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Regarding: Congressional

## Message:

I firmly oppose any redistricting efforts in Texas. Especially those that aim to silence or diminish the voices of Democratic voters. Gerrymandering, in any form, undermines the democratic process. It manipulates district boundaries to favor one party over another, often diluting the power of communities- particularly communities of color, young voters, and working-class Texans—who deserve equal representation. Every vote should carry the same weight, and every citizen should have an equal opportunity to elect leaders who reflect their values and needs.

When districts are redrawn with partisan motives, it erodes public trust in our institutions, discourages civic engagement, and weakens the very foundation of our democracy. Texas is a diverse and rapidly growing state, and our political representation should reflect that. Any attempt to redraw district lines in a way that disproportionately silences Democratic voices is not just unjust - it is un-American. President Trump has literally said he wants to do this purely to pick up more power so it is very much along political lines.

We must demand a fair redistricting process that is inclusive, transparent, and accountable to the people. Representation should not be a privilege reserved for the powerful—it is a right guaranteed to all Texans, regardless of political affiliation.

Also, on a deeply personal note as I was born and raised in Kerrville, Texas - which as I am sure you in the senate are aware was recently hit by that horrible flood that resulted in widespread loss and devastation. And to use a special session to redraw

lines so that an administration that has not done Texas well - ESPECIALLY regarding emergency preparedness and mitigation - "can pick up more seats" is cruel beyond measure.

Please serve the people of Texas, and focus on making sure that such a tragedy cannot happen to that level again.

Thank you to those senators that have spoken out in support of my small hometown, but I want more than thoughts and prayers. I want policy changes.

Best