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Message:

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. This is illegal racial gerrymandering that violates the Voting Rights Act. It deliberately dilutes the voting power of racial minorities.

Texas should not be redistricted with the explicit goal of finding any way to secure more Republican seats in Congress, even at the expense of violating federal law. 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 to call a special session only to focus on this blatantly illegal attempt to silence Texas voters is morally reprehensible--and, I must reiterate, illegal. 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.

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