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Message:

To the Chairman Huffman, V-Chair Hinojosa, and the Members of this Committee;  
My name is Birdie Kelley. I am a Precinct Chairman in the Ft Bend Co segment of District 9.  
I am representing the members my precinct.

I am writing to oppose the Proposed Redistricting Maps that have been presented by the Legislature which are making major changes to my district and other districts of color. These new maps are supposed to be representative of the growth that was recorded in the 2020 census.

Instead, they seek to undermine the rights of the very people they are supposed to represent. Even though 95% of the Growth over the last decade, was fueled by communities of color- AAPI, Black and Latino/Hispanic Texas, the representation for these groups have decreased significantly, instead of increasing. These initial proposals don't look like the state demographically or politically.

These maps are designed to ensure that those who are in power, remain in power. A fair and open drawing of the new district lines should be fair and open, taking into consideration the needs of the people that live in those areas.

Currently the communities of interest in my area, District 9, have been well-taken care of by our Congressman, Al Green.

He has been very conscientious about seeing that our needs are met, whether we are experiencing a Hurricane, a Flood, or a Pandemic.

He is familiar with the religious practices as well as the locations of our places of worship, attending the local churches on a regular basis.

During the pandemic, he not only set up multiple vaccination sites that were easily accessible to those with limited mobility, (a major issue in our area), but he also sponsored many food giveaways to those with limited funds, who were adversely affected by the economic stressors of the pandemic. He is aware of these needs and tries to provide relief for us whenever he can.

This proposed redistricting plan will splinter our district into many separate districts. I am concerned that our vote will be so diluted, that we will no longer matter to those who are in office or those running for office -and our voices will no longer be heard.

I am asking that you reconsider the proposed maps and leave those districts that consistently seek to serve our communities of interest, in tact.

Thank you.

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