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## Message:

I urge Texas representatives and Greg Abbott to stop the current redistricting effort in Texas! While you may technically be allowed to do this, you know that redistricting in this way is not in good faith nor does it promote fair and free elections. The redistricting proposal disproportionally disenfranchises people of color, and even draws some elected representatives out of their own districts. How can the people of Texas interpret this as anything other than a bad faith maneuver to hold on to power? By gerrymandering our districts, you make a mockery of democracy but allowing representatives to pick their constituents and rig the election in favor of one party. The Declaration of Independence states that a government is instituted to secure the rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for its people. Government derives its just power from the consent of the governed. Redistricting in this way is not just, and you do not have the consent of the people you govern. The Republican party in Texas is acting in its own interests, despite the very foundation of our government being for the people and by the people. You act at the behest of an autocratic president, who has demanded that you find him more seats in Congress. Only a weak leader who doesn't believe he governs by the people's consent would try to rig the system in such a way. Republican representatives in Texas are desperately clinging to power and groveling at the feet of our president, rather than honoring your oaths and acting with integrity. I urge you to act with courage, and remember that your duty is not to your own self-interest, but to the people of Texas. Stop the redistricting now!