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Regarding: Congressional

Message:

I oppose SB 4.

Consultants from outside Texas prepared SB 4 for Texas Republicans, purportedly in response to President Trump's direction to create five more Republican Congressional Districts in Texas. In reality, SB 4 is carefully designed to target three African-American Representatives and two Hispanic Representatives who are the future leaders of the Democratic Party.

These five Representatives are serving the members of their districts. SB 4 will move thousands of these members to new districts, denying them the Representatives that they repeatedly have elected. And SB 4 will make it impossible for these five Representatives to represent these voters by cutting their residences out of these newly configured districts.

SB 4 moves the 9th Congressional District to exclude the residence of its current Representative, African-American Representative Al Green, from District 9.

SB 4 moves the 30th Congressional District to exclude the residence of its current Representative, African-American Representative Jasmine Crockett, from District 30.

SB 4 moves the 33rd Congressional District to exclude the residence of its current Representative, African-American Representative Marc Veasey, from District 33.

SB 4 moves the 20th Congressional District to exclude the residence of its current Representative, Hispanic Representative Joaquin Castro, from District 20.

SB 4 moves the 35rd Congressional District to exclude the residence of its current Representative, Hispanic Representative Greg Cesar, from District 35.

SB 4 is racial gerrymandering in violation of the United States Constitution and the Voting Rights Act of 1965. SB 4 takes away the rights of thousands of voters to continue to elect the Representatives of their choice. These racially gerrymandered districts will silence the voice of these future African-American and Hispanic leaders of the Democratic Party.

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