed districts do not proportionally represent this shift. For example, despite Latino and white populations being nearly equal in 2020, the state created 23 white-majority districts and only 7 Latino-majority districts.

This imbalance is not only unjust, it is unconstitutional.

Texans deserve a redistricting process that is transparent, equitable, and inclusive of public input. I urge the committee to reject these maps and instead adopt a plan that empowers all communities, honors our state's diversity, and upholds the values of our democracy.

Sincerely,
Joseph Wolfskill

Jason Perez
self - circuit designer
Austin, TX

Hello. I strongly oppose the effort of this bill to redraw the congressional district maps. The only goal of this bill is to reduce Democratic voting districts with more Republican voting districts, which will wrongly disenfranchise many people. Minority-voting districts should be allowed to stay as currently drawn by the last Legislature. Redrawing these maps will cause many people to not have their voice heard, which is un-democratic in our country. Thank you.

Paige Schilt, Dr.
self
Austin, TX

My name is Paige Schilt, I have lived in my current home in Austin, TX for 25 years, and I have survived multiple rounds of redistricting. Lloyd Doggett was my rep, and then it was Chip Roy, and now it is Doggett again. I love having Doggett as my rep, because I believe his values are a reflection of his constituents in Austin. I don't want to live in some fragmented district that has been created to diminish the voting power of my community! I experienced that with Chip Roy--at that time his district had been drawn to include parts of Austin, Kerrville, and the San Antonio area. It was ridiculous and frankly, demoralizing. The old adage says that Texas isn't a red state so much as its a non-voting state. Gerrymandering makes people feel hopeless about participating in the democratic process, hopeless that their votes might matter. It's cynical and anti-democratic. Please, I urge Texas lawmakers not to do the bidding of an authoritarian president who does not have our state's best interests at heart. Stop wasting time and energy on serving a would-be dictator and instead serve the people of this state. We need healthcare, a working power grid, disaster preparedness--NOT power grabbing. Thank you.

Caroline Saucedo
Self
San Antonio, TX

Please reconsider redistricting in Texas. This puts many constituents at a disadvantage and it is an unfair way to vote. If Republicans are that desperate to win, start praying!

Suzanne Kreklow
Self retired
Linden, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Hilda Gladden
My self
Houston, TX

I believe the government should not have to decide about my body.
We the people do not need the government spending time on things we can take care of.
There are other issues that need attention.

Danielle Young
self social worker
waco, TX

The districts were just redrawn in 2020 and they are only supposed to be looked at every 10yrs. I believe that the governor and senator Cruz are looking out for themselves and not actually the people of Texas. What is so pressing that you have to call an emergency session 5years before you should even be looking at them. You hold office for your constituents not for a president. Your job is to put us first and our best interests. This is putting the president and your own political ambitions above everything. Every person in the great state of Texas deserves a voice

Neal Prager
self, retired
Austin, TX

The thing most distressing to me about this bill is that every Republican member of the Texas House and Senate knows that this is an unfair and dishonest undertaking, yet apparently are willing to go through with it anyway. Please take a look inside yourself and find the will to make an honest stand and reject this bill.

Bernadette Segura
Self
El Paso, TX

I oppose the proposed redistricting of congressional districts mid decade. There is no evidence that redistricting is needed or that more districts should be created because of population changes. This is the most corrupt display of cheating in state history. A state one proud that we were an independent sovereign nation now bows the knee to a wanna be king in DC. This makes no sense other than a pure corrupt power grab and general sucking up to a dictator. Trump says jump and you say how high? You should be ashamed of this cowardly and corrupt behavior. The whole world is watching and the whole world sees you.
Stand up and say no to redistricting mid-decade. Grow a spine and say no to this nonsense and focus on things that Texans need. End this special session

Norma E Borrego, Esquire
Self, Attorney
Weslaco, TX

There is no reason why the Rio Grande Valley should be cut up into three districts. It is an attempt to silence hundreds of thousands of Latino voters who are opposed to MAGA policies.

Eric Mata
Somos Tejas
Dallas, TX

As a Navy veteran and constituent of Congressional District 32, I strongly oppose the proposed mid-census redistricting plan that effectively eliminates our district. This proposal is unnecessary, harmful, and manipulates electoral maps for partisan gain—undermining fair representation and democracy itself.

The map does more than shift boundaries—it erases CD 32. Our district is home to 764,396 people (as of 2023), with neighborhoods that share strong civic, cultural, and social ties. These communities are now split between CD 30 and CD 33, while a newly drawn "CD 32" stretches to East Texas, bearing no resemblance to the communities it once represented. This is a clear disruption of community continuity.
CD 32 is one of the most diverse districts in the state: 31.6% White (Non-Hispanic), 20.6% Black, and over 34% Hispanic, with 42.2% of households speaking a non-English language at home. The new map dissolves this cohesive, multicultural district and "ultra-packs" minority voters into adjacent districts, weakening their political voice. These tactics—packing and cracking—have long diluted the power of communities of color and violate the spirit of the Voting Rights Act.
That this process is unfolding while current maps are still under federal court review raises serious concerns. Adding redistricting to the special session under vague DOJ concerns appears politically motivated. The map's release after most field hearings, with only one remaining in Austin, limits meaningful public engagement. This rushed, opaque process does not reflect democratic values.
Claims that these maps are "color-blind" lack credibility. Just because communities of color overwhelmingly vote for Democrats doesn't make partisan gerrymandering racially neutral. When race and party preference closely align, partisan map-drawing often results in racially discriminatory outcomes. The real-world impact of cracking and packing is racial discrimination, regardless of intent.
Dismissing public opposition as a "vocal minority" ignores the systemic barriers marginalized communities face when trying to participate. Public hearings are meant to inform legislative decisions—not be ignored.
Texas deserves maps that reflect our state's diversity and ensure every community has an equal voice. I urge lawmakers to reject this redistricting proposal

Molly Ligon
Self - Marketing
Dallas, TX

This proposed congressional redistricting map is an absolute joke. And not only is it a fucking joke, it is corrupt. Because it manipulates electoral district boundaries to favor a particular political party, thus undermining fair representation. Instead of Texas voters choosing their representatives, these feckless politicians are effectively picking and choosing who they want their voters to be—diluting the power of certain communities, especially minorities, and skewing election results. This practice erodes trust in democracy, encourages political polarization, and allows elected officials to stay in power without being truly accountable to the people. I implore this committee to not move forward with this absolute shit show of a map and instead take the redistricting power out of the hands of partisan lawmakers and give it to independent, nonpartisan commissions. That way these commissions could use fair criteria—like keeping communities intact, ensuring equal population, and avoiding favoritism—to draw district lines transparently. Combined with public input and oversight, this approach helps ensure fair representation, strengthens democracy, and restores trust in the electoral process. Please know that if the cowardly Republicans decide to move forward with this bs map, I and many other Texans will put all our time and effort into grassroots movements that will remove these corrupt politicians out of office.

Jean Holder
Self
San Antonio, TX

I do not want San Antonio’s districting map to be changed.

Garrett Moore, Mr.
Self / pwc
Austin, TX

This is a political grab by Republicans and is not something us Austinites approve. We like our current representatives and districts. Don't allow this maneuver to set an illegal precedent for representatives who were elected fairly.

Jennifer Panicker
Self, attorney
Wylie, TX

The gerrymandering has to stop. It's obvious and it's unpatriotic. Districts should be drawn using standard grids to the greatest extent practical, not using gerrymandered plotting

Robert Shadowen
self, computer engineer
Austin, TX

I urge you not to adopt the redistricting measure. Supporting this measure means acting counter to your duty to serve and treat your constituents and all citizens of Texas with respect. Redistricting is always fraught with the danger of suppressing some views, but to act so transparently in this way is completely immoral, unethical, and counter to the very notion of democracy. Especially our American democracy, where at least as it used to be, citizens and representatives alike could look beyond their own personal views and work together for a greater common good, and a more just governance for ourselves. One look at the proposed map says it all, it looks like a hurricane. And it is a storm that we wield against ourselves. Both my grandfathers fought against facists in Europe. They wouldn't believe we're having to face this now on our own shores.

Alexandra Schilling, Mom
Myself and southwestern part of Colorado county
Garwood, TX

In favor of the newly proposed redistricting maps.

Nancy Garrett
Self, Physical Therapist Assistant
Round Rock, TX

I oppose HB 4 because it is a blatant attempt at mid-decade partisan gerrymandering that undermines the core principle of fair representation for all Texans. The proposed map is designed specifically to increase the number of Republican congressional seats—not to reflect the actual shifts or needs of Texas's diverse and growing population, but to entrench a single party's power for political gain. This is not what democracy demands; it is what self-interest delivers at the expense of broader, fair participation.

The motivation behind HB 4 is clear: it seeks to fulfill national directives, namely former President Trump's request, to secure additional GOP seats for the U.S. House—even though Texas Republicans already hold a majority of the current districts[3][5]. Analysts note the new map could result in Republicans controlling up to 30 of the state's 38 seats, while Democrats are packed into a handful of districts. This "packing and cracking" dilutes the voting power of communities of color and urban Texans, ignoring the fact that nearly all of Texas's population growth over the last decade has come from Latino, Black, and other minority communities.

This is not just a numbers game—past Texas redistricting cycles have repeatedly landed the state in court for intentional discrimination against minority voters. The last cycle already triggered lawsuits for violating the Voting Rights Act; yet this proposal doubles down, further diminishing the ability of growing and diverse communities to elect representatives who reflect their interests.

Beyond the legal and moral failings, HB 4 is also profoundly undemocratic. It is a "power grab designed to undermine democracy, silence voters, and further entrench political power at the expense of everyday Texans"[2]. The timing—well before the 2030 census—demonstrates this isn't about correcting imbalances or addressing new data; it's about manipulating outcomes before voters can even weigh in. The measure offers little transparency, little chance for public discourse, and little regard for the civic duties Texas officials claim to uphold.

I urge legislators to reject HB 4—not because of partisan loyalty, but because every Texan deserves fair representation regardless of where they live or how they vote. Redistricting should be about reflecting Texas's growth and diversity, not turning back the clock on civil rights or fair play at the ballot box. It sets a dangerous precedent and sends the wrong message about whose voice counts in Texas.

William Flynn
Self
San Antonio, TX

There is no need or justification to change these districts. I oppose this bill.

Aaron Gonzales
Self - employed
San Antonio, TX

I oppose redistricting in the State of Texas.

Lisa Heun
Self - SAHM
Spring Branch, TX

This is absolutely criminal. Trump told Abbott to find 5 seats and now he is doing an off cycle redistricting because Trump's policies are UNPOPULAR. You don't get to cheat to win. The maps are ALREADY gerrymandered. NO NEW MAPS.

Susan Pyle
Self - Realtor
Austin, TX

The district manipulating to secure more republicans seats is complete unconstitutional as well as immoral and illegal. Everyone deserves representation and this is just racist and openly stating it

Abbe J Delozier
self
Austin, TX

I am very opposed to this map! This is ridiculous. The majority of hard working Texans will have no representation in important matters regarding their lives, medical issues, education and how their hard earned dollars will be spent. It is a disgrace that the current Republicans are ignoring what is in the best interests of we the people. These maps need to be redrawn in a fair manner! REJECT THE CURRENT MAP!

Natalie Adams, Ms.
Self/Account Manager
Conroe, TX

I wholeheartedly oppose the current plan for mid cycle redistricting. The people of this body work for Texans, not for the President. Everyone's voices deserve to be heard, not drowned out in the name of "giving" the current party more seats. Have you all no shame? This is blatant cheating the system and it will backfire. Please use this time to work on flood preparation and strengthening the grid if anything.

Nick Conte, Mr
Self, teacher
Kyle, TX

I am opposed to the current redistricting plan up for debate, on the grounds that I would lose my current representative, that I would be lumped into a district with a representative who does not reflect my views, and that the current redistricting plan is likely an illegal gerrymander anyway, and when the state of Texas inevitably gets sued, will be eating up my tax dollars defending a dumb bill. Don't do this, y'all.

Susan Cook
self
Driftwood, TX

My name is Susan Cook, I am a lifelong Texan, and a 25 year resident of Hays County. Your new map would slice Hays County in two, bundling our eastern citizens with counties further east and far south, all the way to the coast. This is neither necessary, nor equitable, and has zero logic in terms of how our citizens get fair "representation" from our elected officials. Considering the new way this district would be drawn, it is highly unlikely that anyone running from Hays County would EVER get elected to Congress ever again. This also removes most, if not all of our Hispanic and Black residents from Chip Roy's district, giving him a clear advantage in a lily-white area to keep getting elected, whether he "represents" us or not. Now, i am not naive enough to think for a moment that ANYTHING about this mid-decade redistricting is designed to be fair, or to make certain that I and my fellow Democrats in Hays County is able to have our voices heard in Congress. I get that you are doing this because Donald Trump ordered you to do that, and that you are so afraid of that repulsive excuse of a man that you will do whatever he says, fair or not, legal or not...moral, or not. And I also am aware that this whole spectacle is likely a quid pro quo to get flood relief funding from Trump's government. Just as he is now denying wildfire victims in California federal funds, because he doesn't like that CA tends to vote blue, and has a Democratic Governor, he could just as easily do the same to Texans when we need help, should we not please him. This is all quite outrageous, and I hope that Republican voters are not nearly as cowed by Trump and his authoritarian control over federal funding as the Texas House GOP appears to be. Floods, fires, hurricanes, tornadoes and other natural disasters play no favorites, and you are risking the futures of all Texans when you allow Trump to choose the tune you dance to. I thought you were supposed to represent TEXANS, and TEXAS values, not those dictated to you by a failed New York real estate developer, with 91 indictments, 34 felony convictions, who has been credibly accused of sexual assault by multiple women, and who is every day further implicated in the Jeffrey Epstein pedophilia scandal. You should all be ashamed of yourselves, but shame is not really a GOP strong suit, as you take rights away from Texas women, and attempt to limit who can vote, especially if those people are Democrats, or black or brown. The fairy tale past you are trying to drag Texas back to, I lived through, and it was no place I want to return. Please stop pandering to Trump, and please stop gerrymandering our Congressional maps to cement a stronger GOP majority in Congress so that Trump and his Criminal Enterprise of Christian Nationalists, White Supremacists, homophobes and authoritarian tech bros can run Texas in ways even you may someday not agree with. Stop trying to limit the will of the People of Texas!

Travis Saunders
Self, designer
Austin, TX

As a citizen and resident of Texas, I strongly urge y'all to reject the congressional redistricting map, and further gerrymandering our state. Politicians should not be choosing their voters. Governor Abbott has tried to slip this in the shadow of night under the noses of the very citizens this map disenfrancises. By approving this map you are stripping Texans of their voice, taking power from the state and its people, and handing it to an openly corrupt executive branch. This redistricting has wider ranging consequences than just affecting Texans. By packing the house you are suppressing the will of all Americans as well. All for one person's ego. Texas should choose who represents it, not Donald Trump or Greg Abbott.

Sarah Walton
Self
Richardson, TX

Do the right thing and stop this deceitful Bill!! We the People chose OUR Representatives, not the other way around!!
An aside to Abbott: Make some actual thoughtful policy decisions and GOVERN!! Stop trying to rig things because you know as things are now, you cannot win without cheating!!

Tom Glass
self, retired
McDade, TX

I support HB 4. California has 43 D to 9 R US House members, 82.7% Dem. Currently Texas has 25 R to 13 D US House members, 65.8% GOP. If this proposed redistricting is implemented and it flips 5 seats D to R, it will be 30 R to 8 D, 78.9% GOP. After Texas is done, we will still be less lopsided than California is now.

Deb Eggers
Self
San Antonio, TX

Please do NOT vote for the redistricting bill. To do so would be a voting against the welfare of the people in Texas. Do not sell us out for Donald Trump. We want our vote to count! Respectfully, Deborah Eggers

Janine Chapa
Self
Georgetown, TX

I support this bill and kindly request the Committee to support it too.

Christina Denton
Self, teacher
San Antonio, TX

The proposed map is a shamefully partisan gerrymander which attempts to nullify the will of the people. This is antidemocratic behavior. Instead of redrawing districts in mid-decade, the Republican Party should espouse a platform which a majority of people want and will turn out to vote for.

Gail Swedroe
Self
Austin, TX

Though it may be the letter of the law that district lines may be redrawn, it is certainly not the spirit of the law for elected officials to change these maps to meet their own self-interest. People are elected to represent their constiuents. The American public should not be turned into puppets to allow those in power to submit their will over the citizens of this country.

Laura Theard
Self Financial Analyst
Houston, TX

I oppose the redistrcting. No one in the state asked for this or wants this. Let us vote how we want.

Jerrica Van Sluyters
Self
Denton, TX

This redistricting effort is a waste of tax payer money and a blatant attempt to disenfranchise Texan voters even further. As someone who shares a district with Amarillo somehow, a place over 300 miles away, I know republican efforts to gerrymander have NEVER been about representing the people. This is a cowardly way to hold on to power while also bending over backwards to suck up to Donald Trump. Worst of all republicans are using the tragedy of the floods as an excuse to steal more power for themselves. Stop wasting everyone's time and tax payer money on this when you could be getting relief to the flood victims. If that was the primary concern passing relief would ave been on the agenda day 1. Instead your redrawing already overly gerrymandered maps and trying to pass more descriminatory legislation no one asked for. Do your jobs and actually help people.

Julian Castillo, Mr.
Self / Marketer
Austin, TX

This is a grotesque and shameless attempt at voter suppression. This redistricting is unlawful and unethical.

Michelle Mayfield
Self
Amarillo, TX

It is truly unfathomable that the State of Texas and people that have been elected to represent all Texans are really willing to do the bidding of President Trump. All people in all districts across Texas deserve representation. Not just white, conservative Texans. Please consider the requests of all people that are coming to these hearings requesting representation. It is such an important issue for all Texans—whether they know it or not.

Alania Cater
Self
Austin, TX

I am a native Texan who moved back to Texas after college in 2007. I have been back in our great state for 18 years now, and for 18 years I have had to question whether I have representation due to already gerrymandered maps. These proposals make it worse. All Texans should have a say in their representation; that is what our forefathers founded this great nation on. I fully support all measures needed to stop further theft of our voices and our votes

Patrick Draper
self, computer programmer
Austin, TX

I'm against further gerrymandering. I am shocked that Republicans are speaking about gerrymandering so openly, as if they aren't worried at all that a court might stop them. In Texas our democracy is undermined by the already existing gerrymanders, and will be further undermined by this new gerrymandering bill. It is despicable, anti-democratic, and it offends me as a Texan and as a voting constituent.

We need independent committees to draw district maps, and we need adequate time for the citizens to provide their opinion on the matter. Do not go forward with this illegal gerrymander.

Adelaide Armen
Self- Foundation Manager
Austin, TX

I oppose the proposed redistricting that would unfairly cut up districts to create more republican seats. This redistricting is clearly meant to disproportionately allocate seats to republicans silencing the voice of democrats in Texas. Texas politicians should support Texans, not silence them. It’s really disappointing that our elected officials would rather serve one man who isn’t even from Texas than their constituents.

Alexander Rettke
Self
Wylie, TX

I oppose the redistricting

Byron Marsales
Self
Austin, TX

Let’s do the right thing and have a non-partisan agency set the voting districts. It’s the only way to stop or slow abuses of power by those in power. With gerrymandering the votes of Texans will not count like they should and that is stripping our states citizens of their fundamental right to vote.

Jessica Nwanze
Self
Spring, TX

I am writing to express my strong objection to the continued practice of gerrymandering in Texas. As a constituent and voter, I find it deeply troubling that our district maps are manipulated to favor political outcomes rather than reflect the true voices of our communities.

Gerrymandering undermines the very foundation of democracy by diluting the power of fair representation, especially for communities of color, working-class families, and those in urban and suburban areas. Instead of voters choosing their representatives, politicians are choosing their voters — and that's simply unacceptable.

I urge you to support independent redistricting commissions, increase transparency in the map-drawing process, and advocate for fair, nonpartisan district lines that reflect our growing and diverse population.

Our democracy is strongest when every voice counts equally. I hope you will take this matter seriously and stand on the side of justice, equity, and true representation.

Quincy Mendelson
Self, engineer and concerned citizen
Austin, TX

When I first moved to Texas in 2021, I was shocked to find that I was represented by Michael McCaul in district 10 despite the overwhelmingly liberal beliefs of my surrounding area. I was part of a sliver of Austin that had been carved out to stick two conservative areas together into a "complete" congressional district. It was deflating. I felt like my vote didn't matter. Following the 2020 census, I was fortunate to be redistricted to an area where I felt that I could make my voice heard through the democratic process. It's disheartening to see a bill proposed that would lead to regression after a seeing a glimmer of progress during redistricting in 2022. This bill is clearly a targeted attack on Austin and similar liberal areas. I was once excited to move to Texas, but every day I lose a little more hope that this could be my forever home as it does not seem like the state government has any desire to represent the interests of its constituents.

Linda Dowdy
Self / Retired
Allen, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Colin Orcutt
Self, Developer
Fort Worth, TX

If you have any remaining respect for your constituents, do not allow this horrible redistricting to take place. It's clear those in power are terrified of having to share that power with people they look down on, despite those people being backed by everyday Texans. Democracy is about working together but the current Republican leadership in Texas has forgotten that Texas means "friend" and can now only remember that anything not Trump-backed, non-Christian nationalist means "bad". Step away from the cliff and let's work together to keep Texas friendly.

Ty Evans
Self, therapist
Cedar Park, TX

This gerrymandering is an indication that the Republicans know their policies aren't popular enough to win them elections without putting their foot on the scale. I'm disgusted by your attempts to silence the voices that oppose yours. Why not actually represent the people you're supposed to be in office for? Why not just listen to the voices of the majority of your constituents? It would certainly be more honorable than watching you try to cook the books in advance.

Brittney Montalvo
Self
Lago Vista, TX

As a Democrat and a proud citizen of the State of Texas, I unequivocally oppose the current bill that proposes to redraw our congressional districts outside of the established decennial census cycle. This effort is not only unlawful but is also a blatant power grab that undermines the foundational principles of our democracy. It threatens fair representation, deepens public mistrust in our institutions, and could have lasting moral and economic consequences for our state.

The United States Constitution and longstanding precedent establish that redistricting should occur once per decade, following the completion of the decennial U.S. Census. The purpose of this cadence is to ensure that any changes in population—geographic shifts, demographic growth, or migration—are accounted for using a reliable, standardized national count. The census provides the legal and constitutional basis upon which districts are drawn.

This bill seeks to redraw congressional districts outside of the decennial redistricting window, effectively creating a mid-cycle redistricting without a new census to justify or guide the change. There is no constitutional, statutory, or evidentiary basis to justify this effort.

In the past, the U.S. Supreme Court acknowledged that mid-decade redistricting is not per se unconstitutional, but it also warned against its potential for partisan abuse. While technically permissible in narrow circumstances, such mid-decade redraws must not be used as tools for gerrymandering or manipulating electoral outcomes. This bill does precisely that—redrawing boundaries not to reflect population change, but to consolidate political power.

The absence of new census data makes this redistricting arbitrary and opportunistic. The only “new” data driving these changes are political polling results and voter turnout trends—not constitutionally valid bases for redrawing lines. By weaponizing redistricting for short-term partisan gain, the GOP disregards both the spirit and the letter of federal law and invites legal challenges that Texas taxpayers will ultimately bear.

The most disturbing element of this proposed redistricting bill is its moral bankruptcy. In a functioning democracy, redistricting should be about representation, not retention of power. This bill sends a chilling message to every Texan: that your vote is secondary to political control.

This is not simply a political maneuver—it is an ethical breach. Manipulating district lines to dilute the power of communities of color, young voters, urban populations, and others who have recently shaped the political voice of Texas is an attack on civil rights and human dignity.

Texas is one of the most diverse states in the nation. Over the past decade, more than 90% of Texas’s population growth came from communities of color.

Mary Aversa
Self/training supervisor
Austin, TX

I vehemently oppose the proposed redistricting plan. This is a transparent effort to absolutely ensure that the voices of only some Texans are heard and all others are quashed. Our governor, lieutenant governor, and state GOP spent the legislative session abandoning working class, rural, and urban Texans to appease billionaires, lobbyists, and Christian nationalists. We have some of the worst education and health outcomes in the country, and your answer has been to engineer financial crises in our public education systems in order to push your deeply unpopular voucher system, put women’s lives at risk with your deeply unpopular abortion ban, and you refuse to expand programs like Medicaid for poor Texans. You can’t solve a damned thing Texans really want, and instead, push another deeply unpopular agenda designed to silence constituents in areas you disagree with and further chip away at our democracy. And why? To appease a would-be dictator. So much for your “states rights” “small government” rubbish. When push comes to shove, the Texas GOP scrambles to silence dissent and hand even more power to a single wretched man in Washington DC. Disgusting.

Tim Slushet
Self
San antonio, TX

I am against the redistricting of my state

Chris Mashek
Self
BELTON, TX

I oppose the map set forth for congressional redistricting.

Abby Foreman
Self
Carrollton, TX

I live in one of the districts being redrawn and strongly oppose the redistricting bill, which suppresses my vote, is cheating, and does not properly represent Texans. Stop cheating and gerrymandering! It’s immoral.

Palwasha Sharwani
Self
Houston, TX

I am still shocked, that after all of what we've witnessed go down in our state, against hardworking Texans - not criminals - these are our priorities. Not the brutalization of Latinos. Not climate destruction. Not Data Centers draining towns of limited water supplies. But this. A cheating game ahead of the 2026 elections? Have you no shame or dignity? To sell this great, majestic state out - to who? Trump isn't a Christian. He's a rapist and pedophile. Who do you work for? Beg your conscience, to invoke the wisdom of Christ. Otherwise, you are aligned with what? Where are you morals? Who do you worship when you pray?

Adam Walmus
self / Retired Medical Center Director,Michael E. DeBakey VAMC, Houston. TX Dept. Veterans Affairs, US
Austin, TX

I request that the Texas State House and Texas Senate reject this bill. I have been a US federal civil servant for about 28 years before I retired as a member of the Senior Executive Service, who spent almost all of my years working to better the health of our nations true heroes, that 1% who kept us free, our nation's veterans
. I have worked with and respected the ethics and statesmanship of US Congressional Representatives and Senators from both Democrats and Republicans in each state and medical center I have been assigned by the Department.

I frankly find this attempt by those State House and Senate Representatives who have been elected to choose their electorate through gerrymandering US House Districts in Texas to be at the least, improper and unstatesman-like.
Since retiring to Austin - where my spouse was born - after leaving the VA, I believe that my District has been changed 3 times already. The proposed US House Districts change simply appears to carve Austin, as well as other Texas cities, into several segments so that the revised Districts does not represent the voice of those cities. Certainly the citizens of Austin are being treated quite shabbily.. As a people, we are supposed to choose the representatives we want; not be a target for political advantage. The attempt, during the middle of a census decade seems completely unAmerican. Finally, if I understand the basis of these changes in no way is based on census data,

Thank you for not allowing this redistricting shenanigan to succeed.

Very respectfully, Adam C. Walmus, Dhum(H.c) Baylor College of Medicine, MHA (Tulane University), LFACHE

Benjamin Loeb
Self
Plano, TX

Districts are not supposed to be redrawn except after a census. It is clear that the districts are being redrawn in a way that disenfranchises many voters. I am strongly against this bill.

