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Message:

This legislature drew new district lines 4 years ago and was not scheduled to draw lines again for 6 more years. Yet here we all are. I kept hearing that a mid-decade redistricting was highly unusual so I decided to do some research into just how unusual.

It turns out that Texas has been forced to redraw its maps a number of times since the Voting Rights Act went into effect because some districts were found to be discriminatory against Black and Latino voters. But only ONE OTHER TIME has the Texas legislature \*voluntarily\* undertaken mid-decade redistricting during a special session.

Back in 2003 Texas Republicans took control of the Texas legislature AND the governorship for the first time in 130 years. At that time Governor Rick Perry called a special session to redraw the state's maps. Then, as now, the goal was to draw districts that would be more favorable to Republicans. We know that is the goal in 2025 because President Trump has explicitly said that is the point of this redistricting that is happening at his request - to "pick up 5 seats."

But there is a major difference between 2003 and today. The 2003 legislature redrew maps that had been drawn by a federal court. This legislature is trying to redraw maps that this legislature \*drew itself\*. This is unprecedented.

I thought y'all didn't like the federal government telling you what to do? You didn't like it in 2003. Why are you suddenly ok with the federal government bossing you around now?

Texas Republicans, I'm embarrassed for you that you're so afraid of upsetting Daddy Trump that you're willing to sell out control of your own state. OUR state. For shame.

Give yourselves the gift of walking away from this session with some integrity. Vote no on this bill. Do it for Texas, do it for democracy.

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