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## Message:

I grew up in Round Rock, Texas all my life and attended UT Austin. During my years at UT, I was heavily involved in voter outreach and advocacy efforts, and saw firsthand how important political representation is. Texas has 60.2% people of color, yet only 34.2% of the congressional delegation is represented by people of color. Further redistricting efforts would exacerbate the racial gerrymandering that already exists. How can the priority of our legislature suddenly be redistricting when the job of our legislature is to care for their constituents and the people of Texas? This special session should prioritize what it was meant for - flood relief and emergency planning for Texans. Using this session meant for aid as a means to progress gerrymandering is unconscionable. Your constituents deserve fair maps that represent them. How is it fair to your constituents to rush through this process in 30 days with barely any time for their voices to be heard? Suddenly deciding to redraw maps that were already drawn in 2021 is simply not normal. I urge members to think about your constituents, take a step back, and think about what is fair and what is right.