Deborah Loweree
self
El Paso, Texas, TX

The redistricting plan by Texas Republicans is a disgraceful orchestration of racial gerrymandering, flagrant violations of the Voting Rights Act, and a pathetic caving to Donald Trump's partisan demands. We are witnessing an illegitimate redistricting process; it is a cynical power grab by spineless Republicans.
Greg Abbott called a rushed special session to redraw congressional districts mid decade, at Trump's demand, in a brazen effort to flip up to five Democratic-held seats to actively dilute minority voting power. Districts with Black, Hispanic, and Asian majorities—such as District 16 are targeted for reconfiguration in ways that dilute representation and violate the Voting Rights Act that so many people of color fought for. Stripping the El Paso International Airport and FT. Bliss out of District 16 and moving them to that pathetic Republican House member…Tony Gonzalez, is not only a slap in the face to the residents of El Paso who pay high property and federal taxes because the state conveniently forgets that El Paso is a part of Texas. Tony Gonzalez does not have any relationship to the people of El Paso, nor does he care to build one. Republicans will only pay a visit when they need to cosplay with DHS and show up wearing their stupid camouflage vests as if they were in a military warzone. Let us be clear: Republicans are not acting out of principle, or demographic reality—Texas's non-white communities accounted for 95% of statewide population growth between 2010 and 2020, yet the Legislature drew no new majority-Latino or majority-Black districts. Those who dismiss this as "partisan politics" are cowardly—state lawmakers asserted that race played no role, even while explicitly designing maps to boost Republican power. This double-talk is cowardice posing as constitutional compliance. True redistricting would follow principles of compactness, racial fairness, and public input—not caving to Donald Trump. The process itself was opaque and insulting. Republicans held token hearings without releasing maps until afterward—a sham exercise. Black and Latino voters are being disproportionately stripped of both voice and seat at the political table. What is at stake is democracy itself. Republicans are slavishly chasing Trump's narrow agenda, rather than governing. Their cowardice is to bend election rules to prop up incumbents and stave off Democratic accountability. Rather than representing Texans, they prioritized Trump's Senate majority, exposing their fealty not to constituents but to a political brand. Texans deserve maps drawn by communities—not by the spineless few who cave to Trump's power plays—and that reflect the real diversity of the state. Republicans in Texas have proven themselves unwilling or incapable of governing for the people of Texas. They are nothing more than mealy mouthed cowards who will bow down to Donald Trump any chance they get. The citizens of Texas are fed up and will be working hard to turn Texas BLUE!

Julia Hungerford
Self/Entrepreneur
Austin, TX

I have lived here for 17 years, a business owner and teacher. I am against this redistricting. It is a blatant power grab by GOP. They need to stop cheating. If anything, at this time, the governor needs to focus on getting aid to the people affected by flooding in Kerrville. Thank you.

Jennifer Finch
Self
Houston, TX

I am a librarian who currently lives in Congresswoman Fletcher's district and work in Congressman Hunt's. In 1814 the Vice President of the United States redrew a district in Boston which looked like a salamander which created the portmanteau gerrymandering. I am a librarian in Harris County, and I have seen a cross section of people come through our libraries. From the extremely economically privileged to immigrants rebuilding their lives. Congresswomen Lizzie Fletcher and Sheila Jackson Lee nominated us for the Institute of Museum and Library Services Medal, which we won. Of course the IMLS no longer exists. Part of the reason we won was because of the way we work with and for the people of Harris County. That is what our politicians are supposed to do. Work With and for the people. It is one of the bedrocks of our country. I believe no taxation without representation is something we are all familiar with. District 18 has been without representation for months. Redrawing lines for the benefit of a political party is disenfranchising voters and causes people to be taxed without true representation. People stop voting when they feel it will not make a difference. Which is the point of redrawing the district lines over five years early. It's not that we like the current district. It is that we don't trust that new districts drawn on the same information that the current districts were based on. The people do not want the focus of our state to be on redistricting. They want it to be on preparing for flooding and preventing more needless deaths with proper warning systems. Removing unelected school boards. And protecting our residents from disappearing into a deep dark hole. Please do not redraw these lines eary, especially with the intention of overturning traditionally blue districts. This will hurt me. This will hurt the people I have dedicated my life to serving. More than is already going to happen with the passing of SB412

Bettie PATTERSON, Ms
Self/Retired
Houston, TX

This year I will turn 77. I have lived in Houston, Texas all my life. I can remember how hard the community fought for the establishment of (18th); then later how Al Green had to fight to hold the 9th because the state changed its line to keep some white democrat from holding the seat not thinking a black man would run and win. Dirty politics is nothing new for Texas, but they usually do it immediately after the census nor has a President asked for a special election to be called so he can obtain five more republicans in the US House. What the governor is during is a disgrace. These districts are being redrawn NOT to improve representation but to get rid of Black, Latino and Asian voters' representation. Why doesn't he redistrict some white Democratic district? It is shameful!! Governor Abbott does not know what true peace is, or what it means to be just and good; he and his sycophants must understand that our communities are not going to just roll over because he and Trump want us too. We will fight on!!!!! This is your chance Texas Republican Congressmen/women to stand up to Trump! Do you know what it really means to live in America under a constitution? You think you what to live under a dictatorship – you better ask the man who very recently moved himself and family to Russia; he founded out very quickly!

Bita Gilliam
Self, retired teacher
San Antonio, TX

I do not agree with redrawing districts at Trumps request. Doing this would be the opposite of representing your constituents in Texas. Our representatives need to stand up for all Texans against this.

Regina Burk
Self/healthcare management
Carrollton, TX

This is a blatant attempt to cheat democracy. These proposed districts are a ridiculous attempt to silence fair elections. You all should be ashamed of yourselves. Your actions are showing the public that you no longer give a damn about our right to choose. You'd rather tell us what to choose. Keep up this line of governing and you'll find the people will rise up and reject you!! Do not pass this!!

Marge Dupler
self, homemaker, retired
Moulton, TX

I vehemently OPPOSE this proposed illegal, unfair, dictatorial action by the Texas Legislature. Already this SUPPOSED state government crushes the rights & freedoms of large number of Texas residents who have been residents LONG BEFORE anyone ever heard of Donald Trump. How dare anyone consider expanding the power grab of this CONVICTED FELON!!!

LaRae Neal
Self
Houston, TX

I oppose.

Gail Smith
Self
Fort Worth, TX

I'm in favor of the redistricting that represents a more conservative population. After the 2024 election there is proof that Republicans need more representation in congress.

LaKeysha Lakeysha Rose
Self
Houston, TX

I oppose

Shona Gibson
Self
Savannah, TX

Public Comment in Opposition to HB 4

To the Honorable Members of the Committee:

I strongly oppose HB 4. This bill undermines the principles of representative democracy by forcing a mid-decade redistricting process that is neither necessary nor fair. It is a blatant attempt to manipulate electoral outcomes for partisan gain, rather than a good-faith effort to reflect the will of the people.

Redistricting should only occur after the decennial census to ensure that districts reflect actual population shifts. HB 4 abandons that standard and instead pursues a rushed, irregular redrawing of Texas's congressional map in the middle of the decade. This sets a dangerous precedent that invites political gamesmanship over stable, consistent governance.

The proposed map dramatically weakens representation for communities of color and urban populations by cracking and packing them into districts that dilute their collective voice. It prioritizes partisan advantage over fair representation and risks further disenfranchising voters who are already underrepresented.

We should be focused on improving trust in our elections—not eroding it with aggressive gerrymandering. The people of Texas deserve a redistricting process grounded in transparency, fairness, and respect for community integrity—not one driven by short-term political strategy.

I urge the committee to reject HB 4 and commit instead to a redistricting process that reflects the values of democracy, equity, and stability.

Courtney Kocak
self, writer and podcaster
Austin, TX

I am appalled at this effort to further gerrymander Texas’s already gerrymandered electoral maps, effectively denying voters proper representation. Please don’t follow through with this unethical plan. If you push this forward, you deserve to lose your seats. The people deserve better.

Anim Vinson
Self
San Antonio, TX

Dear representatives and committee members, my son and I are contacting you concerning the very disturbing attempts to redistrict the state we've been learning about over this last week.
Besides unjustly disenfranchising thousands of voters across the state, this will open a Pandora's box of extreme gerrymandering across the country. California and other states are already stating that they will respond in kind if this passes.
In Texas we say we care deeply about protecting legitimate and fair elections, but we cannot have a real democracy when representatives are choosing their voters instead of having voters choose their representatives.
Gerrymandering needs to be made illegal in all instances - not spread even further.
This is how democracy is dismantled bit by bit.
We urge you to do the right thing and choose to stand by the Texans you've been elected to serve and represent, instead of caving to external pressures by this administration.
We urge you to vote against the passage of these unfair, and discriminatory maps.
Thank you!

LaTonya Akins, Ms.
Self/Teacher
Cibolo, TX

My votes should count just like anyone else's. Gerrymandering the state of TX is unconstitutional.

Kayla Snell
Self
Austin, TX

I oppose unnecessary mid-census redistricting. I do support compact districts reflecting communities of interest.

Michael Otto
self
Fort Worth, TX

The only reason to push redistricting this severe is because you're aware that your policies no longer appeal. I used to vote Republican consistently and would like a reason to do so again...but this just feels so unethical that I can't back it, the latest in a series of malfeasance such as defunding public education and attempting to block women from getting abortions after sexual assault. What happened to the party of compassionate conservatism I once knew? Now it feels like a naked embrace of fascism.

Caitlin Nelson
Self, attorney
Marble Falls, TX

I am writing as a concerned Texas resident to strongly oppose the proposed redistricting of congressional districts and the continued practice of gerrymandering that undermines fair and representative government.

Redistricting should serve the people—not political interests. Unfortunately, the current proposals appear to prioritize partisan advantage over the constitutional principle of equal representation. By manipulating district boundaries to favor one party, these maps dilute the voices of communities of color, diminish electoral competitiveness, and erode public trust in the democratic process.

Texas is one of the most diverse states in the nation. Yet, the proposed maps do not reflect that diversity fairly or proportionately. They fracture communities with shared interests and concentrate political power in ways that do not align with population growth or demographic realities. This is not how democracy is supposed to function.

I urge the Legislature to reject these maps and to adopt a transparent, nonpartisan redistricting process that prioritizes compact, contiguous districts that keep communities intact and protect the voting power of all Texans—regardless of race, geography, or political affiliation.

Texans deserve fair representation. We deserve maps that are drawn for the people, by the people—not for politicians, by politicians.

Nancy Breedlove
Self / producer
Allen, TX

I do not want the voting districts gerrymandered any further. The state legislature needs to focus on the damage the flooding caused in June. Quit listening to a horrible man from New York who is bent on destroying our democracy.

Simone Mouton
Self
Austin, TX

Stop this madness! The Trumo administration has taken things way too far and we don’t need to give them ANYMORE control!!! Please we beg you, with all of the turmoil we experience we do not need them to take more power especially in Texas. Please!!!! PRESIDENTS ONLY GET 8 YEARS CAPPED

Paulina Solis, Dr.
self, physical therapist.
El Paso, TX

Have you funded the emergency warning system? The "reason for the special session." You are wasting our money and lying to people. Do those 135 people and their loved ones mean nothing to you? You adjourned after 10 min on day 1. It is ridiculous. Your sole focus for this special session was for this illegal redistricting. We selected all of you to represent us, not to manipulate the system under the request of Donald Trump. We will be his scapegoats for his terrible Big Bill.
I am from El Paso and I want someone from El Paso to represent me.

Jacalyn Dielmann
Self
Austin, TX

Redistricting for the sake of pleasing Trump is not democratic nor legal. This sets a terrible precedent for our state and country. The map that has been presented is not fair and draws lines covering ridiculous amounts of areas that have nothing in common. How can a Representative do an honest job of representing their constituents when their districts covers an area that is urban plus a large swath of rural!? These voters have entirely different needs and concerns. All to please Trump and to cheat the people of Texas. Shame on you, Gov. Abbott.

Gabriel Horstmann
self
San Marcos, TX

Severely racist and undemocratic act to change district layout so egregiously

Solangie Hernandez
Self. Victim assistance coordinator
College Station, TX

As a concerned Texas resident, I'm urging you to oppose the proposed redistricting plan currently being pushed through our state legislature. This is not just about new lines on a map — it's a blatant, anti-democratic power grab designed to silence voters and entrench political control. This mid-decade redistricting is being carried out under pressure from Donald Trump, whose goal is not to better represent Texans, but to rig the system in his party's favor. Let's be clear: redistricting should serve the people, not politicians. The fact that this is happening during a summer special session with little public input makes it even more alarming. Even if you don't live in Texas, this affects the balance of power in Congress — and with it, decisions that shape the entire country. I urge you to stand for democracy, not manipulation. We're watching, and we will remember who defended our right to fair representation.

Jennifer Hernandez
Self
Austin, TX

I write to express my strong opposition to the proposed Congressional redistricting plan currently under consideration. This plan undermines the principles of fair representation, weakens the voting power of minority communities, and prioritizes partisan advantage over democratic integrity.

Texas is one of the most diverse states in the nation, with communities of color accounting for over 95% of the state's population growth in the last decade. Yet the proposed map fails to reflect this demographic reality. Instead of increasing representation for growing Black, Latino, and Asian communities, the map dilutes their influence by cracking and packing districts—breaking up cohesive communities and redistributing them across districts to minimize their electoral impact.

This is not just unfair—it is undemocratic. The Voting Rights Act was enacted to prevent exactly this kind of racial gerrymandering. By ignoring the needs and voices of minority voters, the proposed plan violates both the spirit and likely the letter of federal law. It sends a troubling message that some voices in our state matter more than others.

Moreover, partisan gerrymandering corrodes public trust. Voters should choose their representatives—not the other way around. When maps are drawn to secure one party's dominance rather than to reflect the will of the people, it leads to extreme partisanship, uncompetitive elections, and elected officials who are less accountable to their constituents. That's bad for democracy, regardless of your political affiliation.

Fair maps benefit everyone. They promote competition, improve responsiveness, and strengthen our institutions. I urge this committee to reject this current proposal and instead support a map that reflects Texas as it truly is: diverse, dynamic, and democratic.

Please do the right thing. Protect our right to equal representation. Draw fair maps. Act with integrity. Be kind.

MARILYN ENGLANDER
Self
Fort Worth, TX

The people are supposed to choose their representatives not the representatives choosing the people. This bill is awful

Jocelyn West
Self
Beaumont, TX

To the Members of the Texas Legislature,

I am writing to strongly oppose the continued gerrymandering of legislative districts in our state, particularly the redrawing of five districts that further dilute the political power of Black and Brown communities. Texas is 61% people of color, yet this diverse majority is not reflected in our representation. Out of 38 congressional seats, only 13 are held by Democrats, and 25 by Republicans—an imbalance that does not align with the state's demographics or voting trends.

Gerrymandering undermines fair representation, silences the voices of communities of color, and erodes public trust in our democracy. District lines should be drawn to reflect the will and makeup of the people—not to secure partisan advantage.

I urge you to reject maps that do not accurately and fairly represent all Texans. Every citizen deserves equal representation, regardless of race, ethnicity, or political affiliation.

Respectfully,
Jocelyn Kay West
Beaumont, Texas
jocelynwest69@yahoo.com

Heidi Hays
Self - estimator
Austin, TX

As a voter I am against the redistricting and I am embarrassed that our leaders have no balls to stand up to Donald Dump.

Rosanna V. Hansen
Self
Katy, TX

We are a nation of laws. This act by the Texas Republicans goes against these laws. Every registered voter of Texas deserves to be represented by their chosen leaders. Not by leaders chosen for them. Do the right and just action for all Texans. Don't submit to the pressures of bad governance. Thank you.

Leilani Barnett
Self
Wichita Falls, TX

The redistricting plan is designed to diminish true representation! Good grief! They are even trying to draw Representative Jasmine Crockett out of her district! Nothing right about this!

Faith Quinones-Ramos
Self
El Paso, TX

We do not need this. The only reason this is being done is because the republicans are scared at how close Texas is to turning blue. El Paso has always been blue and so have many other bigger cities in Texas. This is an attempt to make those cities red which would not be possible without the redistricting. We do not want this. We oppose this. Stop this from happening.

Kristine Torres Dizon
Self, program manager
Pflugerville, TX

Oppose this bill

Lauren Stockbridge
Self
Dallas, TX

My family and I live in district 32 and are outraged at how our district has been chopped up to nullify our votes. The citizens of district 32 just resoundingly elected Julie Johnson into office and a mid-decade change to satisfy a tyrant by disenfranchising voters is shameful.

Lisa Connolly
Myself
Colleyville, TX

As a native born Texan, an independent voter, and as a Christian, I am against this mid decade redistricting map and the corrupt and unethical process in which it was created.
Texas Republicans after the 2020 census created a new map in 2021. The only reason this new map is being proposed is because Trump asked for it so Republicans can create 5 new GOP seats for the 2026 midterms and Trump can retain power. Republicans don't believe they can win with policy so the GOP will just cheat. So much for Christian values.
Republicans have made it clear that they do not want to represent the interests of blacks and Latinos but instead will dispose of their integrity for power.

Leah Mandujano
Self teacher
Willis, TX

This is unacceptable! Districts aren't even keeping whole voting communities together. Ridiculous.

Brooke Traister
Self, communications
Dallas, TX

I strongly oppose the new redistricting maps submitted by Texas House Republicans. I live in one of the districts that will be severely altered by the new maps (Northwest Dallas), and this effort will disenfranchise voters in my area. We must protect voters' power to choose the electorate, not any one political party.

William Weaver
Self, Business Analyst
Austin, TX

I object to the district maps being redrawn to further dilute my voice. This is nothing more than a power grab and is the antithesis to what democracy stands for.

April Sanders
Self
Cresson, TX

Stop gerrymandering Texas!!!!!

Anessa Anchondo-Rivera
Self
El Paso, TX

I am against the redistricting. This will disenfranchise Texans. Stop bowing down to Trump and Abbott!!!

Kathy Bolstorff
Self/Physical therapist and former teacher
Austin, TX

I am strongly against restricting at this time in Texas. First of all there is no new census data to justify restricting. Secondly, this special session was called obstensively to create legislation to help families in the wake of the floods in Kerr County and create new laws for improving safety. This session is a blatant power grab by Trump who asked for 5 additional republican seats in the US House of Representatives, and Govenor Abbott is complying with his demands. There are so many other issues that are important to Texans (flood relief, education, health care) and these are what our legislators should be working on, NOT cheating to gain Trump's favor and keep the 1% richer.

C. Dione Marshall
Self
Cypress, TX

Gerrymandering is bs. I and everyone I know is against this illegal action. The republicans must be stopped.

Stefanie Bord
Self
Spring, TX

I oppose this bill. There is no new census to base any new maps on. This is unconstitutional. Everyone will be impacted by these new districts. Representatives will have a very hard time representing people spread from both San Antonio and Austin. They'll struggle with rural AND urban voters in one district. They'll struggle between flood district voters and people who live in dry areas. They'll have a hard time representing the needs of people living in different counties. No one will have the representation they need, deserve, and are given by the constitution.

The House is meant to represent the people and it will not do that for Texans with these new maps. It barely does it now. You should all feel ashamed to be blindly and unconstitutionally doing this. Every time a representative acts without their constituents in mind, they let go of some of their power. They lose sight of why they're in office in the first place. You should all take a deep look at yourselves and decide who you are choosing to represent. If it isn't your constituents, that's a major problem.

Vote no on HB4, for your constituents.

maria bustamante
Self, Engineer
Austin, TX

Redrawing the district boundaries 5 years after the census is completely unnecessary and unconstitutional. Bowing to the will of the president instead of protecting the rights of your constituents is abhorrent. I can't think of a single reason why this would be done except to advance an agenda that the majority would be opposed to. If it was a democrat president what would Texas do then? This is wildly unpopular with everyone, not just those you wish to silence.

Breanna Blansit
Self
Justin, TX

Many Texans feel disenfranchised by the district lines in Texas, and this map will further limit the voices of many of the State's population. Please, please, do not approve this redistricting.

Linda Hernandez, RN
Bexar County Republican Women
San Antonio, TX

Dear Representative or Senator, it is imperative that you as our voice will reflect our wishes to continue the fight to create 5 more redistricting areas to better reflect the Republican constituency in the state of Texas, so that our conservative agenda can push forward and win the legislative bills that we want you to pass. The left wing woke agenda is dead and we want Texas to reflect the values of making this state number one in the country to maintain common sense and good family values. That is why we voted for you and for Trump. Please make it happen and we will reward you in the future with our votes and unwavering loyalty!!

Tracy Phelps
Self
San Marcos, TX

I oppose the ridiculously partisan redistricting plan. My town of San Marcos, TX will essentially lose representation by lumping us in with historically red areas. It is so blatant it would be funny if it were not so despicable. You should be ashamed of yourselves. You shouldn't need to create these ridiculous new districts. If you are representing what the people of Texas value, you will get the votes. Please stop trying to cheat your way into house seats. This is a bridge too far.

Virginia Lee
Self, Retired
Allen, TX

So much for my Texas forebears understanding of and belief in the notion of an honorable individual. That the Republican party feels it necessary to even suggest, much less actually propose a plan for redistricting boundary lines within the state shows a level of fear (among Republicans) that is laughable. I guess it underscores that old adage, "if you can't win, fair and square, then cheat". It seems that the men, and maybe even the women of the Republican Party do not think that the rest of the world can do their own thinking. Thank you very much, but I don't wear blinders, I can get myself out of a paper bag, and I do know how to assess a situation and make a reasonable decision based on the information provided. all that being said, it appears that the Republican Party is trying to return Texas to an era where some people actually owned other people, where _____ sought to impose their belief system and 'values' on others. At the same time, the individuals who would subjugate others, do nothing to improve the health, welfare or economic situation of those they would subjugate. Frankly, I am embarrassed to have to admit to living in Texas at this time. It is a shameful thing that the Republican party is trying to foist on the people I hope that those individuals who consider themselves to be Christians, and therefore moral, would examine the impetus of their behavior and would know The answer to the question, "what would Jesus do?"
Here's a hint, he would not belong to the Republican Party – at least in the state of Texas.

Melody Skeen
Self
Austin, TX

Gerrymandering is a blight on our democracy. There is no justice in a system that seeks to strip the voices of any of its constituents by drawing arbitrary lines on a map. Texans deserve representatives that actually care to listen and fight for their communities. Win your votes the right way and have some integrity.

J C Elkins, Mr
self - retired computer programmer
Austin, TX

I believe boundaries should include and be limited to whole counties where possible. Two or more counties per district for less populous areas, and highly populated counties divided into 2 or more congressional districts. No gerrymandering, please!

Michael Miller
Self
Austin, TX

The proposed map does not represent the will of the people of Texas on the national stage. It is more disproportionate than the current map and only serves to insulate federal politicians from accountability, regardless of party. This is a demonstration of weakness in policy and popularity, rigging the game to cover for poor performance. This effort is not necessary in the case where the policies, laws, and efforts are aligned with the will of the people of Texas.

William Baker
Self
Harker Heights, TX

Please vote against this proposal. Stick to the traditional cycle of redistricting. You are continuing to drive a wedge between urban and rural communities and between neighbors of different political viewpoints which is leading to more hatred and the erosion of civility. As leaders, you have a responsibility to all of your citizens, not just those in your political party and certainly not to politicians in other states. This is Texas. Stop ceding your decisions to a man from Florida.

Shawn-Dana Dalton
Self retired
Mineola, TX

I oppose this map. Do NOT redraw the districts! To repeat: I am AGAINST the plan to redistrict. This bill DOES NOT represent Texas. I demand fair maps that represent all Texans.

Kristina Jingling
Self, Communications Manager
Leander, TX

I oppose HB 4. It is a blatant disregard of Texan’s rights and should be illegal. We will not stand for this.

Kim Corey
Self
Richardson, TX

This is a transparent attempt at maintaining power and shield accountability. Yet local and federal GOP are willing to attempt it anyway…in a rush, out of session with limited if any public notice or input. Rather than owning their policies, and consequences come what may- they’re work to (and let’s face it, likely succeed) in gerrymandering the vote instead! Texas needs to do better by their constituents, in keeping with the oath and job to serve them, working in concert with other duly elected officials (of all parties) in good faith. Leave the maps, stop trying to game the system.

Stephen Bowman
Self, Business Owner
Dallas, TX

The overt attempt to undermine the democratic and the explicit will of the people as public servants and representatives with this redistricting proposal shows not only an unfitness to perform the job for which our government has been hired but a willingness and desire to subvert the will of your constituents for personal reasons. We as Texans cannot and will not be silenced by technicalities just because the slowly-failing GOP has finally realized they will never represent what real Texans want.

Patricia Valdez Harrison
Self
El Paso, TX

Giving and aspiring doctor what he wants will end democracy as we know it and in the end you will pay for it.

Amanda Windham
Myself and my district
Sugar Land, TX

I believe a redistricting in voter suppression in its finest. We have it on record public officials stating they want this to happen to retain, and gain, Republican seats in Congress. This is not ethical, moral, or representative of the population that our congress swears to represent. Our districts should represent the diversity of the people. Redistricting would erase the voices of the majority, all for those in power to maintain their positions (in which they are service a political ideology, and not representing their constituents.) I want to make it known that I oppose more gerrymandering, and do NOT support redistricting efforts. Vote “no”! Listen to your constituents. We are tired of being a ploy in your chess game for power. We want our basic rights respected, which you were sworn in to protect.

Sabrina Tudor
Self
Coppell, TX

Oppose the redistricting.

Rachelle White, Ms.
Self
The Colony, TX

Strongly oppose.

Khanay Turner
Self and Barbara Jordan Leadership Institute
Fort Worth, TX

My name is Khanay Turner. I am a resident of Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas, and I serve as the Executive Director of the Barbara Jordan Leadership Institute (BJLI)—an organization committed to uplifting, training, and empowering Black Texans across Greater Houston, North Texas, and East Texas to understand their power and fight for a seat at the table.

We carry the legacy of the Honorable Barbara Jordan, the first Black woman from the South elected to the U.S. Congress, who used her seat to speak truth to power and defend the Constitution with unflinching clarity. Yet here we are, in 2025, facing a redistricting process that once again erects barriers to that very representation and silences communities that have built and sustained this state.

HB 4 is more than a bad map. It's a targeted effort to undermine Black and Brown political power in Texas. The proposed congressional map completely dismantles Congressional District 9 (CD 9)—a historic Black opportunity district in Houston—leaving more than 800,000 Texans without fair or effective representation. It packs Black, Latino, and Asian American voters into CD 18 and 29, suppressing our influence across neighboring districts and violating both the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause.

And the damage extends far beyond Houston. In Tarrant County, where I live and work, this map completely removes any Black or minority-majority congressional representation, effectively silencing the voices of nearly 1.3 million people of color. These are the very communities who fueled the state's growth. Their contributions matter—and so should their votes.

If HB 4 is enacted, Texas—one of the most racially diverse states in the country—would be left with only two congressional districts where Black Texans have a meaningful opportunity to elect candidates of their choice. That is not democracy. That is disenfranchisement.

Let's be clear: 95% of Texas' population growth in the last decade came from communities of color, yet this proposed map completely ignores that demographic reality. It is not a coincidence—it is a choice. A deliberate one, designed to dilute, divide, and dismiss the very people who have built this state and made it what it is.

At BJLI, we believe in building Black civic power. But when the state draws maps that erase our presence and undermine our rights, that mission becomes harder, and our democracy weaker.

I urge this Committee to reject HB 4. Do not move forward with mid-decade redistricting without updated Census data or full legal review of the current maps. Honor the legacy of Barbara Jordan. Protect the voices of Black Texans, and all Texans who believe in fairness, equity, and representative government.

Kamalen Diaz
Self / Transportation Engineer
Harker Heights, TX

I strongly oppose the proposed redistricting in Texas because it undermines fair representation and silences the voices of entire communities. Our districts should reflect the people, not political interests, and I stand firmly against any map that manipulates boundaries for partisan gain rather than ensuring every Texan's vote counts equally.

Sarah Howard
Self
Houston, TX

I oppose the sudden redistricting of Texas at the explicit command of a sitting President "to find [him] five more seats." Disenfranchising Texas voters to hoard power is undemocratic, unpatriotic, immoral, and despotic. Texans deserve to choose their representatives not a single party dictating against the will of the voters.

David Friedman
self
Austin, TX

My objections to this bill:
1. There is no adequate justification given for the highly irregular action of redistricting in the middle of a census cycle.
2. The immediate pretext for the redistricting derives from a letter sent by the Department of Justice stating that four Texas Congressional districts are "coalition districts" allegedly in violation of provisions of the Voting Rights Act. It has already been argued, in testimony heard by the Committee on July 24, that this allegation is bogus - the VRA does not prohibit coalition districts. The real reason for the attempt at redistricting is that the President has expressly asked the Governor to give him five additional Republican House seats in Congress - an action which clearly violates the spirit (if not the explicit letter) of the Voting Rights Act, and also disregards the intentions of Texas voters.
3. The Legislature has much more pressing business to occupy itself with at this time, specifically flood damage relief for the Kerrville area in consequence of the July 4 floods. By prioritizing redistricting at this time, the Legislature is lowering its stature as a lawmaking body by putting the demands of national party politics ahead of the welfare of Texas residents.

Holly Deters
Self, Engineer
Garland, TX

I am writing in strong opposition to the ongoing redistricting efforts in Texas that have deliberately undermined the fundamental right to fair and equal representation in our state.

