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## Message:

I strongly encourage the Texas Legislature to discontinue any redistricting plans for several reasons:

- 1. Any redistricting plan, in between the typical 10 year cycle, is clearly political, and if the Legislature proceeds Republicans should drop any pretense that this is a necessary action based on the federal government providing cover (such as DOJ input).
- 2. While Texas likes people to believe we are "independent", proceeding with redistricting will show that the state is not independent, it is just another government entity catering to the whims of the President.
- 3. Districts should be drawn up to ensure citizens have reasonable representation of their interests in Washington. Currently, there are 25 Republican House members and only 13 Democrats. Establishing a more balanced representation suggests that the number of Democratic districts should be increased, not decreased.
- 4. The current plan is expected to disenfranchise minorities. The Voting Rights Act has a provision to "ensure that redistricting plans to not discriminate on the basis of race, color, or membership in a protected language minority group". Any plan to redistrict is likely in violation of the VRA, and taxpayers will bear the brunt of the costs for the State to litigate the issue.