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Message:

As someone who lives in Texas' 18th Congressional District, I've experienced the consequences of political neglect firsthand. We've been without a representative for nearly six months following the passing of the late Sylvester Turner, and that absence of leadership has left our voices unheard in critical legislative decisions. A prime example is the recent passage of the "Big Ugly Bill"—a sweeping and controversial piece of legislation that many believe only passed because the 18th District seat was left vacant. This is a clear illustration of how gerrymandering and the strategic silencing of certain districts can be used to push harmful policies without accountability or true representation.

It's also important to understand the historical significance of the 18th District. Established in 1972, the district includes areas like Third Ward, which in the 1950s and 1960s was home to a thriving Jewish community. But as African Americans began moving in, we witnessed white flight—families leaving as the neighborhood's racial demographics changed. And now, decades later, efforts to redraw this district in a way that diminishes Black and Brown political power feel like an attempt to reclaim something that was once voluntarily abandoned. You're asking for something you once had—and chose to leave.

And I must ask plainly: Why are you so eager to please Donald Trump, when it's clear he is influencing this redistricting push? If fairness is the true goal, then why not redraw the entire state? Why only target districts represented by Black and Brown leaders? The answer seems clear: this isn't about equity—it's

about control.

Redistricting isn't just about changing lines on a map—it's about people's lives, their voices, and their power. It divides communities, silences voters, and threatens the hard-earned progress of those who've long fought to be seen, heard, and represented. When done behind closed doors, without transparency or community input, redistricting becomes a weapon, not a tool of democracy.

At its core, redistricting should be about fair, equal representation—not political manipulation. And when communities like the 18th District are silenced—intentionally or not—it becomes clear that the process must be challenged, exposed, and fundamentally reformed.

Get your seats at the polls, not by coloring areas in your favor.

