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Regarding: Congressional

Message:

To assure that our government remains one of the people, by the people, and for the people, the Constitution of the United States, Article 1, Section 2, paragraph 3, sets forth the framework for redistricting every decade. This decennial redistricting is tied to the decennial census that provides the numerical basis for determining district geographical boundaries to assure one person, one vote with a voice for all. Texas completed this requirement in 2021 based on the 2020 census.

Though there is nothing to prohibit Texas from redistricting prior to the 2030 census, Governor Greg Abbott, quite rightly, did not see any special circumstances that would justify a mid-decennial redistricting, and did not intend to include redistricting on the special legislative session agenda. Only after pressure from President Donald J. Trump did Governor Abbott agree to take on the redistricting question in the special legislative session. President Trump's stated reason for the Texas redistricting was simple: get him five more Republican seats in the Texas Congressional Delegation through political gerrymandering the Texas Congressional district map.

Gerrymandering, though historically difficult to define with legal criteria, has been considered by the Federal Court system to be unconstitutional. Even absent specific legal criteria, political gerrymandering congressional districts in direct response to Presidential pressure is nothing short of authoritarian gerrymandering and not constitutional redistricting to preserve one person, one vote in a democracy. I stand with Governor Abbott in support for his original position: that Texas does not need to redistrict prior to the next decennial redistricting required by the US Constitution. To do otherwise is to diminish our rights as Texans in favor of federal authoritarianism and away from democracy.

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