I grew up in Hays County and now live and vote in Dallas County. I have watched the communities I have called home be divided and diluted through gerrymandered district lines, drawn not to reflect my neighbors and their voices in our democracy, but to preserve political power. As a licensed engineer, I am bound by a code of ethics that values equity, integrity, and service to the public. I expect no less from those in public office.

Redistricting should be a technical and transparent process rooted in data, equity, and legal compliance, not a political weapon. Yet Texas's current maps ignore the basic principles of representative democracy. Despite 95 percent of the state's population growth coming from people of color between 2010 and 2020, the new maps diminish their voting power. That is not only morally indefensible; it directly contradicts the Voting Rights Act, as outlined in federal court findings.

When maps are drawn to manipulate outcomes rather than represent people, they violate the very structure of a government By The People. As an engineer, if I distorted data to deliver a biased result, I would lose my credibility and my license. Politicians should be held to the same ethical standard.

And yet, the state continues to double down, encouraged by blatant calls from national leaders, including the current president, to redraw maps and rewrite rules in ways that benefit one party. Both parties should reject this kind of interference. Fair maps should never be a partisan issue; they are a moral and constitutional obligation.

The integrity of our democracy depends on a redistricting process that respects the law, reflects the people, and rejects discrimination and blatant political manipulation. Texans deserve better than political games. I urge you to restore fairness and integrity to the redistricting process, uphold ethical responsibility, comply with federal law, and ensure every Texas voter's voice counts equally.

David Walker
Self
Arlington, TX

What Republicans are trying to do is despicable!! Y'all should be ashamed of yourselves. You're trying to do redistricting early in order to steal representation from the citizens of Texas cause Trump's and the Republicans policies are so bad. You're stealing food out of the mouths of the poor to fatten the already fat stomachs of the rich. You might wanna think about the atrocities you're committing by trying to steal representation. And look back in history how that turned out. You're protecting pedophiles and frauds and you are cowards for not having the guts to stand up to a wannabe dictator. Eventually the people will band together and take our representation back. When that day comes we the people will not forget the cowards and Nazis that stole it from us. Republicans are the party of pedophiles and billionaires. And the fact that you're now trying to steal our representation proves that Republicans and conservatives don't care about the people, you only care about power and the people are going to take that power back from you if you keep starving the poor. Shame on all of you!!!

Gina Malewicz
Self
Katy, TX

The government is for the people, by the people. This redistricting is not a fair representation of the people and is the antithesis of what the USA stands for. You are subverting the spirit of the constitution and what makes the USA great. The people don’t want this.

Rick Mendoza
Self-educator
San Antonio, TX

Don’t do it. You people have gotten away with this for too long. You are greedy with power and I assure you this will be the final straw. This will be the catalyst to change the political makeup of this state

Megan Wesson
Self
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose the unconstitutional and illegal redistricting. A vote is a voice, redistricting in a way that removes local voices to be heard is gerrymandering. You should be ashamed this is even on the ballot.

Jarrod Breclaw
Self
Round Rock, TX

The clear gerrymandering of Austin and other metro areas needs to stop. It is immoral and should be illegal since it completely distorts true democratic representation and effectively disenfranchises many voters. You are supposed to represent the people, not take away their vote. This bill demonstrates the cowardice and corruption of the current Republican majority House. I have been a registered Republican voter for all of my adult life. I am seriously considering changing my party affiliation to Democrat. The current Republican leadership both at our state and national level are unpatriotic, corrupt, and spineless. Do your job and stand up for the rights of all people that you are supposed to be serving. Vote no on this bill.

Jack Loveridge, Dr.
El Paso Independent School District
El Paso, TX

July 31, 2025

?To the Members of the Select Committee on Congressional Redistricting:

As Vice President of the El Paso Independent School District (EPISD) Board of Trustees, I write in strong opposition to the redistricting proposal released by your Committee. The proposed map would strip vital parts of El Paso, including Milam and Bliss Elementary Schools, the VA Medical Center, Fort Bliss, and El Paso International Airport, out of Congressional District 16.

The timing of this proposal and the political agenda behind it represent an attack on fair representation for taxpayers in El Paso and families on post at Fort Bliss. It is a clear example of gerrymandering that will weaken El Paso's voice in Congress. I believe it will hinder our district's ability to advocate effectively at the federal level for hundreds of our students, particularly the children of our nation's service members.

Milam and Bliss Elementary Schools are not just points on a map. They are vibrant learning communities deeply connected to Fort Bliss, one of the largest military installations in the country, home to roughly 29,000 active-duty personnel and many thousands of family members and civilian staff. These public schools are essential for military families, built by our city's oldest school district to serve their specific needs. They depend on consistent and responsive representation by someone who understands and lives in this community.

Bliss Elementary is currently undergoing a major federally-funded reconstruction through a Department of Defense grant. This progress is the result of years of planning and the dedicated advocacy of Congresswoman Veronica Escobar, an El Pasoan who knows our district and fights for it in Washington. The proposed redistricting would sever this vital connection to federal support for our students.

This proposal is not about better representation — it is about consolidating political power. It is part of a wider campaign to dismantle majority-minority districts across Texas. The proposed map eliminates five such districts. It targets a community whose strength lies in its diversity and cross-border identity, where English and Spanish are spoken across generations, and service to country is a daily reality for many families.

I urge you to reject this undemocratic proposal that will simply create obstacles for our students and their community. Fort Bliss and our schools belong in District 16. Our students, service members, and families deserve accessible federal representation that reflects both who they are and where they live. Anything less betrays the families we serve and undermines the principle of fair representation for all Texans.

Sincerely,

?Jack Loveridge, Ph.D.?
Vice President
El Paso Independent School District Board of Trustees?
District 3 – El Paso, Texas

Darcy Hamre
self, sahm
Austin, TX

This newly drawn map will would hurt minority communities and feels like a gross misuse of power. Gerrymandering districts for political gain can derail efforts within a district that seek to solve complex issues. I am opposed to this new map.

Eryn Schultz
Self, financial planner
Austin, TX

As an Austin resident, I strongly oppose Redistricting that will dilute the voice of Austin residents by stretching districts well outside the metro. A republic only works if the elected representatives map to the electorate. Focus on flooding and disaster relief not partisan politics.

Michael Wesson
Self
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose the proposed redistricting.

Michael Tully
Self, Underwriting Director
AUSTIN, TX

I am writing in strong opposition to House Bill 4 and the blatant gerrymandering it represents. HB 4 undermines the principles of fair representation and democratic integrity by manipulating district lines to favor one political party at the expense of voters across the state. It is anti-democratic, un-American, and does not serve Texas communities.

Debra Wilcox
Self/ self employed
San Antonio, TX

We do not need any redistricting at this time. Elected officials are chosen by the people, not the other way around.

Laura Bearden, Mrs
Self
Marble Falls, TX

This re districting is illegal. Texas is already gerrymandered and these proposed lines further increase the gerrymander. You know this is wrong, but seem beholden to Trump. Listen to your constituents and do not move forward with this ridiculous plan

Eddie Cowen
Self
Temple, TX

I am in opposition of the redistricting of Texas.

Desiree Avila
self / librarian
El Paso, TX

The city of El Paso is vibrant and rich in history. We are a community with a strong voice and stronger ties to the land. Our ancestors were here before there were any borders. Because of this, we do deserve to be heard, treated with respect, and represented fairly in our own space. This redistricting attempt will negatively impact the region and move major parts of El Paso County, like Fort Bliss and the El Paso International Airport, into the 23rd Congressional District. This representative in the 23rd district, lives hundreds of miles away, often votes against the interest of my community, and rarely visits the area. Would this type of representative really be what's best for all of El Paso? The pressure put towards redistricting our city and ultimately changing what makes the El Paso region so unique concerns me a great deal. The purpose of this potential redistricting change can only be described as a way to minimize our voices further. Will this change give those in power reason to overlook our needs and potential? How are we able to hold our representatives truly accountable if they are not even part of our community? As a public servant I want to give my best effort to my patrons. As a librarian I see what we need because I am a part of this beautiful community. I succeed when they succeed. Just as I am held to a high standard as a public servant, I expect my/our political servants to do right by us as well and truly play an active role in our city. Redistricting our region and dividing us further is not the way to go about it.

Sarah N
self
Austin, TX

The proposed redistricting is the corruption of our government. We the people do not want ANY state corrupting our federal government. The redistricting map that was created in July of 2025 should be thrown out immediately. Redistricting should only be done every 10 years and not by politicians in the first place. Holding a special session to do it in an off-year just because the executive branch said they wanted to create 5 extra votes so they would win midterm elections is a sickening display of your blatant corruption. Do you think your creator made you to be a sycophant? I sure don't. You were created to be a man of honor and to follow the ways of honor in every aspect of your life. If you can't win without cheating, you don't deserve to win. Reverse course now and you can still prevent this dishonor from becoming real. Live the rest of your life with honor. Politics are not worth selling your honor.

MIchael Stack
Self
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose this congressional redistricting. It is totally unnecessary and a waste of time and money. It will cost us significantly more in taxes. Furthermore, it is clearly another political stunt to gerrymander for political party gain only and that is morally and ethically wrong. Texas politics are disgraceful by prioritizing this obvious sham and not addressing this administration poor response the disastrous floods in Kerrville. I am amazed this party of politicians can look at themselves in the mirror. If this sham is approved, it will become another clear cause to vote all the goose-steppers out of office. They do not have Texas citizens' safety and their best interests at heart.
Michael Stack

Leigh Allbritton
Self
Dallas, TX

I strongly oppose the redistricting. This is unfair and not aligned with voters' wishes. GOP members are cheating if they pass this bill, and they should be ashamed of themselves.

Kimberly Pennock
Self
Rowlett, TX

Every individual from the state of Texas deserves representation in government whether you agree with them or not. Leaders in government should represent the best of society, I hope Texas will set an example to the nation and vote against passing this through. We are better than this. Thank you.

Tim Trentham
Self
Austin, TX

I am opposed to this out of cycle redistricting that is a clearly illegal attempt to dilute my own vote and the votes of my fellow citizens. This is a blatant power grab by Donald Trump and the Republican party. This should not be allowed and if it happens, we're headed to French Revolution times.

Claiire Oxley
self
Boerne, TX

Written testimony submitted by Claire Oxley to the Texas Senate and House of Representatives on August 1, 2025 about redistricting:

Hello, my name is Claire Oxley. I live in U.S. House District 23. Tony Gonzalez is my representative. I am testifying on the redistricting process and why it is crucial that the legislature respect the Voting Rights Act and not discriminate against already-disenfranchised communities. Texas has a long history of passing discriminatory election laws and of racially gerrymandered maps. This extraordinary and rushed mid-decade redistricting is a continuation of that pattern.

The newly proposed map will make an already unjust situation far worse for communities of color in Texas. Approximately 60% of Texans are people of color. Under the 2021 map only 34% of our Congressional delegation members are people of color. Under the proposed map that representation of people of color is likely to fall to 21%.

The proposed map would eliminate six Congressional districts that are performing, i.e. providing communities of color with a voice in the legislative process. The proposed map will dramatically reduce those communities' already limited ability to affect national policies that often have a disproportionate impact on their families' wellbeing.

The reason Texas has gained two seats in Congress is that our population has grown: 90% of that growth comes from minority groups. Any new map should account for that growth rather adding seats for the slower-growing Anglo population. This is an extreme power grab at the expense of communities of color, layered on top of an already heavily gerrymandered map: A map that is still under litigation.

This entire process is deeply flawed. It is rushed: There has been minimal notice and opportunity for public comment and the court has yet to rule on the legality of the 2021 redistricting map. This process should not happen until after that case has been resolved. When it is time to redistrict Texas should create an independent Redistricting Commission that would offer a transparent way to draw maps that would reflect the true nature of our state's population.

Instead of allowing voters to choose our representatives this process is meant to allow politicians to choose their voters. That is not just. It does not reflect the highest values of America. Thank you for this opportunity to comment on this crucial issue.

Glory Hahn
Self
Arlington, TX

The Texas where I grew up thrived on being independent, a leader, and well respected.

I barely recognize today's Texas. Texas politicians are blindly following a man who wants to be an authoritarian. Texas representatives are choosing cruelty, deciding when & where a law applies & when it doesn't, and refusing to listen to residents & constituents.

Today's Texas is not a leader. It's weak. It lies. It cheats. It ignores it's citizens. It doesn't care that cruelty impacts entire communities like Uvalde, ElPaso, Allen, & Kerr County.

The bad faith attempts of redistricting effort displays all of the worst qualities of Texas. Lying & cheating isn't a path forward, yet that's the path you chose. Why? What are you afraid of? Why is it necessary to draw a new map? Is the map from 2021 not gerrymandered enough? You know the 2021 map isn't fair, but it recognized that voices of every color, creed, race & religion are integral to Texans success. Your proposal seeks to shut out 45% of the population.

If nothing in this statement makes you rethink your positions on cruelty & lies, I hope you keep this in mind...
If we fail, you fail, too.

Maggie Parker
Self
Dallas, TX

Oppose! We do not want this new map or bill to pass.

Mary McDonald
Self
Austin, TX

Restricting the state of Texas is nothing more than a power grab, and does not reflect what every Texan wants fair representation by their congressman. I am against the redistricting Bill.

William McDonald
Self
AUSTIN, TX

I am against the redistricting bill as it does nothing to accurately represent Texans, and instead is being used as a political tool.

Tracy Fisher
Self
Coppell, TX

I’m deeply concerned about the ongoing manipulation of voting districts in Texas. Gerrymandering undermines our democracy by allowing politicians to choose their voters instead of voters choosing their leaders. This practice silences the voices of communities—especially communities of color—and results in uncompetitive races where elected officials are less accountable to the people they serve. It erodes trust in our elections and pushes politics further to the extremes.

Texans across the political spectrum want fair maps and a transparent, nonpartisan redistricting process. The proposed mid-decade redistricting is nothing more than a political power grab—wasting taxpayer dollars and creating unnecessary chaos. I urge you to oppose any efforts to redraw legislative maps outside the standard ten-year Census cycle and to support reforms that prioritize voters over party politics. Democracy should serve the people, not the politicians.

John Stufflebeam, Mr
self
Brenham, TX

Please district according to Republican Population. We are a majority and we need to be in control of the vote in our communities. Thank You

Linda Maldonado
Self/Retired
San Antonio, TX

So, the plan is to change 100,000 residents from Latino majority areas in CD 23 and CD 20 in Bexar County into an district that is only 34.6% Latino? (CD21)
This does not seem ethical to me. This is an attempt to crack the Latino population of Bexar County even further.

I am against this.

Melanie Rivera
Self
Dallas, TX

I vehemently oppose the proposed redistricting maps. This is a violation of our civil liberties and a complete disregard for the people's voice. Most of Texas is against you doing this and you are choosing to do it anyway. It's disgusting. It's not too late though— you can still be on the right side of history. Choose to let the people decide.

Miyl Gills
Self
San Antonio, TX

I oppose the redistricting of Texas. Please let the citizen's voices be heard, from the wealthy to the poorest among us. Who is this redistricting really helping?

Monica Clark
Self manager
Houston, TX

Texans deserve equal representation. Redrawing the maps on the request of the ruling party at the time is a dangerous step that would likely backfire eventually. The same way we teach children to play fair in games and sports, so should the adults in this room. We should not CHEAT or STEAL congressional seats/power because it's easier. Vote NO on this congressional map.

Lauren Goldberg
Self
Hutto, TX

Stand up to Trump and oppose HB 4! The people of Texas do not want this redistricting. Please hear us and protect the people of Texas not silence them. Save our democracy!

Lisa Pfeiffer
Self/Military Retiree/Disabled Veteran
San Antonio, TX

I am OPPOSED to Texas proposed redistricting. This is untimely and unnecessary. The basis for redistricting should be fair and equal representation, this IS NOT! This attempt IS NOT in the BEST interest of Texas as a whole. During the recent massive flooding events, Governor Abbott talked about "Texans helping Texans" this is NOT "Texans helping Texans" it is nothing but self-serving by a few, not Texas as a whole.

Jay Kitchens
Self
Tomball, TX

I am writing to express my concern with HB 4. This new redistricting map is a flat out power grab, plain and simple. In the 2024 election, 42% of the state wide vote went to the democratic candidate yet your new map sets up Republicans to control almost 80% of all House districts in the state. That is absolutely absurd and is in no way reflective of American ideals and values. You guys didn't even have redistricting on your radar until Donald Trump said something about it. You do know you don't have to do whatever he says right? You're free to govern the state as you see fit. Stop being cowards and stand up for the people in your state instead of bending over backwards to appease a man that would kick you to the curb as soon as he doesn't need you anymore. The state of Texas is a leader on many issues, let's be a leader on this issue too. Do what's right, stand strong for the people of your state.

Nikki Lemmons
Self- RN
Robinson, TX

I oppose the redistricting of Texas. There is already so much gerrymandering- this will only further silence Texans. By continuing with the redistricting, the state government is showing that it truly does not care about the voice of the people, only that of a dictator. The people are changing but the Texas government refuses to acknowledge that in order to keep the same people in power for far longer than they should be.

Chris Waldhart
concerned citizen
Houston, TX

Against this proposal. I do not feel the need to go into great detail here as I do not feel the Texas Legislature really cares at this point but gerrymandering is fundamentally wrong: voter disenfranchisement (packing/cracking districts), increasing political polarization, less accountability (incumbents do not face other party challenges), and diluting the voting power of cultural groups. There is no basis for redrawing select democratic districts besides coming up with a way to silence the vote. But it is ok, Texas Legislature will focus on "election security" as it identifies 4 minority voters who illegally cast their votes out of district.

You know what is right. This proposal is not it.

Melinda Saulter
Self
Pinehurst, TX

The districts should not be changed to fit your needs!

Sara Konstantine
Self
Cedar park, TX

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the recent redistricting efforts in Texas. These changes undermine the rights of countless voters and threaten the foundation of our democracy.

The newly proposed districts disrupt communities and weaken the voting power of many Texans, especially people of color. Rather than reflecting the true diversity and growth of our state, these maps seem designed to benefit politicians instead of the voters they are supposed to serve. Manipulating district boundaries in this way silences voices and makes it harder for citizens to choose representatives who truly reflect their values and needs.

This kind of redistricting is a direct attack on voter rights. It creates unfair advantages for one party, reduces trust in our electoral system, and makes voters feel powerless. Every Texan deserves to have their voice heard and to know that their vote counts equally.

I urge you to reject any plan that is unfair or discriminatory. We need district maps that respect every community and protect the rights of all voters. The strength of our democracy depends on your willingness to put the people before politics.

Please do the right thing and ensure fair representation for every Texan.

Patricia Garris
Self
Spring, TX

Apartheid is the policy of racial segregation and political and economic discrimination against non-whites. It appears that is the intent, and result, of the unnecessary redistricting demanded by the President and supported by the Republican majority.

I testified at the House and Senate hearings, where the chairmen said they had no knowledge of when and how the map would be drawn. Less than 24 hours after I testified, it was released.

I wonder, did someone go to the Evelyn Wood School of Map Redistricting, or is this a credibility issue? I don't believe that information was kept from them.

In the last redistricting, CD38 was created. As is often the case, redistricting leads to incompetent representation. They don't know the area and don't seem to care and don't live there. That's my personal experience.

I have written Wesley Hunt over 30 times with no response. I have gone to his office where there is no staff, instead a phone number on the door to call to make an appointment. When I called, I was interrogated and told I must limit my conversation to 5 topics. I am still waiting to hear from someone to set up an appointment.

His people tell me that they have too much territory to cover and too many people to serve. Well, whose fault is that? Either incompetent staff or incompetent leadership. Or could it be a rigged map?

I take issue on calling these hearings. There were no hearings, because no one was listening. There were gatherings and we are at a gathering today. It will last 10-hours, where fewer than 300 Texans will be allowed to testify, for 2 minutes, on a decision that impacts over 30 million, with the goal to reduce minority representation.

If it looks like apartheid, talks like apartheid and Republicans love it, it must be apartheid.

Julia Suits
self
Austin, TX

Gerrymandering is deeply undemocratic. With more sophisticated algorithms available, gerrymandering is getting worse. This, yet another round of redistricting, is a violation of public trust. A theft. An assault on democracy. Shame on those of you who upset our country's precious and fundamental balance of power. Redistricting hurts Texas people. Oppose it.

Jodi Cozzolino
self
Dallas, TX

Please vote against the redistricting.

Veronica Norris
Self
San Antonio, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map. Thank you for your attention to this matter!

Catherine Gattuso
myself
Austin, TX

I am against changes to our voting maps called redistricting. It would put me with areas that have little to done similarities.

Laura Reed
Concerned citizen
Arlington, TX

Stop trying to steal the election. Save our democracy

Martha Morse, Dr
Self/retired physician
San Antonio, TX

Elections should reflect the will of the people. How can they when politicians artificially draw lines to purposefully favor one party over another. The attempt to redistrict in the middle of a census period is a blatant attempt to favor Republican candidates. This is wrong and should not be allowed.

Eric Blake
self, software engineer
Midlothian, TX

I am opposed to the redistricting effort. As a precinct chair in the Republican Party, I would much rather see boundaries that represent the general population, rather than blatant power grabs that entrench the power of the few. Purposefully redrawing the lines without new census data in a blatant effort to gain more seats is not representative of the will of the public, but rather a gerrymandering that is likely to be challenged in courts and cost more than it saves

Kathleen Thomas
Self
Austin, TX

This is addressed to the Republicans on this Committee:
You are subverting our democratic republic by bending the knee to a corrupt president. You know his policies are deeply unpopular. He lies and says his poll numbers are up, but they're not. He's underwater on every major issue.
If you ever wondered how decent Germans became Nazis—this is how. Silencing dissent, ignoring minority rights, rigging elections, turning a blind eye to abuses. Detaining American citizens based on the color of their skin, releasing them without apology—this isn't justice. And whether you're doing this out of fear of a Trump or Abbott primary, or just to keep your seat, you are failing the people of Texas.
I don't believe most of you truly support the BS coming from Trump, Abbott, and Patrick. That makes it worse. You know it's wrong, but you fall in line anyway, like "good Germans." You can never claim you didn't know what your vote would do. Trump is dismantling our democracy and with it, rule of law, piece by piece. By 2026, there may be nothing left to save. Is that really what you want?
What will your children or grandchildren think? Will they change their names to hide their shame at what you helped do? Will they see you as defenders of liberty—or enablers of tyranny?
The only reason to redraw these maps is because Trump and his allies know they'll lose a fair election. Texas should have at most 21 Republican seats in Congress, but already has 25. To push that to 30—when 44% of Texans didn't vote for Trump—is an outrage, and you know it.
Take Kyle and Buda. These cities are growing fast—dynamic, diverse communities. Yet you want to lump them into a rural district reaching to the coast? That's not about "communities of interest"—that's about silencing ours. Dripping Springs is already stuck in CD21, where we're ignored. My current Rep, Roy, doesn't respond to concerns with anything but boilerplate messages. That's not representation.
This is not what my 5th great-grandfather Stephen Williams fought for in the American Revolution, or later in the Texas War of Independence. And it's not what I want for my daughter and those who come after.
Your time will come. Absolute power corrupts absolutely. Look at AG Paxton. Look at the scandals among Republicans in the Lege and in DC. You think you're immune? You're not.
Before you vote, ask yourself: Is this the legacy I want to leave? Will I be remembered as someone who defended our democratic republic—or as someone who sold it out to a con man?

Autumn Mesanko
Self Acct Mgr
Austin, TX

This is a MAGA coup in plain sight.
This map is drawn to serve Donald Trump, and Donald alone. Not Texans. This map is specifically silencing Black, Latino, and AAPI communities. It is a textbook example of voter suppression. And it rigs Texas' congressional seats for decades. It's a desperate, illegal power grab to make sure Trump and his allies can stay in power. Republicans know they can't win unless they cheat. And this map makes that absolutely clear. I truly believe you know this is wrong, so I'm asking you to please do the right thing and vote No.

Elizabeth Journey
Self
Richardson, TX

I live in district 32 and am extremely opposed to this redistricting proposal. My district would likely flip from Democrat to Republican, which is not in line with the voice of my neighborhood. This proposal feels like my voice is being taken away. This proposal is also highly questionable under the law. It appears to everyone with common sense that this is a case of gerrymandering at the request of President Trump. I urge you all to reject this house bill.

Ivy La, Dr.
self
Richmond, TX

gerrymandering in the great big year of 2025, please. it is sad and pathetic what must be done to ensure your victory. your cowardice is noted, your tactics will fail.

Joshlyn Thomaa
self, librarian
Houston, TX

The proposed Congressional redistricting is an attempt to further disenfranchise already marginalized voters. As a resident of Harris County, the proposed redistricting heavily impacts voters in my district, CD-18. This unfair map will leave voters out. We deserve to be heard, no matter how we vote. We deserve to give our input, especially when it comes to decisions about how public funds shape the communities we live in. We need a fair map that gives all of us a voice, not just those who vote for the party in power.

Carol Goodwin
self - retired healthcare administrator
Austin, TX

I am strongly opposed to any mid-census redistricting. I support compact districts that represent specific community-based issues and populations. Having compact districts of this type ensures more equal, non-discriminatory representation of all Texans. In addition, a consolidated case filed in 2021, challenging the constitutionality of the congressional and state legislative maps, went to trial in federal court in El Paso in May-June 2025. A decision in that case is currently pending and should be concluded before any more re-districting is undertaken.

Mary Runner
Self
Poteet, TX

We do NOT need to be redistricted unless it is to stop the already ridiculous gerrymandering we already have. This is illegal and should not happen. Texas government should focus on helping Texans, not the Republican Party or this criminal president

Alison Colemere
Self
Wichita Falls, TX

The proposed redistricting is an egregious power grab by Republicans and is just plain wrong. Every citizen of this state deserves an opportunity to be fairly represented.

Jessica Stape
Self
Austin, TX

Opposed to this redistricting

Jeanette Henderson
Self
San Antonio, TX

Redistricting lines should be put to a vote. Yes we may or may not have voted for you from our available options, so that you could represent us. You can’t represent us if you don’t listen to what we want. Please stop being puppets to the rich and powerful and do your job. Advocate for your constituents to have their voice heard by putting this on the ballot.

Jordan Schuenemann
Self
Austin, TX

I would like to see districts that are competitive and drawn by a neutral team. I want my vote to matter. I want my representative to listen to their constituents. This map does the opposite. Please remove political parties from redistricting.

Monica Frazier, Rev.
Self
Dallas, TX

I love our independent spirit as a state and I’m appalled that my representatives are throwing out a map they drew themselves in 2021 and letting Washington pull their puppet strings. We’re better than this. Don’t waste time and money on this, get to work fixing things that actually need fixing! The President doesn’t get to decide whose vote counts. If you pass this map you will be responsible for one of the final deathknells in our democracy. History will remember this moment. I urge you to search your conscience and do what you know is right for our way of life in Texas.

Nicole Compte
Self
Pasadena, TX

Gerrymandering is wrong. It disenfranchises the voters

Kelsey Taylor
Self
Farmers Branch, TX

I strongly oppose redistricting (gerrymandering) at this time. It is a blatant power grab and sets a dangerous precedent.

Brad Peterson
concerned citizen
Hamilton, TX

I am supportive of redistricting Texas. It's fair, it's right, and good for Texas!

Pam Perez
Self
Austin, TX

I am against redistricting. The bill is not for the best interest of all Texans.

Jocelyn Medlock-Price
Self - Retired Educator
DeSoto, TX

WRITTEN STATEMENT
OPPOSITION OF TEXAS REDISTRICTING AND GERRYMANDERING PLAN
SUBMITTED: JOCELYN MEDLOCK-PRICE

MY NAME IS JOCELYN MEDLOCK-PRICE. I AM WRITING TO OPPOSE THE REDISTRICTING AND GERRYMANDERING PLANS IN TEXAS, ORDERED BY PRESIDENT TRUMP TO GOV. ABBOTT!
IF THIS ACTION IS IMPLEMENTED, IT WILL DILUTE THE VOTING POWER OF COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, PARTICULARLY BLACKS, LATINOS, AND ASIANS. THIS MAP WILL UNFAIRLY CREATE A MAJORITY OF WHITE DISTRICTS, EFFECTIVELY GIVING WHITE VOTERS GREATER CONTROL OVER MINORITY POLITICAL DISTRICTS. THIS REDRAWN MAP:

1. IS BLANTLY DISCRIMINATORY
2. IT IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL RACIAL GERRYMANDERING
3. IT VIOLATES THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT AND THE U.S. CONSTITUTION!

