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Message:

Thank you for receiving these comments.

I strongly request that the consideration of redistricting be taken off the table for now for so many reasons.

First, Texas is in pain currently because of the loss of life experienced on July 4th. A 30-day session is not enough time to address all that needs to be reviewed and considered to ensure that Texas can handle such events going forward with much for preparation and warning. This is a big undertaking and needs to full focus of the 30 days.

Redistricting now will result in more legal challenges and costs to taxpayers at a time when we are all just trying to cover the basics. The lawsuit brought by civil rights groups challenging the 2021 redistricting is still undecided, and those results will be important to any future redistricting considerations. The US Voting Rights Act prohibits redistricting to disadvantage a specific minority population.

Most importantly, manipulating maps will further erode voter confidence and call into question the results of the 2026 midterms. Redistricting in Texas could result in similar counter-efforts to redistrict in other states, resulting in more legal challenges and controversy. There is a system in place. Let's follow the law and focus on not losing lives. Young girls whose families are and will remain devastated by the events of July 4th.

Thank you for your time.