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Regarding: Congressional

Message:

Dear Senators:

Holding hearings for Congressional redistricting before taking action related to the disaster that killed and harmed so many Texans is an insult to all Texans. It is obvious by the redistricting done resulting from the 2020 census that it is already heavily skewed in favor of the dominant political party in Texas. Attempting to change the district boundaries could only result in further violating the U.S. Constitution.

It is Governor Abbott's job to work for all the people of Texas—not mainly for big donors, for a political party, or a president. By placing an issue that's strictly political in front of a higher priority issue, the flood disaster and Texans' safety, Governor Abbott is essentially spitting in the faces of the people he is mandated to serve.

Before the 2020 census, my district's (then District 24) boundaries were urban/suburban areas, geographically centrally close, largely encompassing Dallas and Tarrant counties, and where the urban and suburban population had issues and interests in common. After the 2020 census results, legislators redrew the district boundaries to stretch from Irving to Mansfield to Palestine, so driving from one point to another in our district can now exceed 3 hours and be hundreds of miles. Now I am in District 6. Additionally, the issues and interests of our pre-2020 and current city, Irving, couldn't be more different from those in the newly added territory of our new district. Here in Irving, we have a rapidly growing population and community that includes a well-established school district, as well as massive and escalating land development in Las Colinas, home of the Toyota Music Factory. Whereas, part of the new area added to our boundaries, now District 6, following the 2020 census, contains the Wells School District, which only as recently as 2010, was recognized by the Texas Education Agency.

Congressman Ellzey, who represents District 6, is not someone we typically see in our section of Texas. Is this another instance of our state government

representatives who redrew our district boundaries not having concern for its constituents? And of our Federal House Representative not concerned with representing ALL of his constituents?

All of this leads to the conclusion that there is no appetite by our legislators for improving the district boundaries so as to represent all Texans. Therefore, it's even more egregious to address this solely politicized issue of redistricting before addressing flood relief and flood infrastructure. Are our Texas legislators showing that they don't want to accept responsibility for anything relating to this devastating event, which still has people who are missing? It's not as if Texas lacks a surplus of funds. Or would the legislators prefer to hoard money and deny constructive action—action that will greatly benefit Texans' safety and well-being not only now, but years into the future?

Put this redistricting aside and replace with addressing the flood issues, truly a higher priority. Give the people of Texas the respect they deserve.