WHILE DISCUSSING THIS MATTER WITH SOMEONE, MY GRANDSON HEARD ME AND SAID “THAT’S CHEATING”….. EVEN A CHILD COULD SEE THROUGH THIS SCHEME. CHEAT MEANS TO DEPRIVE OF SOMETHING VALUABLE BY THE USE OF DECEPTION OR FRAUD; TO INFLUENCE OR LEAD BY DECEPTION OR TRICKERY.
I PRAY THAT YOU KEEP THIS GOLDEN RULE IN MIND FROM MATTHEW 7:12 – “SO IN EVERYTHING YOU DO TO OTHERS, WHAT YOU WOULD HAVE THEM DO TO YOU, FOR THIS SUMS UP THE LAW OF THE PROPHETS”. THIS VERSE ESSENTIALLY TEACHES THAT ONE SHOULD TREAT OTHERS AS THEY WOULD WANT TO BE TREATED, ACTING IN KINDNESS, EMPATHY, AND RESPECT. IT’S A PRINCIPLE THAT GUIDES ETHICAL BEHAVIOR AND EMPHASIZES THE IMPORTANCE OF CONSIDERING THE PERSPECTIVES AND FEELINGS OF OTHERS.
AGAIN, I AM JOCELYN MEDLOCK-PRICE, AND I VEHEMENTLY OPPOSE THE APPROVAL OF THIS REDISTRICTING AND GERRYMANDERING MAP.

Mike Battle
self
Plano, TX

This is very unfair and a clear indication that everyone does not have an equal say in their government

Sheila Whitford
self
Houston, TX

Regarding HB 4 in the Texas House Select Committee on Redistricting: Historically there has been a political battle for votes through gerrymandering for years. However, is this the politically battle that truly represents the majority of Texans. Our state is more diverse than ever. What kind of philosophy is delivered by politician of either party when there major concern is not to truly represent the citizens but rather protect their on personal power and avenues to wealth. If the Republican Party in Texas still maintained the Republican Platform, then perhaps more Republican seats might not be bad. However, the Republican Party is gone. What is left is simply the control of President Trump. The Republicans no longer represent all of the people in the state. So, consider just how the decision to redistrict will impact the lives of Texans. Not for the betterment of the people. Only the betterment of President Trump.

Kerri Newman
Self/Operations Director
Richardson, TX

As a concerned Texan, I strongly oppose the proposed redistricting map. This map does not reflect the true demographics of our state and undermines the principle of fair representation. It appears to dilute the voices of communities of color and favors partisan interests over the needs of the people. I urge lawmakers to reject this map and instead create district boundaries that are transparent, equitable, and reflective of Texas’ diverse population. Every voter deserves an equal voice in our democracy.

Kathy Keanini
Self, Consultant
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose the redistricting of our state that will suppress the voices and votes of our citizens in future elections. It’s already a major problem in my own district, don’t make it worse.

Sara Duncan, Ms
Self
San Antonio, TX

Texas is better than this! Texas is a state full of people who can rise to any occasion! Leaving districts without representation and taking the voice from residents who live within a district is wrong! Please do not move forward with this egregious and disgusting map. Please look at every Texan with care! Please look at every Texan as worthy! Worthy of representation, worthy of due diligence, worthy of respect, worthy of health care, worthy of dignity that they have access to affordable housing, worthy of the American dream that they may have a livable wage. The current proposed map only rips Texans further away from the life promised to ALL in the constitution.

darcy gildon, Precinct chair
Self
Royse City, TX

I support redistricting. Please vote YES on this bill

Alexandria Williams
Self
Spring, TX

I am strongly opposed to the manipulative redistricting efforts by Governor Abbott and the Texas Republicans. It is a blatant power grab with total disregard for Texas voter rights. Texans with a conscience believe every citizen deserves the right of representation. If we stray away from this by passing this partisan gerrymandering, we have failed the people of Texas. Stand up and say no!

Stephanie Piehl
Self slp
Dallas, TX

I oppose the redistricting

Jonathan Yarmis
Self/retired
Austin, TX

Already I am under-represented in my state's congressional delegation. This is clearly an attempt to further marginalize me with a representative who has no interest in actually representing, or even hearing, me.

Joseph Preston
Self - remote digital worker
AUSTIN, TX

Strongly against this attempt to dial up a legislative majority. You are simply shutting the people out of this process, so you can cut essential services nationwide.

Marlena Holt
Self
Dallas, TX

I oppose this bill.

Katherine Chism
Self/admin
San Antonio, TX

While the Supreme Court has allowed gerrymandering for political purposes, I believe it is not what our founders intended when they established our representative system. It increases polarization and decreases good governance. I'm sad that Texas's district maps are being redrawn to win instead of creating districts where the represented people could have similar needs. I live in a district that actually makes sense geographically. Do I agree with my representative on how he votes? Not often. We are on the edge of a gerrymandered district. When it was redrawn I felt like we'd been given over to a district where my more fiscally conservative opinions would not be heard. Gerrymandering the district I was in allowed the extreme right the opportunity to win what had been a more moderate district. If all you do is draw districts where extremes are elected then we are in trouble. Please reconsider and work on crossing the aisle and being better than you are right now.

Collin Nelson
Self- access control
Irving, TX

This proposed revision of district lines in North Texas constitue a clear and irrefutable attempt to gerrymander and reduce the weight of minority votes in the state. This is an act of racist political suppression and will not be tolerated. I would urge my state and local representatives not to allow these proposed changes to take effect, as they reflect poorly on all Texans. This is blatant voter manipulation and whoever proposed these new lines should be entirely ashamed of themselves (looking at you, representative Hunter.)

Jennifer Ferrante
self, mom, AISD substitute teacher, administrative assistant
Austin, TX

Political gerrymandering is a LOSING idea for Texas voters. This mid-decade redistricting attempt is MANIPULATIVE and unfairly takes away the voices of your constituents and suppresses electoral competition.
We see through this charade of "concern" from the DOJ as an unfair attempt to silence voices and that is NOT OK. Greg Abbot created these lines, let them stand where they are and don't further gerrymander and silence Texas voters.

Amy Keane, Mrs.
self
Austin, TX

As a Texas AFT member and public school educator in Travis County, I oppose any mid-decade redistricting that reduces minority voting influence. Our communities deserve fair maps, not political manipulation.

As you are well aware, redistricting is supposed to be a transparent and fair process designed to reflect changes in population and ensure that all communities have an equal voice in the political process. However, HB 4 does the opposite by deliberately reducing the influence of historically underrepresented groups. This plan appears to be more about political maneuvering than serving the interests of the people it purports to represent.

Texas is one of the most diverse states in the nation, and our communities deserve fair maps that empower everyone, not a political manipulation of the system. HB 4 is a step backwards, away from the promise of equal representation, and I strongly urge the committee to reject this harmful bill.

Tricia Daniels
Self
Benbrook, TX

This is politicians choosing their voters, not voters choosing their politician. Vote no.

Michael Hidalgo
Self
SAN MARCOS, TX

Dear committee members,

I oppose these recent redistricting efforts that unfairly target minority and Democratic communities through gerrymandering, undermining electoral fairness. Such tactics distort representation, erode trust, and favor partisan advantage, contradicting fundamental American principles. I urge the committee to ensure transparent, fair redistricting that safeguards democratic integrity and equal voting rights.

Thank you.

Trevor Wong
Self
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose the proposed mid-cycle congressional redistricting in Texas. This plan is a clear attempt to entrench partisan power by diluting the voices of minority and urban communities, particularly in areas like Austin, Houston, and South Texas. Redistricting should follow the census, not political convenience. Manipulating maps to gain seats mid-decade is an abuse of the process and undermines public trust. The proposed changes strip representation from communities that have historically been marginalized. It is not just about politics; it is about fairness, equal representation, and maintaining the integrity of our democracy. This proposal is deeply undemocratic and unjust. I urge the committee to reject it and prioritize maps that reflect the real people of Texas, not partisan ambitions.

Jackie Wakin, Denton County Precinct chair 2080
Self
Frisco, TX

Redistricting is crucial in Texas because it directly impacts political representation and resource allocation. When done fairly, it ensures equal representation based on population shifts. When manipulated, it can lead to gerrymandering, silencing communities and undermining democracy.

Lyndee Boyland
Self
N RICHLND HLS, TX

We all deserve to be represented fairly. It is unethical and unlawful to promote taxation without representation.

gabriela mata
self
austin, TX

texans should be represented not the wishes of the current federal government. our neighbors need better protections against climate change as we have seen in kerrville and sandy creek. our children need safer schools, teachers need better pay, our elderly need better care. allocating time to a redistricting plan that will oppose the needs of everyday hard working texans is antithetical to seeing our great state thrive. It’s your duty to listen to your constituents not a president. he did not appoint you. you were elected by texans. i oppose this bill. i hope you can too

Kristin Bunyard
Self
Austin, TX

I am expressing my extreme opposition to this effort to redistribute Texas yet again and further gerrymander our map. Republicans have proven time and time again that they know the only way they can continue to stay in power is to rig the map and the electoral process. In this special session, while you should be working together to help the victims of the floods in Texas, you instead seek to further your own interests and focus all your time on this ridiculous map. As a lifelong Texan, I am beyond embarrassed that our leadership continues to do Trump's bidding and put his demands above those of Texas residents- including those who have just buried their children. This whole effort will backfire, as blue states will respond in kind. You should play fair, and win or lose on your own merits.

Elisabeth Sommer, Dr.
self/university professor
El Paso, TX

Redistricting at the behest of a President with the specific intent to ensure that one party stays in power is most definitely not a democratic process. It also harms many Texans whose representation would effectively be taken from them. This is what will happen in the district currently represented by Veronica Escobar. The northeastern portion of El Paso will be represented by someone who has no ties to this community. To put a slice of El Paso into a district anchored by San Antonio, a day's drive away, makes no sense. This is not how a democratic republic should work. Representatives should be connected to the people they represent (see how that works?). I find it frustrating, infuriating, and incredibly disappointing that those elected to be servants and representatives of the people are acting in deference largely to one man. Democracy is messy. Autocracy is efficient but brutal. My ancestral cousin, Thomas Jefferson, did not envision an autocracy despite the challenges posed by democracy. Make yourselves do the right thing. Do not redistrict.

RONALD KAIM
SELF
Dallas TX, TX

Good day. it is totally disgusting to do redistricting when it is not after every 10 years when the census is taken. It is also disgusting that this is being done at the request of Trump who should have no say whatsoever in Texas or any other state's business. the State Legislature should be doing what is best for Texans, not what is best for Trump, the Republicans or any other political party, and what this bill does is to try to dilute the voices of non-Republicans and not wanting to take care of all Texans & Americans, which these days, is un-American. This splitting districts to make more, at least on paper, republican districts can backfire in many new districts at the mid-terms. Wouldn't be best for the GOP to get the vote out for them in districts not favorable to the Republicans than trying to get more votes by re-districting which may backfire? I'd think so.

Jeff Toney
Self
Georgetown, TX

I wish to express my outrage on the idea that now is the time for redistricting map. It is a shameless attempt to muddy the waters for the next election and you could not be more obvious to anyone that is politically active. Do better, be thoughtful and maybe actually do some good work for a change instead of spending all your energy trying to make a bad thing worse.

Jonathan Haynes
Self
Austin, TX

Don't redistrict Texas. What you're doing is unconstitutional And not Democratic. You will be voted out if you do this. You are destroying our democracy for Donald Trump a lying, cheating, pedophile.

Erin Pitts

Self - Business Owner

Austin, TX

I want it to be known that the proposed redistricting map boundaries not only make no sense, it is abundantly clear that its intent is to gerrymander voters into district boundaries that dilute the votes of the minority. I live on a residential street where the line has been drawn directly down the middle, leaving our home to be in one district and my neighbor across the street in another. Why? Similarly, why would a representative need to travel 3/4 of this state to manage their constituents?
You should be ashamed of yourselves. This doesn't represent the will of the people and you know it. I urge you to state the real reason that you feel that redistricting is necessary in between census years to the public. I urge you to veto this bill and stand with your fellow Texans (of both parties) instead of your wallets.

Catheryne Lankford

Self retired

Amarillo, TX

This Bill is a Republican attempt to manipulate the outcome of the election which discriminates against specific groups of voters. DO NOT ALLOW THIS BILL TO PASS!!

Gustavo Martinez

Austin Community Threads

Austin, TX

I am in formal opposition to this obvious corrupt power grab, this bald attempt to disenfranchise those who oppose fascism in Texas. You should be ashamed of yourselves. You do understand that you can't take any of this with you? You're just ruining the world.

Daniel Belay
self
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose HB 4, an action that blatantly perpetuates gerrymandering and undermines the principles of fair representation enshrined in both the U.S. and Texas Constitutions. As Texans, we are bound by a legacy of democratic ideals that our nation's founders and the framers of the Texas Constitution held dear. They envisioned a government that reflects the will of the people, not one manipulated by partisan map-drawing to entrench power.

The U.S. Constitution, in Article I, Section 2, mandates that representatives be apportioned based on population to ensure equal representation, a principle reinforced by the 14th Amendment's Equal Protection Clause. The founders, specifically James Madison, warned against factionalism and manipulation of electoral processes. In The Federalist Papers No. 10, Madison cautioned that factions could threaten the republic by prioritizing narrow interests over the common good. This is exactly the kind of factional abuse Madison feared. It distorts the democratic process, dilutes the votes of citizens, and erodes trust in governance. The founders would be appalled by efforts to manipulate district boundaries for partisan gain, as such actions betray the Constitution's commitment to a government "of the people, by the people, for the people."

Similarly, the Texas Constitution, in Article III, Sections 25 and 26, emphasizes contiguous and equitable legislative districts that respect county boundaries, reflecting a commitment to fair representation. While these provisions directly address state legislative districts, their principals applies to congressional redistricting, which should prioritize communities of interest and geographic coherence over political advantage. HB 4, by proposing mid-decade redistricting without transparent maps or clear justification, risks violating this spirit.

The current push for redistricting, driven by external pressures rather than population changes, threatens to exacerbate Texas' history of gerrymandering. Federal courts have repeatedly found Texas' maps in violation of the Voting Rights Act since 1965. The U.S. Department of Justice's recent claim that four majority-minority districts are unconstitutional racial gerrymanders is a dubious pretext, contradicted by the state's own defense of its 2021 maps as race-blind. This inconsistency suggests a political maneuver, not a constitutional imperative, and it endangers historic districts like the 18th, which has elected trailblazers like Barbara Jordan and Sheila Jackson Lee.

Mid-decade redistricting, absent a court order or census data, is a rare and risky move. It destabilizes voter trust and invites legal challenges, as seen in past decades when Texas' maps were struck down for discriminatory intent. Texans deserve maps that reflect actual communities, not a predetermined partisan outcome.

I urge this committee to reject HB 4 and uphold the constitutional principles of fair representation.

Sabrina Cash
Self. Health admin x32 yrs.
Pflugerville, TX

One question - how are you justifying this effort when you would never permit the same action from any other political parties? It does not show strength or confidence in your leadership when the only way you think you can win is to manipulate whose allowed to vote & where.

Monica Da Jose, Ms.
Self
Dallas, TX

The proposed map places undue burden to voting. It is unfair and cannot be passed as a fair distribution of congressional districts

QIANG Tao
Self
Austin, TX

Chair and Members of the Committee,

My name is Qiang Tao, and I stand in strong opposition to the proposed redistricting plan.

Redistricting should be about fair representation, not about consolidating power or silencing communities. Unfortunately, this map does the latter. By splitting neighborhoods, diluting the voting strength of marginalized communities, and drawing lines that prioritize incumbency over the people, this proposal undermines the core principle of a representative democracy: that every vote should count equally.

Communities that share schools, roads, and local economies should have unified voices in choosing who speaks for them. Instead, this plan divides them, making it harder for them to advocate for their needs and hold elected officials accountable.

This map does not reflect the real growth and diversity of our state. It does not honor the voices of everyday people who deserve to be heard. Gerrymandering is not a partisan issue; it is an attack on the foundation of our democracy.

I urge you to reject this map and instead draw districts that keep communities whole, protect minority representation, and ensure that every voter has an equal say in our future. Do the right thing: put people over politics.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Natasha Buxton
Self
Fort Worth, TX

The proposed redistricting is not only an overtime power play by Republicans to silence the voice of Texans of other political affiliations and particularly minorities. It is a direct violation of the very oath the representatives have taken to be servants of the people of Texas. A vote for this bill is a direct attack against minority texan voices for their representation.

Adrian Marin
self, student
Cedar Park, TX

This redistricting is absurd, trump asks for more seats, and with no pushback, his owned politicians just do as he asks and roll over, anyone in support of this redistricting bill needs to take a close look in the mirror and decide if they're fine with the person they are, the memory they will leave behind.

Zelma Singleton
Self
Houston, TX

I strongly oppose HB 4 by Hunter. This bill concerning congressional redistricting raises serious concerns about fair representation and transparency. Redistricting should be conducted with public input, independent oversight, and a commitment to protecting the voting power of all communities—especially those historically marginalized. HB 4 appears to prioritize political interests over the democratic principle of equal representation. I urge legislators to reject this bill and pursue a redistricting process that is nonpartisan, equitable, and truly reflective of Texas’s diverse population.

Ethan Williams
self, college student
Kyle, TX

This redistricting bill is entirely undemocratic. I would prefer not to put it in such harsh terms when nowadays accusations like that seem to be thrown around without regard for their true weight, but frankly there is no other appropriate descriptions. I've lived in Texas my whole life, and I'm usually proud to call myself a Texas Republican, but this bill makes me deeply ashamed. It makes me ashamed to come from a state that would blatantly skew congressional districts in a way that does not represent the people of the state. It makes me ashamed to support the party, claiming to be the party of the people, yet pushing to take away the people's voice. As congresspeople it is not just your job to be the "party of the people" for those who agree with you, it is your job to represent all of your constituents, and ensure their right to be properly represented. I may not agree with the opinions and voting decisions of democrats, but the beauty of America is that I can disagree with the opinions of others, and we can decide what the right course of action is by using our voice and our vote. However, by taking away the impact and relevance of thousands of citizens votes you are defiling the very thing that our beautiful nation was founded on. If this bill passes, then the Texas state legislature will have declared resoundingly and with one voice that they do not believe in democracy, they do not believe in the will of the people, and they do not believe in America. They will instead have declared their support for authoritarianism, and the death of everything we as Americans should hold dear. Please, as a Texas citizen, I urge you to vote against HB 4, and take a stand for what is right. Take a stand for one nation, under god, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all. Ensure that their is liberty and justice for ALL, not just those who you agree with.

Hailey P
Self
Austin, TX

I vehemently oppose the current efforts to change the composition of congressional districts. Please focus on flood recovery and other critical issues like child wellness.

Rebecca Brown
Self
Dallas, TX

Republicans know they can't win unless they cheat, that is what this is. Nothing else needs to be said because they already know, they simply do not care. They will cheat to win so they can sell their votes to the highest bidder.

Kristyn Story
Self - Consulting
Houston, TX

As a native Texan who is deeply concerned for the welfare of our great state, I strongly oppose the bill to redistrict. I find it egregious that the Texas Republican Party thinks so little of our collective citizens intellect that they are trying to pass this under the guise of helping when this is clearly to appease and further ingratiate the governor into the current president's inner circle. This bill is not good for any city in Texas and will not positively benefit our citizens in regards to having fair representation. This bill must not pass!

Amy Williamson
Self
Dallas, TX

The proposed redistricting is absolutely unacceptable, and this affects myself, my spouse, and my business, all of which are in East Dallas. We would be losing representation that adequately and accurately reflects the constituents in East Dallas, whose needs and opinions vary greatly from those in predominately white, right-leaning suburbs. Our strengths and challenges are uniquely different from those in suburban areas, and our voices will be lost with redistricting (aka gerrymandering). Bending the knee to Trump so he can continue to destroy our democracy is pathetic, and it ensures those who hold marginalized identities and less privilege will not have the representation they need and deserve. If this is approved, I will do everything in my power to register voters and educate others on elected officials who supported this gerrymandering process to ensure that they are not re-elected.

Holly Dunn
Myself
Frisco, TX

Gerrymandering is unconstitutional, but you all know that. Some of you are lawyers. One vote, one person. But, you'll ignore the will of your constituents as you always do and the blue states will gerrymander their states and you'll probably wish you had listened to your constituents for once. I mean, that and upholding the constitution are your two main jobs, after all.

Emily White, Dr
Self
Dallas, TX

Mid decade redistricting? Why? Give us a legitimate reason for gerrymandering the districts without a new census! Your new district 32 dilutes the voters will in Dallas county! District 30 is my district and this new drawing packs and cracks to dilute minority voting strength. We can see through the charade. This is nothing more than a power grab. What happened to defending the will of the people? America is supposed to be a government by the people for the people and by redrawing the districts the government will of the establishment for the establishment. What happens in Texas will affect the whole United States and the world. This is not "local politics" this is bending the knee to a corrupt regime. You have the ability to put a stop to this. DO THE RIGHT THING AND DO NOT REDRAW THE MAPS. In fact, get rid of it all together! Let the people vote without suppression!

Astria Devenport
Self, Litigation Patalegal
Houston, TX

Texans deserve Federal representation that is indicative of its makeup. Texans voices are being and will be silenced by this map not to mention the losses Texans in the 18th district have endured while waiting for a fair election to be greenlit.

Candace Fox
self/educator
AUSTIN, TX

My name is Candace Fox. I am proudly represented by Congressman Greg Casar in Texas's 35th congressional district and US Representative Lloyd Doggett. I am unable to attend today's hearing, as I am currently supporting my administrative team, getting our school ready for our students, families, and teachers here in Austin, Texas. While I am unable to attend, because I am doing my job, Texans need YOU to do YOUR job, not waste taxpayer money on political gerrymandering, not serving Donald Trump's whims. Your service is to US and to make sure that every eligible Texan voice is heard through their most powerful tool, their ballot. The redistricting map that you are currently considering is at best- illegal, and at worst- a modern form of Jim Crow. How many actual days did it take for the redistricting writers to gerrymander the district map? 5 days? 3? An afternoon? Your decisions during this special session will determine if there is further disenfranchisement of Texas citizens, and how we will come out in force during the next election.
Please provide the data that you used to determine that Waco and East Austin should be combined into a district, or how the newly splintered districts in Houston were determined. Our representatives should have a deep understanding of the concerns of their constituents, of the communities that they are representing. The issues that people in Waco are dealing with are quite different than those we deal with in Austin. If we need to go to Waco and gather at the town halls, call and email that representative so that Austin voices can be heard, well, I love a good road trip.
We are in the halfway point between census data cycles, so these decisions are not being made on the most accurate information, and are not being made in a good faith effort to rectify the damage done in the previous redistricting as required by the courts. It is very transparent that this is an attempt by our Republican Party members to steal votes so that the Trump agenda cannot be challenged. Donald Trump and Greg Abbot feel the need to rig our state's election system (the most blatant form of election fraud) to ensure that the branches of our government are chopped off to just leave the executive branch. We are seeing this kind of authoritarian power consolidation in various parts of the world. These "leaders" only serve themselves, and silence the voice of democracy - sound familiar?
I have a belief in Constitutional Order- that government change should be effected through the free expression of the community, legal, and constitutional means, rather than force or faction. I believe in resistance to Despotism and Usurpation which infringe upon the rights of Texans and all Americans. If you also believe in these founding principals of our state, you will take this map down, work in a bipartisan way or allow nonpartisan experts to redraw our maps. Preserve Democracy. Thank you for your time.

Elisabeth Roper
Self and spouse
Amarillo, TX

We support HB4

Casey Bronson
Self
Plano, TX

I am opposed to the redistricting proposal. Our representatives should represent their constituents and democratic constituents will be ignored if this redistricting proposal is passed.

Jennifer Ortiz
Self
San Antonio, TX

We do not need to redistrict!

raeh corl
self
Austin, TX

THIS IS ILLEGAL AND SO HORRIBLE TO THE PROPLE OF THIS STATE

Veronique Krebs
Self, Lab Technician
Austin, TX

I, Veronique Krebs, and citizens of State of Texas deserve a fair, fully transparent, impartial, and depoliticized process of the drawing of state legislature and congressional districts of near equal population— let that be clear. The current redistricting process creates many conflicts of interest, the main one being that state legislators are effectively able to choose their own constituent pool. This bill intends to worsen Texan's gerrymandered districts and is not an answer to what Texans call for: redistricting reform, with an independent redistricting committee made up of community members.
I say no to this bill. None of my friends or family have brought this bill up to me, but I know that I am far from alone in being against this bill (supporting democracy); people just didn't know about this. That is exactly the problem. Don't sneak past your constituents with a bill like this one.

James Baker
Self
Austin, TX

There are and will be probably thousands of comments saying the same thing regarding this bill, and you will sit through the session listening all the while knowing you will continue to serve at the will of those who fund your elections. To be frank, you do not deserve your elected seats. This bill diminishes a majority and elevates the few and you continue to do your constituents a disservice playing these unnecessary political games. There are real problems in our state and you have the opportunity to correct course. We can do so much if we actually work together, yet this bill and others like it continue to force your beliefs onto this nation.

Bradford Barron
Self
San Antonio, TX

This move is to placate a man for which nothing is enough. If you think doing his bidding will keep you safe, it won't. Look at what's happened to every former ally of his. Do your job. And that is to represent the wishes of the people of Texas, not gerrymander a map so grotesquely so that you can skirt that responsibility or cold hard reality.

Riley Glenn
Self
Austin, TX

This is taking more power away from Texans! If you SERVE your constituents and hear their opinions without changing the maps to get the outcome Trump & Abbott want!
People of color make up 95% of the population of Texas and yet, they are not being represented, this would take away even more of their voices!
If this was truly needed, it wouldn't have to be rushed through 5 years before the next census!
Please do your job & stand up for Texans!

ELSA ALFONSO
SELF, HOSPITALITY
HOUSTON, TX

Y'all are a bunch of limp-dicked fuckers, especially Greg Abbott for the last 40 years. NO REDISTRICTING. You fascist scumdogs can't hold onto power unless you're cheating, and the only reason you are cheating is to continue to line your pockets and the pockets of your donors while exploiting and oppressing people who actually work for a living. Y'all are worthless fuckwits who've never done a damn thing that didn't benefit you. Pigs. Eat shit.

Emerson Lord
Self
New Braunfels, TX

Vote NO to HB 4 and gerrymandering our Texas. There is no pride in winning elections if you steal them from other Texans casting their honest vote. There is no pride in holding an office or house seat which you did not win fairly. Let the people cast their votes honestly without manipulating and gerrymandering districts in favor of either party. This is the antithesis of everything Americans and Texans stand for and is in direct violation of the law. I implore Representatives Matt Shaheen, John Bucy, Penny Morales Shaw, Miheala Plesa, Richard Peña Raymond, Valoree Swanson, Steve Toth, Terry M. Wilson and most especially, my comal county representative Carrie Isaac to VOTE NO to this disgusting, illegal, corrupt, and immoral bill and stand by the Texan values and ethics they swore to uphold.

Shannon Jochetz
Self - Special Education Public School Teacher
Krum, TX

How is this not illegal?!? Almost half of the population of Texas votes for democrats. This bill's intention is to suppress voters' will.

Oralia Taylor, Mrs
Self
San Antonio, TX

The special session of the order to Redistrict the areas of TX 09, TX 18, TX 29 and TX 33 will take away the rights of those citizens' power to choose who they want to elect. Passing this bill would allow the candidates to choose who they KNOW will vote for them!! This is cheating!! I am 92 years old and unable to speak to you in person. Please take a stand against the Trump DOJ and do not let this Bill pass. I implore you to take a step back from all of the legalese and see the racist nature of this Bill.

Honorine Betah, Dr.
Self
Prosper, TX

I am against redistricting as it is unconstitutional

China Young, Ms.
Self
San Angelo, TX

I'm writing in strong opposition of HB4. I oppose both the map proposed as well as redistricting efforts.
This redestricting campaign will cost taxpayers money when these maps inevitably end up in court for being illegally gerrymandered.
Furthermore, "We the people" are tired of being used as pawns in games where the only real losers are "we the people."
"We" have exhaustively spoken out against issue after issue and lawmakers have consistently ignored us, moving forward with legislation that has far more opposition than support.
That is not a representative government as established in our constitution, and neither are these maps.

