

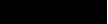


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Regarding: Congressional

Message:

I write this comment solely in my individual capacity and as someone who has calls the 18th Congressional District my home. The proposed redistricting map completely undermines basic democratic principles that separate us from countries that are ruled by the whims of dictators. Proponents of the map are finally admitting on the record that this redistricting process is not to address racial gerrymandering, but rather, to ensure Republican political performance. The proposed map arguably violates Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act, by unconstitutionally packing voters of color into some districts while spreading them throughout others to reduce their ability to elect their preferred candidates. If the proponents of the map want to ensure “political performance,” they should earn the votes of the constituents in the current districts and pass laws focusing on the needs of the Texans they wish to represent, including flood improvements to avoid repeating tragedies like what we witnessed in Hunt, Texas. The proposed redistricting map dilutes and effectively disenfranchises the nearly 800,000 people who live in US Congressional District 18 and so many others who are targeted by this last minute redistricting effort. Vote no to HB4 and any 2025 redistricting effort.

