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Message:

Dear Texas Senate Committee,

I am writing in strong opposition to the proposed mid-decade redistricting. This move is unprecedented, unnecessary, and deeply harmful to the integrity of our democracy. It sets a dangerous precedent that encourages future power grabs at the expense of the people's voice.

Just weeks ago, over 100 Texans lost their lives in the devastating floods in Kerrville and surrounding areas. Families are still mourning. Homes and livelihoods were destroyed. And yet, instead of focusing on recovery efforts, this politically-motivated redistricting scheme is spending time and resources on a deeply partisan redistricting maneuver that offers no tangible benefit to Texans in crisis.

It is unacceptable that our elected leaders are prioritizing political calculations and directives from national leadership over the needs of our own communities, especially those still struggling in the wake of disaster. Texans deserve a government that listens, responds, and leads with compassion, not one that plays political games while people suffer.

Texans across the state, regardless of rural, urban, or suburban, deserve fair representation. It doesn't make sense as a proposal to have Dallas share a district with rural East Texas. It dilutes constituents, those in rural Texas and Dallas have different needs, and it hurts the constituents. Texas is a state rich in history, cultures, and constituents of different needs.

History shows that politically driven redistricting often backfires. In 2010, Arkansas Democrats proposed a map that ensured 2 Democratic districts; however, by the next election, it was 4-0 Republican. Pennsylvania Republicans in 2010 proposed a map that benefited them; however, the map was struck down by courts and ended up with a split delegation by 2018. The same thing happened here in Texas in 2010; leadership then believed they created a map that shored up many Republican incumbents. However, by 2018, 2 districts flipped and leading to ten districts under a ten-point margin of victory. These examples prove how the manipulation of districts holds up.

Let's ensure Texas is not another cautionary tale of a "dummy-mander."

I urge you to reject this effort at mid-decade redistricting and instead focus on what Texans truly need: disaster relief, improved communication infrastructure, and leadership that respects the will of the people.