I challenge you to return to our constitutional roots, and your oath of office, by listening to the people, and recognize that we are speaking out vehemently une masse against this action.
Unless these maps are redrawn in a way that is fair and unbiased, they should not be redrawn at all.
Everyone may have a different reason for why we don't want this redistricting process to move forward, but it's genuinely time for you to start listening to the common theme... No to HB 4.

Daniel Blair
self, student
Austin, TX

Hello. My name is Daniel Blair, I'm 31, independent, and a student in Texas. I oppose the Governor's bill to redistrict Texas in order to gain five seats in Congress for Republicans at the request of President Trump. In my opinion, this obvious, partisan, and racist attempt at gerrymandering must not be allowed to pass into law. It's clear that the proposed redistricting creates two majority Black districts, one new majority Hispanic district, and two more majority White districts, leaving only four districts with "No majority" status as opposed to nine. To the best of my knowledge, this apparent grouping by method of racial categorization is unethical and illegal. According to the Texas Tribune, t's also apparent that this partisan redistricting effort means no Republican incumbent will face a significantly more challenging race in 2026, placing the widespread electoral disadvantage squarely in the hands of the Democrats. I also oppose this bill as it comes at the behest of (in my opinion) the most corrupt, counter-productive, and uninformed President this nation has ever known. If Texas bends the knee to Trump's gerrymandering agenda, I believe it will set a precedent and potentially start a domino effect of other, less independent states curtailing their own interests at the whim of the executive branch of the federal government. I call on Texas lawmakers to take a stand for their state and nation by rejecting the unjustifiable agenda of President Trump. Thank you.

Sharon McClugage
Self
Cedar Park, TX

Please support HB 4!!!

John Burghduff, Dr.
self - college professor
Houston, TX

Respectfully, I am writing in OPPOSITION to HB 4, setting new U.S. congressional districts for Texas. Redistricting has already been completed for the decade of the 2020s so the bill is unnecessary. It has been proposed solely and explicitly in response to a request from President Trump to manufacture more districts favorable to him. This is completely in opposition to the Voting Rights Act and the U.S. Constitution, disenfranchises significant communities, and is, simply, an unvarnished attempt to rig the vote in favor of one side. Instead of orchestrating a power grab at the command of one person, the legislature should be focusing on providing short and long term support to those suffering in Central Texas from terrible floods. If anything related to redistricting is going to be explored, the legislature should be exploring the use of an impartial bipartisan districting commission such as that used in California. This must be done before 2030 so that the gerrymandering that has plagued Texas politics since the end of Reconstruction can be stopped forever. Let people choose their politicians, not the other way around. Democracy depends on it. Thank you for your kind consideration.

Msry Gresham
Self retired of
Palestine, TX

This unfairly punishes democratic voters

Neha Jha
Self, Business Owner and Consultant
Houston, TX

I oppose this redistricting. I believe there are more important priorities. We should prioritize policies that'll help Texas thrive, such as strengthening the power grid, helping people impacted by natural disasters including the recent floods, and making sure people have access to decent quality food, shelter, and healthcare. Thank you.

Tishea Davis-Hackamack
Self Entrepreneur
Houston, TX

This egregious and deplorable attempt to disenfranchise voters is wrong.

Lee Ann Cameron, Ms.
Self, Licensed Professional Counselor
Austin, TX

It is unconscionable to take away the suffrage of millions of people in Texas, and yet that is what this bill will do. For the sake of preserving democracy for the people of Texas, vote against gerrymandered redistricting.

Caitlin Lewis, Ms
Self
Killeen, TX

I oppose the redrawing of current districts, if anything, I think there are too many individuals with a monopoly over parts of the state.

Cynthia Stairs, Mrs
Self
Cedar Hill, TX

This Redistricting Map is a much better map than the present one. Please support this bill. The majority of Texans will approve and we will know that lawmakers are finally abiding by the laws in districting according to laws on the books.

Christine Salenga
Self
San Antonio, TX

Stop cheating Texans. Redistricting so you can win more seats is cheating. Stop stop stop it.

Christine Tremoulet
Self professional photographer
Houston, TX

Changing the districts as proposed leaves many of us without the representation that we deserve. It is time for Texas to stop doing this to its people.

Daniel Blair
self, student
Austin, TX

This is a revised statement by Daniel Blair to correct tone and promote respectful civil discourse.

Hello. My name is Daniel Blair. I'm 31 years old, an independent voter, and a student in Texas. I respectfully oppose this redistricting bill, which appears to be designed to secure additional congressional seats in a way that undermines fair representation.
Based on the demographic breakdown, this bill reduces the number of "no racial majority" districts from nine to four. In my view, this raises concerns about racial gerrymandering and the ethical and legal implications of grouping voters by race.
According to reporting from the Texas Tribune, the map significantly reduces electoral competitiveness, ensuring no Republican incumbent faces a more difficult race in 2026. That kind of partisan advantage undermines democratic accountability.
I also have serious concerns about any redistricting plan influenced by political figures outside of Texas, including the current president. Texas should prioritize fair representation and the long-term integrity of its democratic institutions over short-term political gains.
I urge the committee to reject this bill and work toward a redistricting process that reflects the diversity and will of all Texans.
Thank you.

Daniel Stairs, Mr
Self
Cedar Hill, TX

This is an excellent map and makes sense. Please support HB4 as is.

Ann Simeoli
Self - tech worker
Austin, TX

This session should be focused on keeping Texans safe and not bowing to the will of the federal government

Angela Yamanaka, Ms
Self, Writer
Houston, TX

I am registering my public disapproval of the GOP plan to redraw Texas maps and gerrymander to keep communities from being represented properly. It’s shameful and it’s unlawful, if the law even means anything anymore. Texans deserve to know their politicians are following fair and balanced rules, not trying to carve advantages for themselves and disadvantages for opposition by playing with real people’s lives.

Brian McMullen
Self, marketing professional
Austin, TX

This is an abhorrent attempt to gerrymander Texas at the behest of the president. There is no cause to do this other than to suppress the vote of democrats who made up 45% of the vote last election. This is corrupt and cowardly. Our lawmakers should oppose this if not because it is blatantly corrupt, but because they don’t want to look like absolute bootlickers for Trump.

Kathleen Moore
Self - Retirede
Cedar Park, TX

The proposed redistricting bill which is taking place before a decade has past since last redistricting map is an unwarrented and unwise proposal. Such redistrictingl, not related to real time changesduring the last 5 years and not related to actual changes in voter demographics is an act that wil cause long lasting damage to the trust voters have in the leadership of the Texas Legislature and The Governor of the Texas, Greb Abbott. The changes do not provide representation of changes of voter demographics in the existing districts, nor do they represent a change in the demographics of voters state wide. In fact, this bill is disenfranchisng a large group of individuals that vote independently and regularly, including myself. I strongly advise the Legislature to cease the gerrymandering efforts on behalf of a President that is so cowardly as to have proxies act on his behalf. Texas should stand for Texas and be independent of political pressures that will surely have negative consequences for this current Texas legislature and on those to follow in the future. Thank you for your consideration.

William Akers
Self
Dallas, TX

This is absolutely wrong and if democrats tried the same you would be furious. Quit cheating! If your policies are so popular, why do you need to do illegal gerrymandering to keep yourselves in office? This bill goes against the will of the people. Texas legislators do not represent their constituents.

Marina Kugler
Self
Austin, TX

Being born and raised in Texas, I feel so blessed to be surrounded by a variety of unique cultures and people. I want to live in a place where mine and my neighbors voices can be heard. We work best when citizens feel accurately represented and empowered our elected leaders, not when our local communities are divided and we hardly relate to our representatives. These new maps would be a detriment to Texas. These proposed district changes would to mute so many Texan voices and therefore weaken Texas in a larger scale. Living in Austin, I have different local concerns and needs than my fellow Texan's living in other cities. I would not appreciate being represented by someone who is far removed from my community -- what would be the point of calling someone a "representative" if they out of touch and inaccessible to many of the people in their district ??? The best leaders are able to be present in the communities they represent and have an accurate understanding on the peoples concerns and needs. Isn't the whole point of democracy to uphold and speak for all the voices of the population? Further gerrymandering of these communities would only make it worse for Texans as a whole. Every citizen, and every Texan has the right to be heard. I very strongly DISAPPROVE of the proposed redistricting.

samantha hindert
self, corporate PR
Austin, TX

Redistricting the state of Texas is a shameless attempt to gerrymander and silence the voices of a growing liberal population. The people of Texas all deserve to have their voices heard and by going through with these ridiculous districts, you will be complicit in the destruction of the democracy in our state. Democracy can only survive where people's voices are heard, so do not go through with this and silence millions.

Connie Millhollon, Mrs.
Self, retired Registered Nurse
Gun Barrel City, TX

Redistricting is not a priority for Texans right now. Please deal with disaster relief for central Texas and leave redistricting to 2030.

James Schroeder
Self
Garland, TX

Put your crayons down. Spend less time scribbling on maps and more time earning votes through respectable leadership and competitive policies.

Alfiya Vali Alfiya Vali
SAAVETX
Allen, TX

RE: Opposition to Mid-Decade Congressional Redistricting – A Statement from South Asian Texans
Dear Governor Abbott, Lt. Governor Patrick, and Speaker Burrows,
As members of the South Asian American community across Texas, we write to express our unequivocal opposition to the mid-decade congressional redistricting plan currently before the Legislature.
South Asian Texans are one of the fastest-growing populations in this state. We run businesses, drive innovation, advance medicine, and enrich the cultural and civic life of Texas. We also vote, organize, and contribute to the democratic process.
But this redistricting proposal is not about improving representation — it is about manipulating it. These maps are being redrawn to break up strong, diverse voting blocs and weaken the collective voice of communities of color, including South Asians, who are becoming an undeniable force in Texas politics.
In major metropolitan counties where South Asians live and work — Harris, Fort Bend, Dallas, Collin, Tarrant, Travis, and Bexar — cohesive neighborhoods are being fractured and stitched together with distant rural counties. These artificial districts have nothing to do with shared interests and everything to do with diluting the political power of growing populations.
This is not representation. This is an intentional strategy to silence voters and undermine democracy.
What does a tech executive in Plano have in common with a farmer hundreds of miles away? What shared vision for Texas can come from districts designed to split communities apart rather than bring them together?
Texas should stand as a model of democratic integrity, where representation reflects the people who call this state home. Instead, this process dismantles the very pillars of democracy — fairness, accountability, and trust.
When maps are drawn for partisan gain, they don't just distort election outcomes — they tell entire communities their voices don't matter.
We stand with Texans in Fort Bend, Collin, Dallas, Harris, Travis, Williamson, Bexar, El Paso, Denton, and Tarrant Counties who are seeing their voting power diluted and their representation sacrificed for political advantage.
We urge you to withdraw this plan and commit instead to drawing fair maps that keep communities whole, reflect where people actually live and work, and protect every Texan's right to representation.
Democracy only works when every vote counts and every voice is heard. These maps break that promise. Texans — all Texans — deserve better.
Sincerely,
Alfiya Vali/SAAVETX
Allen, TX

Elizabeth Pulver
Self
Wylie, TX

I oppose redistricting.

Will Hobdy
Self - renewable energy consultant
Plainview, TX

Be Fair. Redistricting is done every 10 years. If we did it at the discretion of faux kings and dictators we should no longer call ourselves true and free Texans and Americans. Do the right thing. Don't sell us to King Trump!

Nimai Larson
Self / Real Estate
Austin, TX

We do not want Trump stealing Texas seats and we do NOT want him in another term! I would rather Texas become its own country than be ruled by Trump.

Gary McNeil
Self
Austin, TX

It is premature to push redistricting at this time. The tried and true standard is to examine the need after a cessus has been completed - every ten years. The current President of the United States has made it clear that it is being pushed at this time so he can gain more Republican allies in Congress. He was certainly truthful in this instance but representatives are elected to serve the constituents in their respective districts, not to advance the agenda of a person or political party.

Sara Stevenson
self
Austin, TX

I was hopeful that the special session called by Governor Abbott would focus on the tragic deaths of the Hunt, Texas flood victims and their families, finding ways to improve disaster warnings and safety plans. For example, since Columbine, all schools have active shooter drills. Schools have tornado and fire drills. Why don't these summer camps, built not only on the flood plain but the floodway, have flood drills and life jackets under their bunks? I am haunted by those beautiful Camp Mystic girls and the devastating loss for their parents and families.

But suddenly Trump calls up and wants to redistrict Texas to, in his words, "pick up" five more seats. His policies aren't working, inflation continues to go up, our standing in the world is diminished, the tariffs aren't working, his polls are plummeting, and so he has to find a way to cheat to win in the midterms, using my state to do it.

Make no mistake, it IS cheating. Redistricting is scheduled every ten years for a reason, after a census. To create a new gerrymandered map at the five-year point is an admission of his failed policies and popularity, especially with his failure to release the Epstein files.

The way you have carved up the liberal areas of the state in order to dilute the votes of Democrats and deny the will of Texas voters is an odious power play. And you're not even hiding it.

As a native Texan, please have the guts to stand up to Trump and drop this plan. The American symbol isn't the eagle but the pendulum. You can't destroy democracy, and when the tide turns again, which it will, your power-hungry, authoritarian party will be washed away with the force of the Guadalupe on the Fourth of July. If that takes too long, blue states will retaliate, and so your new-scrambled map will not shield your party from massive losses in the midterms. But your party will never be trusted again.

Please don't do it.

Don't do it. Hands off our districts. They're already gerrymandered, and you're making it worse.

Martin Thompson
self - teacher
Houston, TX

The proposed redistricting is a violation of the Civil Rights Act and unconstitutional. It is a blatant attempt to suppress minority votes and submit to pressure from the president. The legislature should be focused on addressing the tragic deaths in the Texas Hill Country. Shame.

Sarah Letkeman
Self
Hutto, TX

Absolutely not

William Zachry
Self ; Marketer
Houston, TX

Vehemently opposed to this redistricting charade which is an obvious and cowardly attempt to disenfranchise voters in Texas and illegally attempt to give one party power through undemocratic means.

Ed Powers
Self
Austin, TX

This is wrong. Everyone knows it’s wrong. Stop stealing Texans votes for this continued knee bending to the smallest, weakest fascist man who’s ever lived. This is a shameful attempt to carve up political power at the detriment of many Texans.

SANDRA MCCLENEY
self
Killeen, TX

I am completely in favor of the redistricting. Please vote YES.

Carol Clowes
Family
Mckinney, TX

Texas is not due to realign our districts until the next census. This was not on the special session agenda until Trump decided he wanted it. This is a disgrace. All efforts should be focused on the flood disaster! Texas used to be known for its independence. We wanted to secede! Now we are doing whatever the bully in the White House wants!

Sael C, Mr
Self
Houston, TX

I am writing to urge the committee to conduct the redistricting process in a way that is fair, transparent, and representative of all Texans. Redistricting should be about ensuring that every Texan’s vote counts equally—not about manipulating district boundaries to protect incumbents or entrench one political party’s power.
I strongly urge the committee to Respect communities of interest, keeping neighborhoods, cities, and cultural groups together rather than dividing them for political gain. In addition use independent or nonpartisan criteria to draw fair and competitive districts rather than maximizing partisan advantage.
Please commit to a redistricting process that reflects the reality of today’s Texas—diverse, growing, and full of people who care deeply about their communities. Your decisions will shape our political landscape for the next decade. Make them with fairness, transparency, and integrity.

Rebecca Sales
Self
Mansfield, TX

I am against the redrawing of maps to gerrymander extra Republican spots. This is not what the citizens of Texas want. Allow citizens to speak their beliefs with their votes. Do the right thing.

Madison Brown, Mrs.
Self/ Public Education Sector
Midlothian, TX

My name is Madison Brown and I am 25 years old. I am a mother to a small child and a substitute teacher. We frequent public spaces like libraries, parks, and have been recipients of WIC at one point. I will get straight to the point. Redistricting in the wake of such a tragedy in Kerrville is not only a slap in the face to Texans, but it is a violation and repeat of the first instance of Gerrymandering in Massachusetts ~1812. As we all remember here, the governor Gerry did not agree with this proposal at the time but he let it go forward and even though he wasn't re elected and his party retained control— his rep. was tainted. The irony here is that our governor has no shame in his actions nor that he takes the lazy route with any chance. It is is completely lazy to paper mache districts instead of winning over votes by community building and tweaking policy. This bill is RACIST, and it is ILLEGAL. It is in violation of the voting rights act. Remember we are a DEMOCRATIC republic.

Wayne Ricketts
Self - Cybersecurity Solution Principal
Pflugerville, TX

Who the heck do you think you are? Do we really need even more gerrymandering? Make Texas representative, instead of playing these games where we fracture the hell out of the map to try advance the political football. This is old. This is tired. And it will eventually piss more than just me off.

Eileen Parvin, mrs
myself
Garland, TX

If you think people want these stupid racist maps you are wrong. This will not work for you We will vote you out. This is totally illegal and wrong.

Lisa Menard Lisa Menard
Self
San Antonio, TX

This proposed redistricting is blatant voter suppression. Pres. Trump told you to find 5 more seats, so you are trying to do that. This goes against the will of the voters of the state of Texas. Redrawing districts is to be done in the first session after the publication of the census, not 5 years later, when you want to change the composition of the House of Representatives.

Laura Richards
Self
Dallas, TX

I write to express my strong opposition to the proposed Congressional redistricting plan currently under consideration. This plan undermines the principles of fair representation, weakens the voting power of minority communities, and prioritizes partisan advantage over democratic integrity.

Texas is one of the most diverse states in the nation, with communities of color accounting for over 95% of the state's population growth in the last decade. Yet the proposed map fails to reflect this demographic reality. Instead of increasing representation for growing Black, Latino, and Asian communities, the map dilutes their influence by cracking and packing districts—breaking up cohesive communities and redistributing them across districts to minimize their electoral impact.

This is not just unfair—it is undemocratic. The Voting Rights Act was enacted to prevent exactly this kind of racial gerrymandering. By ignoring the needs and voices of minority voters, the proposed plan violates both the spirit and likely the letter of federal law. It sends a troubling message that some voices in our state matter more than others.

Moreover, partisan gerrymandering corrodes public trust. Voters should choose their representatives—not the other way around. When maps are drawn to secure one party's dominance rather than to reflect the will of the people, it leads to extreme partisanship, uncompetitive elections, and elected officials who are less accountable to their constituents. That's bad for democracy, regardless of your political affiliation.

Fair maps benefit everyone. They promote competition, improve responsiveness, and strengthen our institutions. I urge this committee to reject this current proposal and instead support a map that reflects Texas as it truly is: diverse, dynamic, and democratic.

Please do the right thing. Protect our right to equal representation. Draw fair maps.

Patricia Monis
Self
Arlington, TX

GOP redistricting should be approved as this is a majority Republican state'

Matt Castrinos
Self
Round Rock, TX

Denying representation to voters is the antithesis to American values. Growing up, this was something other corrupt countries did. I'm ashamed to see how far it's gone here. Make the maps fair. Give all Texans their voice. Find your integrity and do what is obviously right.

The ends justify the means is from Machiavelli. JudeoChristian values teach us the opposite. The methods absolutely matter. In fact, in Jesus' teachings, the means are more important than the ends. Character matters. Give Texans their voice.

Carley Newlin
Self
Royse City, TX

I am completely against redirecting and am saddened by the corruption our government is displaying. Please do what your constituents actually want for once. It is your job, and you took an oath to do it.

Cheryl Croft
Self
Austin, TX

I want to register my total opposition to this redistricting.

Peggy Hinkle
Self IBCLC
El Paso, TX

I am absolutely OPPOSED to the HB 4,
the proposed redirecting plan. Redistricting was just done in 2021, there is no need to do it again until the next census. This is merely a ploy by Abbott to kiss rump's behind, hoping to hand him five what he assumes will be Republican Congressional seats in the 2026 election. This is not representative government. There are only four hearings being conducted. Thousands of Texans don't even know this is happening. Gerrymandering has already occurred in Texas. Have some self respect - try to represent your constituents instead of becoming part of Abbott's kiss ass project. Poor greg, he is under the impression there will be a reward from rump. Hate to break the news but rump hates people in wheelchairs and will never reward you.
VOTE NO ON HB 4!!

Carletta Coleman
Self
Temple, TX

Good Day Representatives. I am addressing all of you today regarding the restricting of neighborhoods and adding 5 new seats for Republicans in the State of Texas. I am disappointed and shocked at the boldness and disrespectful behavior from individuals that are elected to protect citizens in this state and country. There are so many people that are disenfranchised and the few that are appointed as privileged. Why did you choose politics as a career? Did you intend to make this state and country truly great or abuse the title you've been given? Currently every bit of infrastructure in this state and country are being destroyed as we speak. It is those very things that protect the citizens of this state and country. Using your titles to abuse power will not only affect millions, but all of you with the titles we are supposed to trust will be affected too. We all live on the same rock and this move does not serve the greater good. Think long, hard and search your conscience to realize the negative long term impact the decision will have on this state and country. Use your titles to empower everyone that lives in Texas and wants the best everyone. Some may think they don't need anyone, but we are human and humans need each other at the end of the day no matter what you look like. Again remember who you really serve, the people of Texas or otherwise. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. I do appreciate it.

John Hunt
Self Quality Program Manager
Austin, TX

Don’t hook your wagon up to Trump y’all. It’s a stretch of bad road you want no part of. At the end of that road he is leading you into temptation to break the rules. To break your trust with Texas. Stand up for yourself and say no to this blatant power grab.

Katie Drennen
Self
Dallas, TX

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Corlie Jackson
self/retired
Galveston, TX

I am appaulled at the at the rush to further gerrymander Texas. You are disenfranchising those 6 districts beyond recognition, stripping away their ability to choose a candidate of their choice. I am a casualty of the last redistricting in Galveston (Commissioner)which robbed me of the one actual working commissioner who also happened to be Black and democratic. There are no checks and balances in Galveston now. Justice can not happen in a constructed vacuum of reepresentation. Your answer has always been that if we don't like the way our leaders are governing, you can vote them out, because your vote is your vocie. But voices are being silenced. The premeditated hold on HD 18 is an example of the travesty that happens when you withhold timely elections. You are rushing this through with out any transparency, citizen input and consideration for the current maps that are under appeal from 2021. How can you look yourself iin the mirror knowing this is just a racist, partisan power grab from the President in retribution for those representatives that voted against OBBBA. Texas has always been so proud that we are not beholding to the federal government; now our governor is forcing Texas legislature to jump through Trump hoops. When you took the oath of office you swore to act s a fiduciary agent on behalf of your constituents. WE don't want this mid-decade chaos. The rationale is illogical that district formed to provide equity of vote is now considered racial preference. WHAT! Texas is currently 46th/50 contiguous states in voter turnout- a clear sign of massive voter suppression. I am voter registrar and its sad because the young people are so disillusioned and don't want to participate, feel like its useless exercise, because the legislature is riding roughshod over our freedoms and their vote, their voice, their ability to participate in government has been diluted/tampered with/stolen gerrymandering. DO NOT REDISTRICT MAPS = There has been no new data to constitute a change, no time for REAL public input, the maps (only today released)were drawn by entity outside of Texas; the current litigations from 2021 has been kicked down the road. THIS IS A TRAVESTY OF JUSTICE and DEMOCRACY. Shame on you

Curtis Ward
Self
Little Elm, TX

Please support this bill regarding the composition of the districts for the election of members to the US House of Representatives from the State of Texas.

Leah Davies
Self
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose this untimely, wrong headed redistricting (HB4). The further removal of power from people of color is one of the many reasons that we should all take a long hard look at the situation before us. This is not what makes Texas great, quite the opposite. Further marginalizing voices who already face systemic barriers to participation in our government is not acceptable. It is a petty power grab and the people promoting it should stand up and meet the greater ideals of this state and our country - play fair. If you're so confident in the compelling nature of your policies, do not proceed with this farce, your voters should make decisions on the merit of your policies, and you should have no fear.

Jan Hedrick
Self. Retired
Austin, TX

I am writing to oppose the Republican redistricting bill creating 5 new Republican districts. I am a native Texan who believes in the rule of law. Texas Republicans called a special session strictly to appease Donald Trump when they should be addressing our inadequate state flood control.
It is your duty to represent the citizens of the state of Texas and not Donald Trump.
Do your duty,
Jan Hedrick

Nancy Post, Ms.
self, retired
WAXAHACHIE, TX

What a shameful, naked power grab, having the politicians choose their voters, rather than the voters choosing their representatives!

greg bourgeois
self/ concerned Texans
AUSTIN, TX

in the 1990's, our new neighbors from out of State were flabbergasted that their school children had to take a class on the history of Texas. As a native Texan myself, I could easily explain to them why our unique and proud history made this scholarly endeavor worthwhile! Sadly, after 30 years of one party rule over all three branches of government, our state is in shambles. We have gone from being exemplary to being a cautionary tale. Statesman have been replaced by sycophants eager to curry favor with their oligarch masters. The ONLY way this maps makes sense is to see it for what it is - a desperate move to cling to power without earning the support of the citizens. Years from now, if we still have schools, this redistricting will be seen as a turning point in Texas history. The moment the people of this great state were sold out by politicians who sought to curry favor with billionaires. You decide, will you preserve the fierce independence that made this state famous or dance like little puppets to the tune called by monied masters? Please Vote no on this redistricting map and stand up for all Texans.

Barbara Cowan
Self /retired
Austin, TX

I am against redistributing. I despise gerrymandering.

Terra Anders
self / consultant
Taylor, TX

Mr. Chair and Members of the Committee,

I'm writing to urge you to REJECT this corrupt redistricting process and all gerrymandered maps. When Texas leaders received that letter from the DOJ and that call from Mr. Trump , pressuring our state to "redraw" districts for partisan gain for Republicans, the immediate response should have been: "ABSOLUTEY NOT!"

Instead, we are witnessing anticipatory compliance to election rigging. When a president and his DOJ reach into our state to manipulate our government and our votes, it's simply unethical and un-American.

We elected you to serve all Texans—not just Republicans, not just conservatives. The mere consideration of this discriminatory map reveals a disturbing willingness to betray communities for political gain. Both a policy and moral failure.

Redistricting is a complex process that takes months of public input, data analysis, and deliberation. Yet this new map appears in mere days. It's clear this map didn't originate from this committee. It reeks of outside influence by those outsiders who now pull the strings in Austin.

This Legislature has already passed bills that invade our bedrooms, our living rooms, our doctors' offices, and our children's classrooms, criminalize compassion, and tear hardworking neighbors from our communities. This is just yet another relentless attack using Texans as pawn in a political game.

92% of the growth in Texas since the last map has been people of color. Yet this new map intentionally dilutes the voting power of those same people. They dismantle "coalition districts" where Black and Hispanic voters previously combined to elect candidates of that more authentically represented them.
Perhaps some of you have lost your way. But you've also lost our trust. And come 2026, you will lose our votes.

End this charade. I strongly urge you: REJECT this process!
And tell Governor Abbott this demand is without merit—and without the consent of the people.
Thank you.

Megan DeYoung
Self
Leander, TX

It is abundantly clear that this is only capitulation to Trump. Wait for the census. Other states will do this in response and it will be a mess. Stop the madness. And if you're this good and working fast, maybe try to do some good for our state.

Nancy Haubert
Self/Lab Director
Fort Worth, TX

I strongly oppose the redistricting plan. This bill undermines the principles of fair representation and violates the core tenants of democratic governance. Redistricting should reflect population changes and Eastgate every Texan's vote carries equal weight. Instead, HB4 appears to be a blatant attempt to dilute the voting power of people of color and entrenched partisan advantage. The redistricting process behind HB4 has been rushed, opaque and with limited and insufficient time for meaningful review. I urge lawmakers to be brave and reject HB4. We need maps that empower communities, not divide and silence them.Don't throw out your ethics for your political career.

Holly Sabiston
self / artist and educator
Austin, TX

I am writing as a 27-year Texas resident, a voter, and a proud American. I strongly oppose HB 4, which proposes mid-decade redistricting for partisan gain. Redistricting is meant to follow the Census every 10 years—not whenever a party fears losing power. Manipulating district lines mid-decade undermines democracy and violates the founding principles of government by the people, for the people, and with the consent of the governed". The right to vote is sacred.

