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Regarding: Congressional

Message:

As a proud Texan, I am deeply ashamed of my state's kneeling to Donald Trump to take away the voices of our citizens. Governor Abbott signed off on a new set of Congressional maps in 2021, diluting our voices ahead of the 2024 election. Now, just 4 years later, he has called a special session to do the same for the 2026 mid-terms.

The proposed redistricting is deeply biased and serves to minimize the representation of the general public. It fundamentally undermines core democratic principles like fair representation and equal voting power. My vote should carry the same weight as any rural landowner's. After all, I pay just as much – if not more – in taxes. My voice matters, and I demand fair representation.

Our government operations should reflect the will of the public majority, not be distorted to benefit a specific political party. The principle of fair representation should transcend party lines. Ensuring fairness in redistricting is critical not only for holding elected officials accountable, but also for preventing government corruption and protecting the integrity of our democracy. A skewed system undermines stability in both government and economy. When every vote truly counts, we secure a healthier, more responsive political system for all.

I encourage my State to implement the following measures to ensure a fair and transparent redistricting process:

1. Independent Commissions: Establish independent commissions to create fairer boundaries.
 2. Non-partisan Algorithms: Use computer algorithms to draw district lines based purely on population and geographic considerations (rather than political considerations)
 3. Clearer Legal Standards: Establish stronger legal standards for what constitutes fair redistricting and curb practices that disproportionately favor one party over another.
- We all deserve equal representation. And we all deserve to be heard. The proposed maps should have been made publicly available with enough time (at least a week) for review prior to scheduling today's public hearings.

Without full transparency and meaningful public input, we need to call this what it is -- a blatant power grab by the Republican party.

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