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Regarding: Congressional

Message:

This mid-decade redistricting reads to me -- as one of the state's very active, registered "No Party" voters -- like manipulation and greed at our expense. I want to be represented by whoever is able to know the district and hear and address the interests of a cohesive community, which already existing gerrymandering makes difficult in the Metroplex where I live, and the proposed map makes even worse.

On multiple occasions, such as when I had to move within the metroplex as a result of a tornado destroying my home, or when I had the privilege of moving across the Metroplex for career advancement, the system itself has proven it cannot handle the gerrymander we already have. Once, the US House website correctly showed my new home in one district on the map but incorrectly listed my Rep as that of another nearby district, an understandable glitch in light of the district's ludicrous shape. Another time, I attempted to use a switchboard to reach my representative, but my zip code was so hacked to bits by gerrymandering that I was put through to the wrong office, which nevertheless reached out later as if I was their

constituent, because even the rep and staff couldn't keep track of whom they represent.

Republicans, to further gerrymander (rather than repair) districts your own party already just got done gerrymandering and claim it's okay because it's not motivated by racism is maniacal. The fragmentation of the Metroplex, Houston, and Capitol areas in particular reflects cynical power grabs that those of us already perplexed and frustrated by partisanship on both major parties' sides find suffocating. It feels like y'all are grabbing us who on any given election cycle might choose to vote R, D, or third party by the throat and choking out our vote. Y'all are destroying democracy, ruining the Republic, and for what, as the highly mobile state population is in constant flux anyway? Please, for the love of America, leave redistricting efforts until the next census at least, and let those who lead be selected by the Texan people, not the party powers that be on all levels. Thank you for your time and attention.