As a woman, I remember that women didn't always have that right. I don't take it for granted. My mother, a survivor of sexual assault, and my father, a survivor of polio before there was a vaccine, taught me to speak out for justice - especially when rights are being stripped away.

I moved to Texas partly because Governor Ann Richards spoke at my college graduation. She inspired me to believe Texas could be a place for fairness and strength. We need more leaders like her—not lawmakers redrawing maps behind closed doors to silence the people they're supposed to represent.

This is not just a theoretical concern.When political power becomes so concentrated that officials no longer feel accountable to their constituents, I feel the effects in my own community, on my own street. When districts are drawn to guarantee that Republicans win, the incentive to listen, compromise, or govern fairly disappears. That's not liberty—that's control.

We need leaders who listen to their constituents, not just their donors. We need elections where every vote counts equally—not just the votes of people who live in carefully drawn districts designed to favor one party. We need maps that reflect the reality of Texas—not maps that are designed to cement power for a minority of politicians, corporations, and billionaires.

HB 4 is a power grab, plain and simple. It's happening because Republicans know their policies are unpopular. Rather than to earn votes, they're trying to manipulate the system. This isn't democracy. It's suppression. I remember what happened with Tom DeLay in 2003. That redistricting damaged our state, and DeLay's corruption left a stain. Now we're watching history repeat itself, but Texans aren't fooled. With costs rising, reproductive rights stripped, and book bans spreading, the people deserve fair maps and real representation. HB 4 does the opposite. I believe the many outweigh the money. I urge you to reject this bill. We are watching—and we vote.

Dirk Popelka
Self
Austin, TX

Ladies & Gentlemen, please remember the original goal of a House of Representatives is to REPRESENT the sentiment of THAT district and THOSE people. If you vote to redistrict in a way that MISrepresents the people, the public has no choice but to see this as a failure. I don't know many policiticians - or corporate professionals for that matter - who would consciously choose to have a failure on their record. If you move forward with "redistricting to misrepresent", rest assured the voters will communicate their feelings - one way or another - at the next election. Represent us now, or pay later: that's the decision. Choose wisely.

Nichelle Haynes, Dr.
Self, physucuan
Austin, TX

I vehemently oppose the new redistricting map that is being proposed. This is clearly gerrymandered and divides districts to lessen voter representation.

Anna Stinson
Self
Austin, TX

Oppose redistricting

Lori McClure
Self - consulting
Austin, TX

I am writing to oppose this unwarranted, hasty, anti-Texas redistricring effort. The fact that this effort is occurring in an off - year and for blantant partisan efforts for an administration that is as unpopular and un democratic as this one is enough cause for concern. Since when does Texas do the bidding of politicians from outside the state? The hypocrisy of every elected official who has a “come and take it” flag in his / her office is galling. I urge you to do what any person of conscience would do and do not vote in favor of this effort that will dilute the representation of vital Texans and will accelerate Texas’ race to the bottom in vital areas like education, health care and economic vitality. The health of a democracy can be judged by the competitiveness of its elections, this redistricting bill will corrupt our democracy and endanger the future of our nation. Do not bow down to this effort. Stand up for Texas!

Jenna Saldana-Roseman
Self
Pflugerville, TX

I am writing to express my strong opposition to any legislation that would allow for redistricting outside of the regular post-census schedule. Redistricting between census years is an unnecessary and blatant attempt at gerrymandering, and it undermines the democratic principles that Texas has long stood for: fairness, transparency, and representation by the people.

This kind of mid-decade redistricting erodes public trust in our institutions and weaponizes the legislative process for political gain. It silences voters, manipulates districts for short-term advantage, and disrupts the balance of representation that should be based on population data—not political strategy.

Texans deserve stability in their electoral system and a fair say in who represents them. I urge you to reject any effort to redraw maps outside of the normal, constitutionally guided process. Stand up for the integrity of our elections and for the democratic values that Texans expect and deserve.

Deborah McKee
Self, Homemaker
Grand Prairie, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Tracie Anderson
Self, Cashier
Temple, TX

As a grandmother and long-time Texas resident, I care deeply about the future of our communities. HB4 is an important step to ensure every district has a fair and balanced voice. Our state has grown and changed, and fair redistricting helps make sure every Texan—no matter where they live—can be represented equally. This isn’t about politics, it’s about fairness for our families, our schools, and our neighborhoods. I strongly support HB4 and urge the Legislature to pass it so that our voices remain strong and equal for generations to come.

Connie Pfau
Burnet County Republicans
Bertram, TX

I support HB4 by Hunt

Navvab Taylor
Self
Austin, TX

There's no need to redistricting now, this gets done at census time, and we already have an elected official. Tx lege needs to spend their time actually doing work that is meaningful for Texan, such as improving our state's public education system by properly funding it, eliminating STAAR testing, fixing the energy grid, and helping rural Texans with flood relief, NOT redistricting the state. I don't need to be represented by someone who doesn't live in Austin and doesn't care about issues affecting our community.

Christy Benedict
We the people
Denison, TX

I support this bill because our representation in DC must reflect the characteristics of the public. Texas is financially sound and we need to keep it that way.

Jane Cohen
Self, retired
Fort Worth, TX

BREAK QUORUM

Carita Weaver
Self
Bastrop, TX

Redistricting mid-cycle is blatantly partisan and unfair and indicates that when your policies aren’t popular, you have to cheat to win. The disenfranchisement of Texas voters must stop. No to this bill!

Lynne Margolis
Self
Austin, TX

All Texans should have the right to representation. Gerrymandering districts is a cowardly way to remove that representation. If elected officials truly represented the people, they wouldn’t need trickery to stay in power. Enough is enough. Republicans need to stop screwing the people at every turn. Instead of “making America great again,” you’re making it an evil, inhospitable place. The fact that you let a laughably incompetent “president” tell you what to do shows you have no spine. THIS is election-rigging. Passing this bill will make every Republican guilty of the very thing you baselessly accuse Democrats of. No surprise there, of course. But just once, I would like to see the good ol’ boys do the right thing instead of acting like a bunch of Snidely Whiplash characters, giggling with glee at their own spitefulness. Spite is not a way to govern. Stop taking cues from a damaged bully and serve the state you claim to represent. You owe it to ALL Texans to allow us to choose the leaders we want — not make our votes meaningless because that’s the only way you’ll stay in power.

Julia Brainin
Self/editor
Austin, TX

I am strongly opposed to this redistricting plan. It is a shameful partisan act that goes against everything that this democracy is supposed to represent. I hope that the Texas legislature will be guided by its conscience to do the right thing and reject this proposal.

Charlotte Duckworth
Self
Wylie, TX

I oppose the redistrciting.

Karen Parker
Self
Fort Worth, TX

I am opposed to this redistricting. Doing this half way through a census period is wrong. There is no data concerning population changes that show cause for redistricting. It is clear that this is about shutting out voices in Texas because the president wants more seats in congress. I am appalled that the Texas legislature would allow this undemocratic power grab to happen.

Terina Sandstrom
Self
Austin, TX

Please focus on flood relief and do not allow redistricting to take place. We have far bigger priorities right now. Thank you for all you do to serve our state.

Susan Perry, Ms.
self / teacher
Austin, TX

Thwart the TYRANT. Remember the Alamo. Vote no.

Gretchen Pruett
Self / Retired
Kyle, TX

I find it incredulous that the President of the United States says that he wants 5 new "Republican" districts in Texas, and we now are in a special session to try and give him this. You all were elected to serve the people of Texas and not the Republican party or the President of the US - no matter who that is. These districts are nonsensical and further disenfranchise the people of color in this state. All I can say at this time is that if these districts are passed, you are making the case to the voters of Texas that you no longer serve them, and it will make the task of electing new representatives much easier in 2026. I personally will work with all my resources and strength to register and educate voters throughout the state about the cavalier disregard that their current representatives have for them.

We have a process for redistricting in place that is based on data and this process today flouts the process. Please respect your constituents and vote against this clearly partisan effort.

Matt Helton
Self
Woodway, TX

The proposal to redraw the State of Texas House districts outside of the normal cycle serves no purpose other than political gain for Republicans. This will silence any voice of dissent which is unAmerican. I encourage the State of Texas leadership to cancel this redistricting plan and focus on improving more pressing matters.

Elizabeth Farris, Ms
Self
Austin, TX

I am outraged by this attempt to disenfranchise Texans in such an obviously politically motivated action. Every single Republican has shown himself and herself to be a craven and useless public servant. Your actions we'll go down in history as one of shame and ignomy.

Michael Curry, Hold*
Self - Attorney
AUSTIN, TX

Dear Chair and Members,

I live in Congressional District 37, State Senate District 14, and State House District 49.

I have testified before the Texas Legislature numerous times over the past forty years—initially as a State Assistant Attorney General providing subject matter expertise, and subsequently as a private citizen. I am unable to appear in person for this hearing and respectfully submit this written testimony, which I affirm to be accurate to the best of my ability. I direct my remarks to those who support this redistricting process.

In each instance of my prior testimony, to the best of my recollection, the legislation under consideration had an ostensibly legitimate purpose. The public debate typically focused on whether the proposed measure fulfilled its stated objectives, introduced unintended consequences, or failed to advance its intended goals.
Today is different. The proposed redistricting is born of an illegitimate purpose. It advances no good-faith objective. It is plainly an abuse of process and an abuse of power. You know it. And so, no honest debate to be had.

So, we are left with stating for the record that we see what you are doing. Everyone in the hearing room, in the State, and across the nation sees what you are doing. We object.

Let's call it what it is: cheating.

None of us would permit our children to cheat in school. And none of us would accept the excuse that "everyone does it," or that the ends somehow justify illicit means. Would your children approve of you cheating at work? How will they feel when they are old enough to understand what you did?

You know that the purpose of redistricting: to equalize the population among districts in service of the principle of one person, one vote. Yet, in this session, the majority is using it for partisan political gain. By gerrymandering selected districts, you are manipulating populations to deliver additional seats in Congress to your party. This is an abuse of its power and is antithetical to a democratic system of government.

There was a time when you would consider that a criticism worth reflecting on. I hope someday we can recover that sense of duty.

Today, the greatest threat to our democracy is elected leaders violating democratic ideals. Manipulating voting districts to disadvantage a party or a community is voter suppression and an assault on our sacred right to vote. It promotes polarization, undermines our Constitution, and damages our democracy. Looking the other way or "going along" while others violate democratic principles is how democracies die.

There will be a time when integrity and honor will prevail over party pressure and political self-preservation. Why not today?

End this redistricting process now.

Michael Curry, Austin

Jennifer Kutzer
Self – Independent Voter, Former Republican, Community Advocate
Kingsland, TX

As a previously registered Republican who now identifies as an Independent, I feel compelled to speak out against HB 4 and the larger pattern of partisan redistricting in Texas. Due to the current political climate and the failure of Republican leadership to represent the needs of ordinary Texans, I plan to vote Democratic in the upcoming midterms.

I am a traditional stay-at-home wife, but my work history includes years in nonprofit organizations serving vulnerable and marginalized individuals—people navigating addiction, homelessness, and severe life challenges. These individuals, like so many Texans, are being silenced by gerrymandered maps designed to protect politicians, not serve the people.

HB 4 continues the trend of manipulating district lines to suppress competition, dilute minority voting power, and entrench a single party's control. This is not governance—it is a dereliction of duty. Our representatives are failing in their most basic responsibility: to fairly and faithfully represent the people of this state.

We are witnessing deliberate political decisions that undermine trust in the system and alienate a growing number of voters. Texans deserve better. We need a redistricting process that is independent, transparent, and prioritizes fairness—not backroom deals and rigged maps.

I urge you to reject HB 4 and commit to a redistricting process that truly reflects the will and diversity of Texas voters. The integrity of our democracy depends on it.

Mary Esther Diaz
Self - Refugee and Immigrant Adcovate
Austin, TX

The proposed changes to the congressional district map are far from the original purpose of this map. The primary goals of congressional maps are:
- Ensuring fair and proportional representation.
- Facilitating federal elections by delineating the voting areas for federal elections.
- Connecting citizens with their representatives and enabling representatives to address the specific needs and concerns of their constituents.

We use the following criteria to evaluate the fairness of congressional maps in the United States:
1. Equal population
2. Minority representation
3. Geographic considerations
4. Communities of interest
5. Partisan fairness
6. Ranking of criteria

I draw your attention to "communities of interest" – groups of people who share common social, cultural, racial, ethnic, or economic interests that are relevant to legislative representation. In the proposed redistricting of district 35, Austin is combined with Cibolo, Creedmoor, Garden Ridge, Kirby, Live Oak, Lockhart, Martindale, Mountain City, Mustang Ridge, New Braunfels, Niederwald, San Antonio, San Marcos, Schertz, Selma, Uhland, and Windcrest. How can the interests of Austinites be truly represented in the face of competing interests and political views in these other cities? The only thing these cities have in common is being on the IH-35 corridor.

How about the proposed redistricting of district 10 to include Austin, Giddings, Bryan, and Huntsville? Which social, cultural, racial, ethnic, or economic interests do they share with Austin?

Let's get back to the original goals of congressional maps and stop playing politics!

Pat Conegliano
self - retired
Austin, TX

I oppose mid-census redistricting. I support compact districts reflecting communities of interest.

Barbara Koonce
Self
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose this bill. Please don't support it. We all just want fair representation. Isn't that what this country stands for?

David Nelson
Austinites for Representative Democracy
Austin, TX

I'm disappointed that Abbott and the Republican Party have forgotten that their job is to represent not rule. And, the people are supposed to choose their representatives, not representatives choosing their voters. This is shameful behavior all in service of supporting a conman convicted felon's desire to hold on to power at any cost. Shame on Texas and all who support this irregular power grab. I hope my uncle's expression "pigs get fat and hogs get slaughtered" comes true in the midterms.

Lisa Griess
Self
Bayview, TX

I support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map

John Yant
Self
Honey Grove, TX

I strongly oppose redistricting. This is an egregious attempt at gerrymandering.

Amanda Lutz
self/retired
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose the redistricting/gerrymandering of Texas strictly to benefit the GOP.

MICHAEL MULCAHY
Myself
Longview, TX

Was there a mid-decade census that would predicate a natural redistricting effort that I missed?

Would you stand up and cry foul if the other party did this to manipulate the composition of the Texas delegation?

Will you be willing to explain to future members if the Republican Party that you are sorry for unnecessarily trampling the minority and setting the precedent for future majority parties to continue to trample the minority?

Policies change. Parties change. Leadership changes. Redistricting out of sequence today will harm Texans going forward. Win on ideas, not manipulation.

Katy Parish
Self
Wylie, TX

I want to register my extreme displeasure at the attempt by the Republican Party to gerrymander our voting districts in an effort to rig future elections in Texas. We live in a republic and this violates my constitutional right to have my voice heard. It’s shameful and embarrassing. I’m confused about how the party of law and order considers this ok - it’s breaking the law and it’s inexcusable.

Cheryl Kennedy
Self - Retired
Lytle, TX

As a voting Texan I do NOT support this redistricting plan. It is not being conducted at the 10 year census as per law nor is it done in a bipartisan manner. Distracting should be to achieve fair and equitable voting that allows people to vote in an precinct easily accessible. The process was not developed to be used to manipulate party domination. The district representation should be balanced with the average voting in the state, not adjusted to keep voters from casting their ballots. Based on the recent behaviors and votes of the Texas House and Senate and our national Congresspeople and their unwillingness to cooperate in a bipartisan process to represent ALL constituents through cooperative legislation, I will work to eliminate all current State and National House and Senate personnel. I urge you to set aside personal opinions and ideologies now and in the future and vote no on such gerrymandered maps and representation and adjust your processes to a cooperative bipartisan process that is good for all the people, as is your duty as a representative for the people. You answer to us, NOT a party or a President.

Rebecca Clarkson
Myself
Austin, TX

I vehemently disagree with any redistricting. We are already gerrymandered way too much, to make Texas more so is a blatant power grab. The republicans do not have to continue to bow down to trump. They know this is wrong, and is taking away voices from so many Texans. Don’t end up on the wrong side of history, your great grandchildren will be so ashamed. It’s not really winning if you cheat.

Lauren Turek, Dr.
se;f
San Antonio, TX

I strenuously object to this effort to redistrict in an off/non-census year. This is clearly an effort to deprive Texans of their right to representation and to rig the election so that only one party can win in Texas. This is out of step with our country's principles and an egregious attack on our democracy. Texas Republicans need to grow a backbone and standup to their demagogic leader, who is leading us down a path of iniquity and totalitarianism that will take us decades to recover from, if we ever do.

Carolyn Dunkin
Self
Laguna Vista, TX

I am in favor of this bill and urge you to pass it. Our nation depends on you to save our freedoms and liberties.

Lorien Cuneo
Self
Houston, TX

Texas already redrew its congressional maps in 2021, but now Donald Trump and national Republicans are demanding a second redraw, not because of new Census data, but to protect their grip on power as MAGA extremism loses ground. In response, Governor Abbott called a rushed special legislative session just one week after devastating floods hit communities across the state, choosing political manipulation over disaster relief.

This mid-decade redistricting is not normal. It's a calculated, anti-democratic power grab.

Lawmakers have 30 days to redraw the maps, with no requirement for transparency, public input, or fair representation. We deserve a process that is transparent and accessible!
These Redistricting maps are racially motivated and discriminatory. Stop the power grab, do your jobs, and represent the people of Texas fairly.

Emily Kelly
Self homemaker
Austin, TX

Frankly, with all of your abhorrent behavior, I'm shocked I have any shock left. The president said "jump" and all of you republican lemmings went right over the edge of the cliff. Congratulations, your unconscionable gerrymandering plan has combined all of your racism, questionable ethics about our constitution, human decency, etc. into one hideous and embarrassing bill. You all know what's right and you know this is not it. I question your morality and ability to hold your offices. Stop this now while you still can. You have an opportunity to do what is right and just and serve your Texans in the way in which they voted for you. Do not continue this farce. You work for the people, not the president. Get out there and do your job. It is your duty.

shannon sullivan, Ms
Self
Austin, TX

I am deeply concerned with this redistricting process and want to voice my disapproval for the gerrymandering and changes being made to accommodate a president's demands. I am concerned that this is turning into a state and country that is not concerned with the needs of its citizens but rather the desires of the establishment or oligarchy. Plenty of Texans have voiced their displeasure with the redistricting and how that is going to impact them. This makes it harder for Texans to be represented by people whom they choose to elect, and it makes it easier for government overreach to occur. This country has a long history of redlining and gerrymandering, and this is an obvious example. These new districts serve none other than the president's wishes for more people who will say yes to him and not question the further issues he will create. I want a Texas that represents me and has concern and consideration for its constituents. These district changes should not come as a priority when we have just witnessed one of the worst natural disaster events in recent history. This is a poor use of legislative time and money and did not include the regular citizen and taxpayer in these decisions. I would feel more confident in this state's legislature to lead if it did so my having the best interest of its constituents in mind. This redistricting is not that. I urge you to not gerrymander, redline, or create new districts that weaken the power of the people and increase the power of a few. This is a dangerous and reckless path to take that can further jeopardize the trust of the American people in the democratic process. We want strong voters, unwavering trust, and power for the people. This process and behind-closed-doors policy making undermines these values and will be a challenging part of our history for years to come. Please do the right thing and not bow down to what an individual says or wants, but rather listen to the public that elected you and trusted you to do the right thing. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Darlyn Martinez
Self
Austin, TX

Good morning, my name is Darlyn Martinez. I was born and raised in Austin. I am a Texan by heart, I love my state but I don't like what they are doing to it. I hate what the government stands for. It is not right, it still blows my mind how people still voted for a crooked, CONVICTED FELON to run this country and I hate it even more that this governor supports Donald Trump. It is against the constitution to redistrict the state to make it so republicans have control over it. Texas is a state for the people. Please congressmen and congresswomen please make it better for the next generation. With what is going on right now there might not be future generations. Republicans don't stand for the people only for themselves and the rich people that pay them. Please I am literally begging you to be a change. Please don't let Trump go against the constitution. It is not right.

Rachel Nelson, Ms.
Self
Midlothian, TX

You are cowards if this moves forward. Republicans are obviously too scared and know there is no way you can rely on Texan's support of your policies. Instead you have to cheat to shift gerrymandering in your favor. The people will take our power back & you will reap what you sow. We are OPPOSED to HB4 and the ridiculous gerrymandering scheme

Michael Segura
self, worker
El Paso, TX

Rigging the districts is unethical and basically immoral. EVERYONE must be heard

Alicia Stevens
Self/ Customer Care
Houston, TX

I oppose any redrawing of any districts in Texas. It is a clear and obvious racist tactic to disenfranchise the people of my district Dist 9 at the hands of a compromised Governor and Republican controlled State Legislature. This is highly unethical and unconstitutional. My district is comprised of mostly Black American amd elderly constituents, who have and will continue to suffer tremendously under Republican leadership. My grandmother will be 100 this year and my youngest child is 3. When i co sided them I realize they at the mercy of the current bigoted Trump regime and the immoral Texas Republican controlled legislature. We are already heavily gerrymandered in Houston because of the power of the voice of the diverse people. This should be celebrated and embraced and not oppressed. What is being attempted is further voter suppression and intimidation.

Gina Garcia
Self
Dallas, TX

I am against this bill and the new map.

Raul Flores
Self
Boerne, TX

Do not support this bill. This is undemocratic. Keep Texas free.

Jamie Snover
Self
Austin, TX

AGAINST. haven't you killed enough people? Start to give a damn for once. Texas is turning blue. Deal with it. But you're so afraid of doing the right thing you're using geometry (which you probably don't even understand).

Mayra Davis
Self
Stephenville, TX

I oppose the congressional redistricting. This is going to suppress many voters in the state, particularly voting communities of color. Texans want maps that truly reflect and represent our communities.

Lacie Kuhn
Self/Proud Texas Mom
San Antonio, TX

I came to Texas as a 17 year old when I started college, married a Texas native and fellow alumnus after graduating, and still live here in the Lone Star State nearly 35 years later. I can tell you that this blatant disregard for the citizens of this state in this attempt to gain the favor of the current President is the most disturbing display of hypocrisy I've seen by this state yet. The continued cheating and literal bending of rules and lines to achieve a desired outcome slaps democracy in the face. You have already succeeded in making this the most difficult state to vote in, and now to drive the point home of just how corrupt you are you decide to hold up two big middle fingers in the face of every Texas citizen. As one of the best educated and best earning families in the state please know - we will not stay here if this passes. We will not continue to be insulted and shown that our elected officials do not govern with our best interests in mind, but rather their bank accounts. My daughter will start college in a few weeks, and chose to turn down the scholarships offered from UT Austin, SMU & TCU for a spot across the country in New York. She knows that as of right now, her options for her future are far greater in a state that puts its citizens first. Until this state assembly decides to do the job they were elected to by their constituents, the Texas government will continue to be a failure. Please take one step in the right direction and toss out these redistricting maps that are blatantly unconstitutional.

Lu Allen
Self
Lantana, TX

I don't support this bill. Texas is already gerrymandered beyond what should be legal…still have an ongoing case in the courts. We really don't need to be wasting time or money on this. We need an independent company to draw district lines for the entire county so The People have an actual voice in democracy.

Leila Gonzalez
Sef
San Antonio, TX

Texas is once again gearing up to redraw district lines—not to reflect fair representation, but to entrench political power. Let's be honest: this isn't about serving the people. It's about suppressing votes, especially in fast-growing, diverse, and increasingly Democratic areas.

We've seen this before. The current maps were already drawn to favor one party, often slicing up urban areas and communities of color to drown out their voices in overwhelmingly Republican districts. And now, with the next round of redistricting on the horizon, it's clear that the plan is to double down—redraw the lines to keep power where it's already concentrated, regardless of what the voters actually want.

This is textbook gerrymandering: manipulating district boundaries to rig the outcome before a single vote is cast. It undermines democracy, silences millions, and tells Texans that their voices only matter if they vote the "right" way.

Let's not pretend this is normal. Democracy doesn't work when politicians pick their voters instead of voters picking their leaders. If our state government truly cared about fair representation, they'd support independent redistricting commissions—not secretive, partisan map-drawing behind closed doors.

Texans deserve better than this rigged game. We deserve fair maps, real representation, and a voting system that reflects all of us—not just the party in power.

Steve Prather
self
Austin, TX

I am opposed to this redistricting plan. The proposed map was just made available to the public YESTERDAY. Most voters aren't even aware of the drastic changes being made. There is no legal, rational reason for ramming this through the legislature with adequate public notice.

Jennifer Moulton
Self-service supervisor
Denton, TX

Please pass this
It just makes sense.

Valerie Navarro
Self, public school teacher
Carrollton, TX

I am opposed to drawing new district maps right before the midterms. There are better uses of time and resources. These maps will just become even more gerrymandered than they are currently.

Amanda Moulton
Self
Leander, TX

Redistricting in Texas is a a blatant power grab that threatens our democracy. Instead of focusing on flood relief or working to improve early warning systems, Republican leaders are priotizing gerrymandering that silences voters, especially those in minority communities. I urge everyone to oppose this bill.

Paula Talley
Self / Computer Programmer
Alpine, TX

I object to redistricting between 10 year cycles and the obvious moves to ensure the previous democratic districts become republican.

Maggie Moran
Self
Maxwell, TX

As a Texas taxpayer, I oppose this bill.

brigham rees
self
Austin, TX

The Map of new districts shows district 11 shooting through a narrow gap and stealing from district 10. It shows district 17 shooting through a narrow gap and stealing district 31. I don't know if district 37 even used to exist or if it was made from others. It is grossly obvious that the new district boundaries are being made to specifically make districts dominate Republicans instead of having a true balance of our freedom. This is absolutely criminal and against our freedom in our country. As Abraham Lincoln said, this is a country where the government OF the people BY the people and FOR the people shall not perish from the earth. Let's get back to a real government that is OF the people BY the people and FOR the people, NOT for privileged government officials who want to become Kings instead of someone who serves the people with honor. Let's keep our wonderful freedom in our country!

Michelle Yore
Self, analyst
Dallas, TX

I am against this bill. If you are going to redraw districts, use properly vetted procedures such as by county or zip code. We should all be fairly represented, and this proposed redistricting does not treat everyone fairly.

William Kinzie
self
San Antonio, TX

This is a bad idea. Gerrymandering is wrong, regardless of political party.

Lindsey Helton
Self
Woodway, TX

Do NOT redistrict until the next census.

Marc Dickenson
self
Austin, TX

The HB4 . I am against it . This is Jerry Mandarin. Don’t be Jerry. Don’t be Jerry Mandarin, y’all. Thank you.

Joy Sablatura
self/ retired
Austin, TX

Please play fair. 43% of Texans voted Democratic in the last election.The new district map would likely result in just 5 of the state's 38 reps being democrats. That's only 13% -- totally not representative. We are supposed to be in a democratic republic where we all can have representation. Please do not pass this illegal gerrymandering power grab. Thank you. Joy Sablatura

MeriJayd O'Connor, Ms.
self
Austin, TX

I am deeply opposed to the proposed redistricting map. It makes no sense to split Austin into tiny sections and have some districts connected to other parts of Texas with different representative needs. This proposed map is said to make it so there are more Republicans representing Texas in the house. This is a clear manipulation of the rules to make our votes not count and I am outraged. Please DO NOT pass this redistricting map. Leave it as it is for now.
Kind Regards,
MeriJayd O'Connor

ATEs SENCALAr
self
Windcrest, TX

This is wrong. Let the people decide, not politicians.

Wravan Godsoe

Self, music teacher, music publishing

AUSTIN, TX

Texans need to be represented fairly by our elected officials. The purpose of this bill is blatant gerrymandering by Republicans to grow their power and wealth even more than they already have, to take from the people they are supposed to be helping. The new district map harms most and benefits a very few. Please have mercy on your constituents and vote it down.

Alex Meed

Self, cybersecurity analyst

Austin, TX

I oppose this bill.

I live in downtown Austin, which this bill absurdly puts in District 10. This is a hyperdense urban core, and it should be in a district with other dense parts of Austin: UT, South Congress, Mueller, and so on. Our interests will not be effectively represented in a vast, predominantly rural district. I ask the committee to include downtown Austin in District 37 or a similarly constructed urban district.

This is just one of the problems with this map—brought about by the House's pathetic rush to bend over backwards for the President. I urge the committee to ensure Texans are adequately represented in Congress rather than being a pawn in the President's game. He has used many as he is using you, and they have come to regret it. If you submit, you will stain your legacies and the legacy of the 89th Texas House.

