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Message:

I am a pediatric surgeon who works in Central Texas. I am appalled at the unconstitutional power grab in the new Texas redistricting maps being discussed now. The bizarre contorted shapes of districts around all the major cities in Texas is Prima Facie evidence of partisan gerrymandering and an unlawful attempt of a shrinking constituency to suppress the rights of the people. Congressional district 10 is now twisted to include large segments of west suburban Lakeway and Bee Caves, Austin with inner city Airport Blvd/Lamar Blvd area and rural communities as far west as McDade and College Station . These different communities of interests have completely different issues and completely different local governments. Never mind that the rules of compactness and county lines have been completely ignored for this district and many others. The ONLY reason these communities have been hobbled together is to help a legislator of one party to get elected. This is immoral and inconsistent with the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection clause of the 14th Amendment, which prohibit states from drawing district lines in a way that dilutes the voting power of minority groups. Of the 3.1 million people added to state population over the past 10 years, 95% of them are non-white and yet these redistricting maps DECREASE the number of Non-white majority districts. How is that possible without illegal action? How is that not suppression of a racial group? How is that fair? While the Supreme Court has ruled that race cannot be the predominant factor for district lines, it is grossly clear that these maps have disenfranchised people by race. This travesty of constitutional destruction must be stopped by the courts given that the self serving legislators writing them have shown that they are not capable of being objective.

Please, do the right thing. If Texas is too backward to adopt a non-partisan redistricting committee like so many red and blue states in this country, then at least reject these redistricting maps and do your duty as a Texan to represent ALL Texans, not just the core members of one party's base.

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