

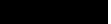


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Regarding: Congressional

Message:

Dear Texas Legislators,

I strongly urge you to cease this session's redistricting efforts. Texas changes its map every 10 years after the Census results come in. The current districts were implemented after S.B. 4 was passed on October 15, 2021. There is no compelling reason to barely four years later change these districts.

It seems to be a move initiated at President Trump's request to "add 5 more seats" to the Texas Congressional delegation. It is clear from this request that the lines are to be drawn in a partisan manner that will ensure these districts will elect Republican representatives. This is a blatant attempt to take the decision making power from the people of Texas to voice their approval or disapproval of current Washington policies. That's how democracy works. The people get to choose which policies they support and which ones they don't. Only autocratic leaders try to stifle the wishes of the people.

In the Constitution, the framers sought to "secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our posterity." (Preamble to the Constitution) The first words in this document are "We the people of the United States." We The People need to know our voices will not be silenced at the ballot box on the demand of a man who will use any means at his disposal to determine the outcome of an election.

I have always felt through all the struggles and the many peaceful transfers of power that I have witnessed in my 63 years that our imperfect government was somehow protected by the tenants of liberty laid out in

its constitutional framework. I have always been proud that the United States was a beacon of light, a steady democratic presence in the world that showed what a government by the people could achieve. Now, I am afraid that this dream is dying. If the executive branch can induce states to make changes that guarantee a desired outcome, and if this trend becomes the norm, how far are from losing our treasured title of democracy?

Joyce Holley  
Deeply concerned Texas voter

