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Regarding: Congressional

Message:

My name is Charlene Shafer. I live in Cypress, Congressional District 38. One of the two new majority white districts created during the 2021 redistricting despite the census data showing the population growth was primarily people of color. The census reports whites are 45% of the population but control 60% of the congressional districts. It should be no surprise that the current maps are still being reviewed by a federal court. The new maps would gerrymander the representation to be 79% white with only 21% representation for people of color. Districts where people can elect their candidate of choice would decrease from 13 to 8. Texas has intentionally discriminated against voters of color for the past 50 years. This bogus redistricting attempt piles discrimination on top of discrimination.

Instead of focusing on the problems of Texas, Greg Abbott & Donald Trump have decided it's time to redistrict Texas in an attempt to maintain & increase power for an incompetent administration. If the Trump administration were not passing highly unpopular policies that

- take away health care & SNAP benefits
- give billionaires tax breaks
- cause food, housing & health care costs to balloon
- spend more money on ICE than many countries spend on their army
- kidnap citizens, legal immigrants & hard working, law abiding undocumented immigrants from our streets without legal recourse

To mention just a few of the unpopular policies. Without these unpopular policies, there would be no need to redistrict to steal & cheat to win the next election.

What has happened to the Texas spirit of Independence? Where are the people who demand 'state's rights'. Greg Abbott & the Texas legislature should not bow down & kiss the ring of this unpopular, felonious president. This is another blatant attempt to silence more voters especially people of color to solidify one party rule & a dictatorship.

Texas must solve our state's problems rather than silencing the voters of Texas to satisfy Washington DC. The current litigation should be settled before any redistricting takes place. The legislature needs to refuse to conduct redistricting mid-decade & concentrate on issues that matter to Texans.

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