Lina Zee

Self

San Antonio, TX

The redistricting of Texas is a blatant attempt at disenfranchisement of Black and Latino voters in Texas. Our state representatives know that this redistricting is nothing more than an attempt to appease Donald Trump in Washington. Why are we allowing DC to dictate what we do in Texas? I implore you to do the moral and ethical thing by voting against this redistricting.

Tina Hester, Ms
self, retired
Austin, TX

My name is Tina Hester, and I am representing myself. I oppose HB 4.

In 1978, my father, David Hester, ran as a Republican for the Texas House of Representative in a district that then included North and East Lubbock. He didn't win but did better than any Republican up until that point. After that, he continued to serve as the Republican precinct chair. I was always proud of his civil engagement, even though we differed on some policy matters.

My dad would not recognize the Republican party now and the extreme efforts to please one man in Washington. My dad would never cheat to win.

In the past ten years, my precinct in Southwest Austin has had two different congressional representatives. If this current plan goes through, I will be represented by yet another.

When I was represented by Congressman Roger Wiliams, and the district ran from Weatherford to Wimberly, the only community of interest I could ascertain was the Storm's hamburger restaurant up and down Hwy 281.

Next, I was in CD 21, which included much of Hays and northern parts of Bexar, and parts of West Texas Hill country such as Kerrville and Medina. At least I had some things in common with other suburban voters.

This map has me voting with Texans from Victoria and Corpus Christi, home of Whataburger. I too love Whataburger but that is not enough of a shared common interest.

There is no reason to bring up redistricting now, when we have pressing problems confronting our state. For example, why not focus on flood safety and weather preparedness, water supplies, access to affordable health care, stopping the massacre of our young people because of our gun laws?

Again, please take your jobs seriously and don't fold under the pressure from Washington.

NORMA TREVINO
self
San Antonio, TX

Gerrymandering is something communists do. Don't vote for this bill.

Nancy Pontius
Self - School receptionist
Aubrey, TX

My husband and I strongly support HB 4 on Congressional Redistricting !! Redistricting must be done accurately and fairly!

Alexis Howell
Self
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose the proposed redistricting maps of Texas that will drown out the representation and voices of many Texans, especially those from communities of color. We deserve better.

Nancy Goehl
Self
Richardson, TX

This attempt to redistrict Texas at this time just to take away Democratic seats is illegal. Voting rights for a large amount of people will be affected. Your constituents are tired of your self focused cowardice.They know you're not representing them and this is the last straw. Democrats are going to start playing by your rules. Pack your bags. We will vote you out eventually!

Rebecca Beck
Self
Austin, TX

I oppose the new map. We should not be redistricting now. It is gerrymandering to take seats away from democrats. Stop this process and wait until the next census to draw a fair map.

Kristi Burrage
Self
Coleman, TX

I strongly oppose redistricting Texas. There is no other reason to do this right now except to Gerrymander the state. This should be illegal. This is not in the best interests of Texas citizens.

Virgini Savely, Dr.
Self
Austin, TX

It is so ridiculous and transparent that this redistricting is just at the behest of DJT and you should be ashamed of yourselves for even thinking about it. Please don't pass this bill!

Luisa rodriguez
self retired
Windcrest, TX

We are against this bill. Do not vote for it.

Lisa Stone
self/educator
Houston, TX

Redistricting at this time with such an obviously political, partisan agenda borders on the pathetic. Republicans are so clearly frightened of losing when it will anger our power-hungry president. Please try to get a grip and do the right, just, fair and honorable thing for Texans.

Jennifer Tieman
Self
Friendswood, TX

This is terrible. How dare you try to steal our representatives. Its an illegal gerrymander. I demand that you stop this farce.

Cheryl Jackson
Self
Richardson, TX

I oppose this congressional redistricting bill. It is a brazen attempt to gift the current occupant of the White House with the "5 more seats" he has been talking about in the press. This is a shameless attempt to curry favor from the White House while disenfranchising Texas voters. As a Texas voter, I roundly oppose this bill!

Fortuna Chu

Self

Dickinson, TX

I want my vote to count and be heard. Gerrymandering is stealing our voices. Your disaster attempt to stay in power. And for what? Only to be a gofer to the patient.

Jane Wedekind

Myself

Cedar Park, TX

This HAS to stop! We want to vote fair and square.Are Republicans really ao insecure about their platform or the lack of one that they have to do this to us? I really feel like we at the mercy of Trump - Abbott is bowing either to him nationally or Tim Dunn and Farris Wilkes locally! Do any of you care about the people who LIVE HERE?! For God's sake grow up and trust the people!! Stop this!

Pernell Davis
Myself
Houston, TX

Chair and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony today. I do so with deep concern and a deep sense of duty to the communities I serve and represent.

Redistricting is not just about maps. It is about people. It is about our elders who built these neighborhoods, our young people trying to find their voice, our veterans who defended our freedoms, and families who deserve a government that truly sees them. These maps threaten to fracture historically significant and culturally rich communities throughout Houston and Harris County, places that have long been voices of strength and resilience in our state.

While I could name many, Acres Homes, Sunnyside, Pleasantville, the Fifth Ward, the East End, Alief, Southwest Houston, Fort Bend Houston, the reality is there are far too many vibrant, historic, and deeply interconnected communities at risk. And I cannot in good conscience name some while leaving others out. What unites these neighborhoods is a long and continuing fight for fair representation. These maps, as currently drawn, betray that fight.

When communities are sliced and scattered across multiple districts, their influence is diluted. Their priorities are minimized. Their power is stolen. This is not democracy. This is targeted disenfranchisement.

I've served in government and law enforcement. I've worked with neighbors and local leaders to address public safety, disaster recovery, and equity in service delivery. I know how decisions made at the Capitol impact families on every block. And I also know that when political lines are drawn without care, the consequences are real: delayed infrastructure, fewer resources, and lost trust.

I urge this committee to center the people not partisanship in this process. The maps must reflect the full richness of our communities. They must comply with the Voting Rights Act. They must keep neighborhoods of interest together and ensure that minority voices are not just heard but heeded.

This is not about Democrats or Republicans. This is about doing right by Texans. But to those Republicans who know better and stay silent, I ask you to put this on your conscience. And to Democrats who have grown comfortable, now is not the time for quiet support. It is time for visible, courageous action.

This committee carries a profound responsibility not just to the letter of the law, but to the spirit of democracy itself. The people you represent deserve maps that reflect their voices, their stories, and their communities. Draw fair maps. Protect the people. Preserve democracy.

Respectfully,
Pernell Davis

Rachael Rovira
Representing Texan Rights
Austin, TX

As a born and raised Texan I never thought I would grow up to be so disappointed in my state representatives. The blatant disregard for the one way constituents truly are able to have their voices heard, by voting in FAIR elections, is astonishing. Republicans have the audacity to think that your constituents will trust that their representatives are truly representing their best interests when this redistricting scheme is so clearly making a move to silence voices. If the Republican party thinks they will ever have a chance to convince voters they care about anything other than power after this move they have another thing coming to them. Texans are tired of getting the shit end of the stick, having our rights taken away, prices going up and seeing our representatives get rich while making the rest of our lives harder day to day. We are paying attention even though Republicans think you will be able to slip this past. Even if you do redistrict you are going to need all the help you can get to maintain the majority and we all know it. Do us all a favor and oppose this ridiculous political move that should be ILLEGAL. Do your jobs and represent TEXANS BEST INTEREST!

Brandon Reynolds
Self
DECATUR, TX

I am opposed to the redistricting of Texas for the simple fact that it is not representative of the state. 56% of the state voted Republican in the last election. To truly represent Texas, 56% of our representatives should be Republican. Let’s round it up and call that 22/38 representatives. Obviously you can’t guarantee it but this redistricting all but guarantees an extremely unfair balance that is not wholly representative of our once great state.

Elizabeth Mullins
Self/Teacher
El Paso, TX

Congressional districts should be logical and simple in shape and size and reflect people living in the same town, city, or region. Congressional districts should not slice across a variety of areas in an attempt to group together people that you think will vote a certain way.

Kate Rhodes
self
Austin, TX

Approval of this bill is appeasing the Trump regime and not taking care of the people of Texas whom you have sworn to serve (not Trump). This is cheating the system and not representing all peoples of this state. Sorely underrepresented will be people of color and low income families. These, our fellow Texans, need a voice that is reflective of their communities and cultures. Billionaires and politicians shouldn't be in it for more power and riches, which seems to be the hope of those who would go forward with this unethical gerrymandering.

Marie Kuhles
Self
AUSTIN, TX

I strongly oppose the Texas GOP’s proposed congressional redistricting plan. This redistricting map undermines the fundamental principles of representative democracy by diluting the political power of communities of color, ignoring population growth trends, and prioritizing partisan advantage over fair representation.

Texas has experienced significant population growth in the past decade—over 95% of which has come from communities of color, particularly Hispanic, Black, and Asian American Texans. Yet, the proposed redistricting map fails to reflect this demographic reality. Instead of increasing representation for these communities, the map actively weakens their voting power by packing, cracking, and manipulating district boundaries to diminish their political voice.

This is a clear violation of the Voting Rights Act, which prohibits redistricting plans that have the purpose or effect of denying or abridging the right to vote on account of race or ethnicity. It also violates the basic democratic principle that voters should choose their representatives—not the other way around.

Furthermore, this plan undermines public trust in our electoral system. When maps are drawn to ensure the dominance of one political party rather than to reflect the will of the people, it erodes confidence in our institutions and the legitimacy of our elections.

I call on lawmakers to reject this gerrymandered map and instead adopt a fair, transparent, and community-informed redistricting process that ensures all Texans—regardless of race, ethnicity, or political affiliation—have an equal opportunity to elect representatives of their choice.

Democracy in Texas deserves better. Texans deserve fair maps.

Let me know if you'd like this adapted for a specific audience (e.g., students, advocacy groups, media, etc.) or shortened to fit a particular format.

Massiel Haro
Self
El Paso, TX

Gerrymandering is wrong on all levels, and the way you are trying to take away my vote and my voice is so disrespectful. I love my district, my city and my State and the current leadership (Governor, Senator Cruz and other republicans) are misusing their powers to go against the people of the state they claim to represent. If the only way you have of wining is by cheating, then shame on you.
Respectfully, this session should be for helping people that have suffered from the flood and all the people that lost their children. Not for desperate cheating.

Kimberly Jones
Self
Austin, TX

I am writing to firmly oppose the redistricting process that is being proposed. All state leaders must speak out against the dangerous precedent established by this blatantly partisan gerrymandering.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sonia Winney
Self/Director of Admissions
Schertz, TX

I strongly oppose this unethical power grab and the impact it will make on Texas and millions of Texas for years to come.

Elizabeth Caldwell, Mrs
Tru Texas Project
Vidor, TX

I support HB 4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Jane Broumley
Self
Austin, TX

Please stop this madness. Don't strip our voices in service of a despot king. Y'all can stop this. Claim your power to represent all Texans. Please'

Carol Cappa
Self Respiratory Therapist
Fort Worth, TX

This is just a repress the vote and take away Democratic representation in Congress! It is cruel and anti- democratic!!! We will remember this in 2026!!!

Cary Fyfe
Self
AUSTIN, TX

This bill reflects all that is wrong with the Trump administration and his cruel, bizarre hold on our Texas "leaders". It is wrong, and an obvious preemptive move to avoid losses (instead of changing cruel behaviors and actually representing the people you serve so that they might actually vote you in again. The people of Texas are absolutely not behind this bill.

Bryant Phelps, Rev.
Senior Pastor. The United Methodist Church
Grand Prairie, TX

As an Elder in The United Methodist Church, I vowed to seek peace, justice, and freedom for all. Preveniently, I made this vow when I accepted my call at the age of five. As a justice seeker and pastor of a historically Black faith community in Dallas, Texas, it is my sacred duty to name, renounce, and challenge injustice when it presents itself. This proposed map is unjust and evil. As an elder, we are sent to serve not only congregations but parishes, the community in which the church is situated. My parish is Hamilton Park, Dallas, Texas. The Hamilton Park Community was founded in 1950
following racial terror, physical and economic violence, in historically Black Dallas neighborhoods. However, for most of its existence, Hamilton Park has had to continue to protect itself from covert acts of racism, predatory capitalism and deleterious gentrification. Hamilton Park has had to maintain careful partnership with those who were voted in by others to represent their interests. Now, although imperfect, Hamilton Park has been able to utilize its agency and voice in selecting who represents them only for this sacred right to be stripped of them. Again, perpetually, racial terror attacks its future vitality with the erasure of its representation in these proposed maps, lumping a growing, diversifying district from Dallas County into far East Texas Upshur and Camp Counties. This is sin, it is erasure. This is violence, not only for non-white people but for those living in rural areas who could be impacted by the urban/suburban politics of Dallas and Rockwall Counties. This proposed redistricting is not fair; it further exacerbates the existing, racially violent, gerrymandered map that Texas already utilizes, a map that is still being litigated in courts for violating sections of the Voting Rights Act. How is erasure fair? This is theft, it is violence, it is unjust. This mid-decade affront only serves to inflame the ego and political will of those desiring more power than they already have, and violence against anyone requiring accountability from them. As United Methodists, we are encouraged to "do good, do no harm, and stay in love with God," reflective of Christ's commandment, "to love as I have loved you." This is not love for our neighbors, it is control. This is not love, it is inhumane. This is not love, it is hubris, and hubris is the energy that fuels evil. Please do the right thing. Utilize the appropriate data, at the appropriate time, to create a map that gives voice to the millions of non-white people who have moved to this state or have called it home. Utilize data that gives those living rurally a district that protects their interests. We are not made better by control, we are bettered by the unique somebodiness of every person, made in the image of God. I urge you to seek peace, justice, and freedom for all, not only the privileged few.

Brenda Crouch
Self-housewife
Fort Worth, TX

I fully support HB4 and the proposed redistricting map.

Sierra Nguyen
Self
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose HB 4. This bill appears to be an unlawful attempt to manipulate congressional district boundaries for political gain. It undermines fair representation and threatens to disenfranchise communities across Texas, particularly minority voters. Redistricting should reflect population data and community integrity—not partisan advantage. If passed, this bill will harm the democratic process and damage public trust in our electoral system. I urge legislators to reject HB 4 and commit to a transparent, nonpartisan redistricting process.

Chelsea Hebert
Self / Civil Engineering Designer
Austin, TX

I object

Kristen Marshall
Self, underwriter
Dallas, TX

I oppose the redistricting proposal under review.

This is gerrymandering . This is illegal since this we have not had a census to support these changes. The new districts spans an area that can not be adequately represented. Kaufman county is not here near Lake Highlands. The areas have different needs as this is blatantly a ploy to appease the president. He asked for additional seats and you are breaking the law to do so.

Nichole Kirk
Self, stay at home mom
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose congressional redistricting

Sharon Kremer
Self
Denton, TX

Do not rig the maps.
Statesman work for seats by working for constituents and earning their votes.
Crooks steal votes when they rig maps.
Politicians undermine democracy when they cheat.
Dont choose your voters. Let your voters choose you BECAUSE YOI HAVE EARNED THEIR VOTE

Osagie Iyamu
Self
Sugar land, TX

Why are we redrawing the lines. How much corruption will you get away with

Veena Garcia
Myself veena Garcia
Wylie, TX

I oppose redistricting

Amanda Robinson
self, Assistant Director
Austin, TX

The proposed racial gerrymandered redistricting of this great state is an anti-democratic partisan move that would result in the disenfranchisement of millions of Texans. The proposed map illegally targets voters of color. It splits communities into slivered fragments that make no sense. It is profoundly and dangerously undemocratic.

Please focus instead on issues that would really help Texans – like preventing future flooding deaths, making housing more affordable, giving families access to health insurance and high-quality childcare, and fully supporting public schools. This partisan nonsense is an outrage.

Robin Ten Eyck
Self
Austin, TX

I disagree with the republicans trying to redraw congressional maps! This will not lead to a more unified country and will only continue to polarize and divide this nation. I say this as someone who believes in conservative values!

Lauren Costello
Self
Plano, TX

I ask that the committee condemn this radical redistricting process. This is blatant gerrymandering in order for the Trump Party to put their preferred candidates in the House. This sets a dangerous precedent and will throw our state deeper into fascism.

Nicholette Lawson, M.D.
Self, physician
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose redistricting and see it as an open attempt to disenfranchise Texas voters.

Timothy Mann, Dr
self
Buda, TX

I oppose HB 4. Redistricting now based on no new census information doesn't make sense and is ultimately undemocratic.

Aruna Shulha
Self, Homemaker
Houston, TX

RE: Opposition to Mid-Decade Congressional Redistricting – A Statement from South Asian Texans
Dear Governor Abbott, Lt. Governor Patrick, and Speaker Burrows,
As members of the South Asian American community across Texas, we write to express our unequivocal opposition to the mid-decade congressional redistricting plan currently before the Legislature.
South Asian Texans are one of the fastest-growing populations in this state. We run businesses, drive innovation, advance medicine, and enrich the cultural and civic life of Texas. We also vote, organize, and contribute to the democratic process.
But this redistricting proposal is not about improving representation — it is about manipulating it. These maps are being redrawn to break up strong, diverse voting blocs and weaken the collective voice of communities of color, including South Asians, who are becoming an undeniable force in Texas politics.
In major metropolitan counties where South Asians live and work — Harris, Fort Bend, Dallas, Collin, Tarrant, Travis, and Bexar — cohesive neighborhoods are being fractured and stitched together with distant rural counties. These artificial districts have nothing to do with shared interests and everything to do with diluting the political power of growing populations.
This is not representation. This is an intentional strategy to silence voters and undermine democracy.
What does a tech executive in Plano have in common with a farmer hundreds of miles away? What shared vision for Texas can come from districts designed to split communities apart rather than bring them together?
Texas should stand as a model of democratic integrity, where representation reflects the people who call this state home. Instead, this process dismantles the very pillars of democracy — fairness, accountability, and trust.
When maps are drawn for partisan gain, they don’t just distort election outcomes — they tell entire communities their voices don’t matter.
We stand with Texans in Fort Bend, Collin, Dallas, Harris, Travis, Williamson, Bexar, El Paso, Denton, and Tarrant Counties who are seeing their voting power diluted and their representation sacrificed for political advantage.
We urge you to withdraw this plan and commit instead to drawing fair maps that keep communities whole, reflect where people actually live and work, and protect every Texan’s right to representation.
Democracy only works when every vote counts and every voice is heard. These maps break that promise. Texans — all Texans — deserve better.
Sincerely,
Aruna Shulha
Houston, Texas

Phyllis Newman
Self
San Antonio, TX

Please do not redraw the lines per district to vote. If this administration were doing the most popular things to help our communities, then this wouldn't be necessary. Instead our Governor has asked you to turn your backs on your constituents. How many times will you be allowed to redraw these district lines affecting voting. Please vote against the redrawing of the district lines

Megan Lacey
Self
Frisco, TX

I'll be brief. You know this is wrong. You know it destroys every core tenant of democracy. You know you are bowing down to a king. Please do the right thing. Vote against this bill, and if you don't have the votes to prevent it get out of the state and prevent quorum. Texans deserve free and fair elections, with districts that represent our population.

Rosalyn Story
myself - Professor of Music History, SMU
Dallas, TX

I am appalled at the blatant disregard for Texas citizens' rights as regards voting. The Republican Party and Trump are deliberately trying to manipulate the maps to their advantage, drawing maps with outlandish boundaries to limit the voting power of African Americans and people of color. This is an outrageous overreach and abuse of power. This redistricting and gerrymandering should not be allowed, and should be exposed for the blatant attempt of voter suppression that it is.

Maida Ference
Self
Round Rock, TX

I believe that each citizen of the state should be represented and that the districting lines should allow that to be recognized. Primarily democratic districts should not be chopped up and zoned with primarily republican ones in order to skew the representation in the house and senate. I'd add "and vice versa" but the latter is not being considered. It's unethical and unjust.

Madison Honc, Miss
Self
La Marque, TX

I do not support the gerrymandering and unlawful representation that is happening with this redistricting.

Ginger Patel, Ms.
Self
Houston, TX

The timing of this redistributing is to bypass checks and balances for fair representation of citizens. It will not be an accurate reflection of the population. There was no public call for this redistricting. The role of the House of Representatives is to represent the state and this was initiated by the federal level.

Andrei Kleinschmidt
Self
Houston, TX

Stop bowing down to a wannabe dictator with these shenanigans. Stop gerrymandering people out of a voice. DO NOT REDISTRICT!

Kim Cross
Self - real estate broker
Marble Falls, TX

Strongly AGAINST the new redistricting map in Texas.

Thomas Sheehy, Mr.
National Treasury Employees Union Chapter 72
Austin, TX

I am the 1st Vice President of National Treasury Employees Union Chapter 72. My union represents over 4,000 IRS employees in the Austin area. It is a diverse group of people that come from all over central Texas just for the chance to work for the American government, including many veterans. There is no reason that Texas needs redistricting at this time and especially in the way proposed by the bill. By redrawing the maps we do a great disservice to federal employees and the people they serve: the American taxpayer. These proposed maps will dilute the voices of the people in my union and will have a detrimental impact on the services they provide to Texas and America at large.

Cayla Walker
Self
Burleson, TX

Dear Members of Congress,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to any redistricting efforts that would give an unfair advantage to any political party. Redistricting should reflect population changes and uphold the principles of fair and equal representation—not be used as a tool to manipulate electoral outcomes.

I urge you to support transparent, nonpartisan redistricting processes that protect the integrity of our democracy and ensure that every vote carries equal weight.

Elizabeth Fuhr
Self, manager
Austin, TX

Completely oppose, constituents should pick their reps not reps picking their constituents. We should not be gerrymandered even more than we are already are

Bonny Lowe, Ms.

Self

Del Valle, TX

Ending partisan gerrymandering in the Texas House of Representatives is not a concession of power—it is a defense of principle, a safeguard for the future, and a bold reaffirmation of our commitment to democratic integrity.

1. Conservatism Is Rooted in Fairness and the Rule of Law

At its heart, conservatism values tradition, constitutional governance, and the idea that all citizens deserve fair representation. Gerrymandering—drawing districts to favor one party at the expense of others—undermines those ideals. It distorts the will of the people, turning elections into mere formalities rather than genuine contests of ideas.

The Republican Party has long stood for the sanctity of the Constitution and for limiting government overreach. When we manipulate districts for partisan advantage, we betray that tradition. If we expect voters to trust our party to defend the Constitution in Washington, we must first show that we will honor its spirit at home.

2. Short-Term Gains, Long-Term Risks

While gerrymandering may benefit the GOP today, demographic shifts and urbanization trends make this strategy unsustainable. Texas is changing. Cities are growing, suburbs are diversifying, and younger generations—more independent and issue-driven—do not respond well to obvious partisan manipulation.

If Republicans build their majority on manipulated maps rather than popular support, they risk losing moral authority and alienating future voters. An honest playing field today helps ensure that when our ideas win, they win on merit—not on engineered advantages that will eventually backfire.

3. Voters Are Watching—and Losing Trust

Texas voters increasingly understand how district lines are drawn and how their voices are diluted. This breeds apathy, resentment, and distrust in institutions. A healthy republic depends on competitive elections and broad participation—both of which gerrymandering suppresses.

By ending the practice, Republicans can lead by example, showing Texas and the nation that our party is not afraid of competition and does not need rigged maps to succeed. Such a move would restore public trust, especially among independents and younger voters who value transparency and fairness.

4. A Strategic Advantage: Owning the High Ground

Republicans are often painted by opponents as suppressing votes or manipulating rules. By voluntarily supporting independent redistricting, the GOP seizes the moral high ground, disarms critics, and makes it harder for Democrats to paint us as anti-democratic.

Imagine a future in which Republicans consistently win competitive districts—not because of lines on a map, but because of bold policies, strong leadership, and deep community engagement. That's a party with a future.

Conclusion: Let Principle Guide Us

The Republican Party doesn’t need gerrymandering to win in Texas—it needs to lead. By ending partisan districting in the Texas House, we affirm our belief in democracy, show confidence in our platform, and restore faith!

Erin Kane, MD

Self

Dallas, TX

I oppose the plan to redistrict current electoral maps.

This seems unfair, racially motivated and not in keeping with the idea of democracy as a voice for the people.

Guillermo Zamarripa
Self
Austin, TX

Hey if you want to submit comments against redistricting I submitted this:
“I am writing today to express my deep concern and opposition to the proposed redistricting maps. These maps do not reflect the true demographics or the lived experiences of the people of Texas. This is not normal, and it is not representative of the diverse communities who call this state home.

Texas is one of the most diverse states in the nation, and our political maps should reflect that reality. Instead, these proposed maps dilute the voices of communities of color and disregard the growing diversity in urban, suburban, and rural areas alike. Fair maps are not a partisan issue — they are a matter of justice, of equal representation, and of democracy.

At a time when many Texans are struggling to recover from floods and other natural disasters, our efforts should be focused on delivering support and services to those in need — not on dividing communities for political gain. People are hurting, and they need leaders who see them, represent them, and respond to their needs — not maps that ignore them.

I urge the committee to reject these proposed maps and to return to the drawing board with fairness, equity, and transparency as guiding principles. We deserve maps that reflect the people of Texas — all of us.”

Felisa Wilson
Self
Austin, TX

Stop the madness, as I am a native Texans. Families all over the globe are hurting one way or the other. Don't bite off your nose to spite your own face.

Louise Rodriguez
Self
Austin, TX

I oppose the proposed mid-decade redistricting plan (HB?4) being introduced during this special session. This effort does not reflect fair representation—rather it is designed solely to flip up to five Democratic-held U.S. House seats, thereby diluting the voices of Central Texas communities in Austin.
These changes disproportionately target Black and Latino voters in and around Austin, Houston, Dallas, and South Texas—precisely the voters who fueled Texas’s population growth over the past decade. This violates both the Voting Rights Act and constitutional principles of equal protection.
Mid-decade redistricting is highly unusual and breaks with democratic norms—it inherently prioritizes political gain over public interest. Let’s instead uphold what truly makes our country great: the voice of We The People.
Reject this partisan redrawing and any process that silences public participation.

Support an independent redistricting commission or establish clear, non-partisan criteria—including contiguity, communities of interest, compactness, and compliance with the Voting Rights Act.

Prioritize urgent public needs, such as flood recovery, instead of partisan political maneuvering during this special session.

Democracy only thrives when voters choose their representatives, not the other way around.

Thank you for your service and I urge you to honor the voices of ALL Texans.

Caroline Boggs
Self
Irving, TX

I vote in every election, big and small, and I take each vote seriously. How dare you attempt to take my voice, my vote, away. It is unethical at best. It appears I am in an area to be redistricted but I doubt most of you voting have any idea. Shame on you.

Fernando Gonzalez, Mr.
Self. Retired
El Paso, TX

"The current proposed map strips major parts of El Paso County, all of Fort Bliss, the El Paso International Airport, and the new Veterans Affairs Health Care Center from having local representation, moving them to a district that spans from San Antonio to the Borderland, includes two other military installations (forcing Fort Bliss, our airport, and the VA Center to compete for limited and shrinking resources), and holds the conflicting interested of 27 other counties across Texas. This means our needs would be handed over to a representative who regularly votes against the interests of El Pasoans (who has voted to cut Medicare, Medicaid, veterans programs, nutrition programs, infrastructure funding, water and wastewater funding, and more), only briefly visits the district when time permits, and who prioritizes assets and needs of constituents who are closer to his home in San Antonio. We've been through this redistricting battle before and El Pasoans stood up to demand our community be represented by someone who lives here, not over 500 miles away.

William Pruet, Mr.
Self
Buda, TX

I strongly oppose the current congressional restricting map. What a disgrace this is to freedom in Texas.

I would love for any conservative members of the state legislature to look themselves in the mirror and feel good about creating some of these abhorrent districts. It really is shocking the lack of integrity the people pushing through this map really have.

Richard SoRelle, Mr.
Self
Houston, TX

This bill is yet another stepping stone in the absolute destruction of the American Republic and the State of Texas and everything I was taught they stand for. The goal seems to be to deliver more seats to one party over the other at the behest of the Federal Executive. Full stop. This isn't democracy, this isn't representation, this is despotism, plain and simple. It was despotic when Delay and TRMPAC did it and it's despotic and despicable today. You are disenfranchising countless Texans at the whims of a denagogue to pass legislation you know wouldn't stand up to any real democratic vote because most people don't want it.

