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## Message:

This is addressed to the Republicans on this Committee:

You are subverting our democratic republic by bending the knee to a president who can only "win" by cheating. You know his policies are deeply unpopular. He lies and says his poll numbers are up, but they're not. He's underwater on every major issue.

If you ever wondered how decent Germans became Nazis—this is how. Silencing dissent, ignoring minority rights, rigging elections, turning a blind eye to abuses. Detaining American citizens based on the color of their skin, releasing them without apology—this isn't justice. And whether you're doing this out of fear of being primaries, or just to keep your seat, you are failing the people of Texas.

I don't believe most of you truly support this BS. That makes it worse. You know it's wrong, but you fall in line anyway, like "good Germans." You can never claim you didn't know what your vote would do. Trump is dismantling our democracy and with it, rule of law, piece by piece. By 2026, there may be nothing left to save. Is that really what you want? What will your children or grandchildren think? Will they change their names to hide their shame at what you helped do? Will they see you as defenders of liberty—or enablers of tyranny? The only reason to redraw these maps is because Trump and his allies know they'll lose a fair election. Texas should have at most 21 Republican seats in Congress, but already has 25. To push that to 30—when 44% of Texans didn't vote for Trump—is an outrage, and you know it. Take Kyle and Buda. These cities are growing fast—dynamic, diverse communities. Yet you want to lump them into a rural district reaching to the coast? That's not about "communities of interest"—that's about silencing ours. Dripping Springs is already stuck in CD21, where we're ignored. My current Rep, Roy, doesn't respond to concerns with anything but boilerplate messages. That's not representation.

This is not what my 5th great-grandfather Stephen Williams fought for in the American Revolution, or later in the Texas War of Independence. And it's not what I want for my daughter and those who come after.

Your time will come. Absolute power corrupts absolutely. Look at AG Paxton. Look at the scandals among Republicans in the Lege and in DC. You think you're immune? You're not. Before you vote, ask yourself: Is this the legacy I want to leave? Will I be remembered as someone who defended our democratic republic—or as someone who sold it out to a con man? And remember, just because you can, doesn't make it moral.

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