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Message:

In Texas, we like things big — including our electoral distortions. Gerrymandering here is less about representing Texans and more about preserving power like it's oil in the ground. Our districts are drawn with surgical precision, not to reflect our diverse electorate, but to dilute it, divide it, and domesticate it.

As a proud Texan and a committed believer in representative democracy, I find it troubling that political power in our state is increasingly preserved not through fair elections, but through the manipulation of district lines.

Gerrymandering undermines the very foundation of our democracy by distorting representation, disenfranchising voters, and entrenching power in ways that do not reflect the will of the people. In Texas, where our population is dynamic and diverse, our electoral maps should reflect that reality — not suppress it.

In recent redistricting cycles, courts and civil rights groups have documented how district boundaries were drawn with the effect — and in some cases the intent — of diluting the voting power of communities of color. This is not just morally wrong; it is constitutionally questionable and corrosive to public trust.

Moreover, gerrymandering reduces competition, making elections a formality rather than a forum for ideas. Safe districts breed polarization, discourage accountability, and produce politicians more concerned with primary challengers than with the constituents they're supposed to serve.

Texans deserve a fair and transparent redistricting process that puts voters, not politicians, first. It is time to implement independent redistricting commissions or adopt rules that prioritize compactness, community integrity, and fairness — not partisan advantage.

We should be leading the nation in democratic integrity, not contorting ourselves to cling to outdated power structures. The eyes of Texas — and the nation — are upon us.

So let's stop drawing lines that divide us and start drawing lines that actually represent us. Because if democracy is a rodeo, it's time we stopped rigging the chute.

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