Lizzy Chapman
Self. Fitness instructor
Fort Worth, TX

Government employees are supposed to work to win the vote of the people. Not rig maps in their favor to win without the vote of those that they represent. You have to be ashamed of the "job" that you've been doing. Cowards. All of you. Shameful to see you cowering to a tyrant who asks you to steal seats. I used to be a proud Texan but you make me sick of this state.

Lauren Miller, Mrs
Self
Dallas, TX

My name is Lauren Miller. As a Texan, I have the audacious expectation that the Texas legislature exists to serve the interests of Texans. Not to bend over backwards for the whims of people whose policies are so unpopular and so harmful to Texans that they cannot get elected without cheating.

How many times must we hear the cries of “personal accountability” as you run from us?

You could address stormwater drainage improvements, but you are gerrymandering away your responsibility to Texans.

You could address warning systems to save the lives of Texans, but you are gerrymandering away your responsibility to Texans.

You could address the underlying causes of extreme heat and increasingly erratic water cycles, but you are gerrymandering away your responsibility to Texans.

You could address our infrastructure needs, this body’s stranglehold on economic growth, the hypocritical rescinsion of bodily autonomy in this state, but you are gerrymandering away your responsibility to Texans.

If you are going to be this useless to the people of the state, go home rather than cause us further harm.

My family has a working ranch, I’ve worked with hundreds of ranchers, and I’ve been around cattle enough, that I recognize the smell of bull.

Stop this illegal redistricting, which is a blatantly transparent effort to shirk your responsibilities to your constituents, and do better for the people of this state.

This political maneuver to pack blue urban areas into rural districts hurts rural communities too.

In Dallas, I live within 15 minutes of multiple hospitals. At the ranch, I’m 30 minutes from anyone with medical training and that person is a large animal vet.

We have different needs.

Let’s say that hospital funds are appropriated for the newly proposed district where our ranch is located. Does anyone really believe that a new hospital would get built in D’Hanis rather than one of the fancy new suburbs west of San Antonio?

Looking at the maps proposed, I’m also struck at how much more of a voice money will get. The resident of a $20 million mansion in central Dallas will have the same representative as the person with the $85,000 house in Henderson. I don’t think they have the same needs or the same ability to get that representative’s attention.

The simple truth is that you don’t do politically motivated gerrymanders when you’re addressing the needs of your constituents. You do it, when you’ve won the media propaganda wars and want to kick the accountability can down the road as far as possible.

I have watched the Texas and US legislatures and current administration force policy to poison our water, defund education, and strip us of bodily autonomy. But eventually those bad policies hit home for everyone and the only people you’ll have left to lie to that you’re working for Texans are yourselves.

The House Of Representatives should be exactly that: representative of the different voices and different needs of the people. Thank you.

John McCoy, Mister damnit

My mother, my grandfather and myself. All deep in the heart of TX and don't forget.

Grapevine, TX

NO ON REDISTRICTING! IT'S BAD ENOUGH ALREADY!
Stop riggering around with democracy and the will of the people! If you can't win a GD election, then humble yourselves! Tuck your tails between your legs and go think about what you've done wrong! Cheating ain't right and if you don't think so the Hell awaits your lying-ass souls!

Edward Hockfield

Self

Austin, TX

Honorable members of the committee, I am shocked and dismayed that the Texas House of Representatives would consider a bill that would put political and personal agendas before the good of the populace. Redistricting has been and must remain an end of decade proposition. Power can be dangerous when placed in the hands of "me before thee". I ask that each of you look in the mirror and ask, "is this for the good of the people", and after answering "No", follow your conscience and vote "NO".

Angeline Tackaberry

Self

Celina, TX

I oppose this bill. This is a ploy by republicans to take seats away from democrats. There are so many other matters that need Attention at this time that could benefit all Texans.

Kory Johanning

Self - Financial Advisor

Austin, TX

I am disappointed with the continued focus on redistricting. Blatant abuse of power from the party in charge sets precedent for future actions that can and will be harmful. This bill does not seem to be in the best interest of Texans nor does it create a more accurate representation of the populous. I sincerely hope this bill and larger issue of redistricting will be dropped.

Todd Shaw

Self

Austin, TX

Honorable House Members- I ask that you stop this redistricting action. It came at the request of the President who is desperate to have you subvert the will of the Texas people and find him 5 more House reps. This is not Texas - this is not who we are. Please stand up to a very unpopular President and support your citizens. Thank you.

Mary Elizabeth McNeely

Self - Consultant

Dallas, TX

No redistricting. Oppose.

Taylor Fox
Self, stay at home mom
Austin, TX

This proposed map is BAD, and y'all know it. You know exactly what you're doing: giving Trump his five seats he asked for because he's scared about midterms. And so what do y'all do? Cheat. You're breaking up predominantly liberal districts, like Austin where I live, and sweeping them up into conservative representation, where their voices will be watered down. This is not based on any new census data: it ignores reality and silences the voices of the people. People are supposed to select their leaders, not the other way around! According to the League of Women Voters, "Districts may not be drawn for the purpose of favoring or discriminating against an incumbent, political candidate, or political party."

I've lived in Central Texas my whole life. My family has been here for generations--some since Texas was a Republic, and some even before that. If conservatives are so upset that Texas has a rising minority population and liberal lean, why don't y'all white supremacists move somewhere else, like you always tell us to? This is our home, these are our voices, and our values. Not Trump's!

Brian Ranck
Self
Austin, TX

I am appalled by the attempt by the republicans to further gerrymander our districts and restrict the voice Texans. I've been in Texas my whole life and it has never made sense to me that we have nonsensical districts drawn with little regard to logic.

Elizabeth Howayeck
Self- Aviation
Dallas, TX

I am opposed to HB 4. The redistricting is clearly gerrymandering and an abuse of power. Instead of spending time trying to rig the system for personal gain, our representatives should be working to make the lives of Texans better. If the focus was where it should be, Texas would not be ranked 25th in k-12 education, have the 13th highest poverty rate in the nation, and ranked 45th in healthcare access. Stop the unethical and outwardly racist gerrymandering and fix the real issues in Texas.

Beth Ishmael
Self, NP
Fate, TX

I oppose the redistricting.

Talia Blum
Self
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose the proposed mid-decade redistricting plan (HB?4) being rushed through this special session. This effort is not about fair representation—it is a blatant partisan power grab designed to flip up to five Democratic-held U.S. House seats, including diluting the voices of Central Texas communities in Austin.

This map merges two Austin-based Democratic districts—represented by Reps. Greg Casar and Lloyd Doggett—effectively eliminating one voice from our community and consolidating power.

These changes disproportionately target Black and Latino voters in and around Austin, Houston, Dallas, and South Texas—precisely the voters who fueled Texas's population growth over the past decade. This violates both the Voting Rights Act and constitutional principles of equal protection.

Key concerns:

· Mid-decade redistricting is highly unusual and breaks with democratic norms—it inherently prioritizes political gain over public interest

· The compressed timeline—with only a few regional hearings in a state of nearly 30 million people—means many Texans have not had a meaningful opportunity to comment.

· This shift could disrupt constituent services: ongoing cases and relationships with current offices may be severed, harming vulnerable individuals who rely on federal assistance.

I urge lawmakers to:

1. Reject this partisan map and any process that silences public participation.

2. Support an independent redistricting commission or establish clear, non-partisan criteria—including contiguity, communities of interest, compactness, and compliance with the Voting Rights Act.

3. Prioritize urgent public needs, such as flood recovery, instead of partisan political maneuvering during this special session.

Texans deserve representation based on fairness and integrity—not maps drawn to benefit one party. Democracy only thrives when voters choose their representatives, not the other way around.

Thank you for your service and I urge you to honor the voices of all Texans.

Sarah High
Self
Sugar Land, TX

I do not support this redistricting map.

Hayley Cowlishaw
Self
Richardson, TX

I strongly oppose the unethical power grab by the Republican Party in trying to steal elections by diluting the voices of the people in the Democratic Party further. Texas already has ridiculously terrible and discriminatory districts and this effort will only exacerbate. Republicans should be ashamed of themselves and are showing how they truly have no bounds to how low they will stoop to lick the toes of our aspiring dictator Trump. History will remember that Rs chose this.

Amanda Clark
Self
Houston, TX

To the committee, I am strongly opposed to the proposed district map. These changes will disenfranchise many Texans and give an unfair advantage to one party. If one party cannot win on its own merit without cheating they do not deserve to lead. I would prefer the governor and this committee prioritize making sure all districts even have representation…which mine does not. I hope you do not move forward with the proposed map. Sincerely, Amanda

Carolyn Foote
Self - educator
Austin, TX

As an educator, I'm well aware of the traditional rules and time periods for redistricting. We teach students about that. But now our Republican legislators are making up their own rules. Our former students will see the truth. That Republican leaders are trying to unfairly influence the vote, diminish traditional voting blocks, and basically fly in the face of the Voting Rights Act's intent. Doesn't it make you conflicted as a leader to see that you are showing young people that cheating is the way to win? Someone in west Austin can't be fairly represented locally by someone who is also representing Midland - it's absurd. House positions are supposed to represent the local citizens on a smaller scale, rather than Senators who serve across the state. Yet this map makes a mockery of that. As a fourth generation Texan, I am ashamed of my state. My family members who once voted Republican feel the same. Also, the legislature seems blithely unaware of the ripple effect across the country, where all political rules are thrown out, and everyone unfairly redistricts. What a mess that will create. My hope is that when the statewide races occur next time, voters show up and assert their rights by voting these leaders out of office.

Alice Meadows
Self
Westlake Hills, TX

Representatives should do just that - represent the people in their district. This unlawful reworking of districts is simply undemocratic. Do not do this.

Doris Story, Mrs.
Women in Good Government
Austin, TX

Every decade since the 1965 Voting Rights Act, courts have found the Texas' district maps illegally diluted the voting power of minorities...and now you want to do more illegal, immoral and unjust redistricting! I am disgusted that you are bowing down to our stupid, unethical, dishonest Mr Trump! I am LOSING my pride in Texas, particularly in Austin due to the GOP goose-stepping of the Republican House and Senate. You are in power because you were chosen by your state constituents and we WILL REMEMBER your actions. We all value democracy, hard work, faith, family and mutual respect. Please vote NO to condemn this radical redistrcting process , for all the people of Texas!

Lindsey Crow, Mrs
Self and my family
Sustin, TX

I am against Governor Abbott’s plan to redraw district lines (gerrymandering) in order to give the most corrupt president to ever serve five more Republican congressional seats. Texas is a diverse state and our representatives should represent our diversity. Stripping entire communities of their voice just to keep an evil man in power is wrong. Please vote “no”. Thank you.

Joan Whitt
Self & Retired.
Midland, TX

I ask that you vote against the redistricting of the US House of Representatives that was a command by President Trump. It clearly disenfranchises minority voters. It's a bad look for Texas nationally and it doesn't represent Texans. Do the ethical and right thing.

Mark Connolly
Self
Colleyville, TX

I am your corrupt nature to appease a fascist president. We are a democracy that U.S. politicians are expected to follow laws and remain just and honest.

Stanley Lu
Self
Pflugerville, TX

To the Honorable Members of the Texas House,

I write to you today as a deeply concerned citizen urging you in the strongest terms to reject House Bill 4. This bill does not reflect the values of justice, fairness, or compassion that we expect from our state. It endangers fundamental rights, undermines due process, and promotes fear over fact.

Our elected officials are not merely administrators of policy — you are stewards of morality and guardians of the public trust. We, the people of Texas, have placed our confidence in you to do not what is politically expedient, but what is morally and constitutionally right. We look to you to rise above rhetoric and make decisions that reflect the best of our state, not its most divisive instincts.

The passage of HB 4 would send a message that Texas is willing to turn its back on human dignity and the principles upon which our nation was built. That is not the Texas we believe in. It is not the Texas we want to become. The consequences of this bill will be far-reaching, and history will remember who stood on the side of justice and who did not.

This is your moment to lead with integrity. Reject HB 4. Not because it is easy, but because it is right. We are counting on your conscience.

Sheree Carlton
Self
Crandall, TX

Do not redraw or redistrict

Darla Reeder, Mrs
Self
Temple, TX

I support HB4

Courtney Rettke
Self, Homemaker
Wylie, TX

I oppose Redistricting.

Carla Landry
Self-account executive
Austin, TX

Please do not allow redistricing in Texas. Democrats, please break quorum. We, as your constituents, cannot bear to see his happen. Fight for us. If this passes, Texas will suffer more than it already is. The entire country is at risk.

Please don’t back down.

Thank you for you fight democrats.

Republicans, how can you not see that this is completely against what those who you are representing want.

Katy Fricke
Self HR
Spring, TX

I oppose redistricting.

Michelle Harper Boyd
Self
Granbury, TX

This is a discriminatory attempt to make the gerrymandering in this state an even worse representation of the actual demographics of the state. There are better ways to spend your time. Do your job. This bill is NOT it

Thelma Williams
Self
Austin, TX

Please do not comply with Trump's discriminatory redistricting request.

Michelle Zabriskie
Self retired
Georgetown, TX

Unconstitutional and Gerry mandering

Sherry Anderson
Self retired
Kyle, TX

Stop this bill

Robert Wheeler
The citizens of Texas
Hutto, TX

please don’t redistrict. It’s already unfair as it is- don’t make it worse. Don’t do everything that guy tells you to do Jesus.

Amber Delaune
Self - Bookkeeper
Silsbee, TX

Let me be clear: these Republican representatives work for us, not the other way around. I live in a heavily Republican area, and even here, people are starting to see this for what it is. It’s not about representation. It’s about rigging the system.

This map isn’t designed to reflect the will of the people. It’s designed to dilute it.

If our elected officials were truly confident in the values they claim to represent, they wouldn’t need to gerrymander districts to stay in power. The fact that they resort to these tactics shows they fear accountability, even from their own voters.

I will make sure every person in my community knows: these politicians do not respect their voices. They do not care about fair representation. They care about control and lining their pockets.

We deserve better. Texans deserve fair maps. And we won’t forget who fought against them.

You really want to test the memory of the Texas electorate?
Our motto is “Remember the Alamo.”
We don’t forget.

Clay Kuhl
Self
Adkins, TX

AGAINST HB4 - Your immediate attention is requested.

Dear Members of the Texas Legislature,

HB4 is an absolute disgrace to democracy and a slap in the face to every Texan who values fairness, transparency, and the rule of law.

All statements herein are my personal opinion.

You provided no map during public commentary. You've made every effort to bypass public scrutiny and push through a bill that blatantly serves the GOP's political interests. This is gerrymandering — plain and simple — and it is a shameful attempt to unlawfully steal seats in the Texas Legislature.

As an elected official, you are entrusted by the people to act lawfully and morally. You are supposed to serve your communities — not manipulate the system to cling to power. Democracy is not built on thievery. It is built on accountability, honesty, and representation. This rushed and suspicious redistricting process (being held at an unusual time) reeks of outside pressure and immoral influence.

This bill not only attempts to redraw lines in the dark, it strips communities of their representation. It removes sitting representatives from their own districts and severs the connection between voters and their voices. That is unacceptable.

I urge you to vote NO on HB4. I will personally track and record every legislator who votes in favor of this bill, and I will ensure that my fellow Texans are reminded of these votes when your seats are up for re-election.

It is my opinion that HB4 is being pushed as a means to steal power behind closed doors. Our founding fathers would be appalled at this cowardly, un-American behavior. But no matter the outcome, Texans are watching — and we will vote accordingly.

Do better.

Sincerely,
Clay Kuhl
Texas Voter

Lisa Bell
Self
Murphy, TX

I highly oppose the redistricting.

Marcus Young, Mr.
Self- software engineer
WYLIE, TX

I oppose the redistricting

Rita Lindbom
Self
North Richland Hills, TX

This bill is wrong. It will disenfranchise many voters and will not reflect the true population in Texas. This a power grab by a wannabe authoritarian president.
Our democracy is at stake. Please vote NO to this bill.

Kelly Keller
Self, homemaker
Spring Branch, TX

I am completely against redistricting. This is a politically motivated attempt to subvert the will of the public. All Texans have the right to be heard regardless of political party.

Patrick Palmer
Self
Austin, TX

This is a self-inflicted waste of taxpayer money where emphasis must be directed to protecting Texans from themselves who are being exploited. Incompetent local county civil services who failed the residents in providing safety to the flood victims in Kerr, Travis and Williams counties. Hold them accountable and develop policies and means to ensure the safety and security of all Texans. I fear that the next emergency will be wild fires, a shooting or a hurricane and yet again your constituents will be harmed by not taking action now!

Eliza Perez
Self
San Antonio, TX

I ask that you oppose this unfair redistricting that shouldn't even be up for vote until another 5 years. This is a blatant anti-democratic power grab. You are not genuinely involving community, and are doing this solely for the benefit of a few so that they can get ahead during the upcoming midterm elections. This is racial discrimination and a way to try to silence the voices of people of color in Texas. I ask that you do the right thing and stop this unjust redistricting. This is unconstitutional and your constituents WILL remember this and any attempts at harming them via this gerrymandering.

Jill Bergus, Mrs.
Self, self
Dallas, TX

I live in a very urban part of Dallas. Our problems are significantly different than rural Texans. We need some common ground with those in our city and county as opposed to all the way to Oklahoma or Louisiana. This isn't direct representation when our areas needs are not taken into account.

Elizabth Whiteman, Mrs.
Self
Frisco, TX

I oppose the new gerrymandered map, at a time that is not even following the census, for the sole purpose of creating more opportunities for Republicans to win more seats. It is a blatant power grab that serves not the people's wishes, but a party that wants to stay in power. It is reprehensible.

Shannon Tanner
Self
Port Neches, TX

I oppose this gerrymandering effort. Stop wasting time and solve the real issues facing Texans.

Janelle Hickey, Dr
Self, medical science liaison
Dallas, TX

The nature of redistricting in demands to White House administration is unprecedented and lacks merit. It is obvious this is an attempt to minimize the voting power of citizens to elect representatives of their choosing. That redistricting has been given priority over more pressing matters is wrong and shows that the current representatives and governor will blatantly ignore the voice of the people they represent by delaying elections and gerrymandering.

Jason Bell
Self
Murphy, TX

I oppose the redistricting.

Allyson Ratzlaff
Self - teacher
Y, TX

Vote no on the newly created congressional Al maps. Do not let Mr. Trump control you. Stop cheating to please a man that does not care about you at all. Be a Texan. Stand up to outsiders. Listen to your constituents. Don’t be bullied into doing what you know is wrong. Fight for your land. Fight for your people. Fight for your morals. If you want to keep Texas great then do the right thing. Vote no.

Michael Therieau, Mr
Self
Austin, TX

I want to register my opposition to this bill, it’s an unprecedented power grab and likely violates the law. Just vote No!

Ana Gaytan
Self
San Antonio, TX

I am a resident and I oppose the redistricting because it isn't the proper time and it doesn't represent fellow residents or myself.

Leslie Dominie
Self
Wylie, TX

I oppose redistricting.

Andrea Mitchell, Mrs
Self
Wylie, TX

I oppose this redistricting bill!

Colleen Chalker
The people
Houston, TX

You are in court saying that the 2020 maps were not based on race. Now the TACO I'm the White House ask you to illegally redistrict NOW be Casie they are racially wrong
Which is correct?!! I am a 4th generation Texan. I am ashamed

Kevin Decker
Self retired
Georgetown, TX

This bill is a power grab. No redistricting until after the next census, anything else is unlawful and corrupt. Stop trying to rule the people and serve them!

Sara Fields
Self
Dallas, TX

OPPOSE REDISTRICTING.

Rebecca Glaze
Self
Plano, TX

I oppose the proposed redistricting.

Rachael Duke
Self/manager
San Antonio, TX

I am a concerned citizen from San Antonio. I'm a constituent of Tony Gonzalez's District 23. I would think you would be focused on any one of the many serious issues facing Texans like the natural disasters amplified by climate change or our poor health care access or the lack of affordable housing or properly funding public education. Instead I'm testifying against this blatant attempt to redraw the congressional districts in the favor of the party in power at the expense of the people furthest from that power. We are still waiting for the court to rule on the 2021 maps. I spend a lot of my time organizing volunteers in San Antonio to help their neighbors, from both near and far, whenever there is a need. There is poverty, hunger, health risks, and disasters you could focus on. I'd like to see my representatives spend their energy on real needs, not cracking or diluting the voting power of the people who disagree with them. My community is often opposed to the decisions our representatives make, but our voting power is diluted by a district comprising a corner of a major urban area with almost the entire length of the western border. Districts should be more representative of the community they represent. The maps you have redrawn take voting power from minorities and give more representation to the white community members. You claimed the old maps were not chosen upon racial lines but then are saying they are now. This is blatantly just trying to do what Trump has insisted instead of what your constituents need. And while you are in session, could you see to the real and present needs of your constituents

Kathleen Banks
Self
Dallas, TX

It is not fair to Texas voters to break the rules/laws by changing our map in the middle of a census cycle. We are already unfairly and inappropriately gerrymandered, particularly for racist reasons, but also for inappropriate partisan reasons. I'm in a badly gerrymandered district and my representative does NOT represent my interests AT ALL. If the Republican Party can't get voters playing by the rules, they should reflect on those bad policies and change their policies rather than violate the rules to serve ugly secretive dark-money interests. As a citizen, I am expected to follow laws and basic rules of ethics. I expect our Texas Congress to do the same. Right now you aren't doing that. Please vote against this ill-conceived effort to rig the 2026 Congressional election.

Eve Williams
Self/ nurse
El Paso, TX

This giant power grab will not stand. You will lose my vote and anyone's vote that I have the power to speak to. Have the Republicans no shame. The only way you know you can will it to cheat. Here's to hoping Californian and Maryland keeps their word on what they will do, should you push this through(probably in the dead of night).This is wrong, you already reassigned pur local military bases to a location not in our actual city, now we are supposed to be represented by some member in San Antonio, no! I am opposed.my spouse is opposed, my voting age children are completely opposed. Do not proceed with this redistricting.

Deana Whitney
Self/ eCommerce Sales
Bedford, TX

First, drawing new districts mid-decade should not be allowed.
Second, maps so extremely gerrymandered have been ruled illegal, over and over.
Stop helping Trump. He cares about no one except himself.
Stop helping selfish men who keep putting private profits over public good with every choice they make.

Kaci Lahpor
Self
Plano, TX

I vehemently oppose the redistricting efforts in Texas. It is a scheme to pander to the insanely unpopular fat ass whiny baby in the White House to disenfranchise Texans and rob them of their legitimate representation.

Summer Chandler
Self
Seguin, TX

I would like to register my disapproval of this bill. It disenfranchises voters in Texas and does not represent the state. I urge you to not pass this bill.

Susanne Lee
self
Austin, TX

I am against the effort to redraw Texas district maps in 2025. It is not based on census data and instead seems to be at the direction of the president. It looks to be a shameless power grab without regard to fair representation for all Texans. I am deeply disturbed by the action and urge all members of the Texas legislature to vote against it.

Destiny Simon
Self sales
GALVESTON, TX

Pass the bill

Parker Davis
self
Stephenville, TX

I oppose this redistricting as it is a thinly veiled form of voter suppression.

Janelle Marvin
Self
Dallas, TX

I am writing in opposition to HB 4, specifically the Redistricting maps as proposed. HB 4 is in violation of federal and state laws, its only purpose is to gain more seats for one party, and it will hurt the people of Texas. The Texas Constitution requires the legislature to redistrict Texas house and senate seats during its first regular session following publication of each United States decennial census (Section 28, Article III). No such census has occurred. The only reason the Texas maps are being redistricted is because the current President has asked for more Republican Seats. For any party to request a state to Redistrict on these grounds alone does not serve the people of the state -only the interest of the President. That in and of itself is egregious. Constituents will not be properly represented with the maps as proposed. Please see Congressional District 32 as just one example. Currently CD32 includes a large portion of North East Dallas as well as cities of Plano, Richardson, Garland and Mesquite. The new proposed map would now have CD32 stretch far East to include a small narrow portion of Dallas then stretch into Rockwall, Rains, Wood, Camp, and Upsher Counties. This is not in the best interest of those constituents as they cannot be properly represented. The same is applicable to the new proposed sections throughout Dallas and other major cities in Texas. I am strongly AGAINST HB 4.

Jerilyn Iliff
Self/speech pathologist
San Marcos, TX

I strongly disagree with this redistricting plan that is clearly an attempt to grab seats from Democratic districts. A democracy will only work when all voices are represented. Please reconsider this bill. Thank you.

Alta Alger
Self
Austin, TX

We need our representatives to represent us. Fairly divided districts are essential to our country's well-being and survival. Stand against gerrymandered redistricting. Stand for the people.

Susan Perry, Ms.
self / teacher
Austin, TX

I am a citizen. As a citizen, I have a duty to be informed and to speak up about matters and events affecting my area and community. If this power grab of a redistricting map is affirmed, then I am no longer a citizen -- I am a serf, and the lord of the land has commanded you to do as he wills in order for him to maintain and increase power. The dignity and duty of citizenship is gone. You, as an elected official, no longer will represent citizens. Where will your diginity and duty be then? The tyrant's commands will not stop until all the power is grabbed. Elected officials, stop the citizens' descent into serfdom. You have YOUR POWER right now to stop the descent into serfdom. Protect us, your constitutency of citizens, from tyranny. Wake up and use YOUR power to thwart the tyrant. Your constituents want to be citizens not serfs. And we want you to be an elected official with dignity and duty -- NOT A SERF.

Sandra Mour, Mrs.
Self
Melissa, TX

Dear Representative Leach and Senator Cruz,

I am writing as your constituent to express my outrage and deep concern over the proposed congressional redistricting maps currently under consideration in the Texas Legislature.

Let’s be clear - these maps are not about fairness, compliance, or true representation. They are a blatant, partisan power grab aimed at silencing Black, Latino, and AAPI voices in Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston, and Austin - including my own community. This kind of manipulation is nothing short of an assault on democracy.

I am angry because I see my hard-earned rights being stripped away by a legislature intent on cementing its own power at the expense of real people. What signal are you sending to Texans when entire neighborhoods are carved up or cracked apart just to tilt the electoral scales? When minority communities are packed or split until our voices are diluted and undervalued? We are here. We matter. We demand to be counted.

Your duty is to represent all Texans, not just those in power or those who will guarantee re-election. True representation means giving every community a fair and equal voice - not manipulating the system to protect political interests. This state is changing. Our communities are growing and increasingly engaged. These new maps are designed specifically to ignore that reality, to silence us before we even have a chance to make ourselves heard at the ballot box.

I urge you, in the strongest possible terms, to reject these unfair maps. Stand with your constituents - not against us. Show the courage and integrity that public service requires. I am watching. Our communities are watching. We will neither forget nor forgive politicians who strip us of our right to representation.

Do the right thing. Vote NO on these maps and demand a transparent process that honors democracy and serves every Texan, not just a select few.

Sincerely,
Sandra M. Mour

Theresa Oviedo
Self
Houston, TX

OPPOSED. DO NOT DO THIS!!

Javier Zapata
Self
Georgetown, TX

I am writing as a concerned Texan to urge you to reject any effort to redraw our congressional maps mid-decade in a way that serves partisan interests rather than the people of Texas.

As elected officials, you were not hired by a party — you were entrusted by your constituents. When you prioritize allegiance to political figures and national party leaders, over the needs of your diverse districts, you break that trust.

Redistricting to attempt to add five Republican congressional seats is not about representation — it is about power. Texans deserve competitive districts that reflect our real communities, not maps carved up and aimed to guarantee outcomes before a single vote is cast.

To be clear: this kind of maneuver sends a message that loyalty to party is being placed above loyalty to constituents, to fairness, and to the ideals this country was built on. That is not America First — it’s party first, and it deepens the divisions tearing this state and this country apart.

I urge you: take a principled stand. Reject this undemocratic gerrymander and show that Texans are more than political pawns.

Colleen Bardelli
Self, Licensed Professional Therapist
Austin, TX

Why is this happening during a special session? It seems like cheating to me! Why are you not more concerned with natural disasters and guns that are actually harming children. Unbelievable that time is being wasted to stroke a fascists ego. Shame on those who support this. You don't have Texans in mind at all!

Amanda Pham
Self
Cypress, TX

No taxation without representation! Texans have a voice and won’t be deterred by the intimidation and dilution of votes.