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Message:

I have voiced my opposition multiple times to this immoral and unjust push for gerrymandering, including at the House committee meeting on Thursday, July 24. What was most enlightening at this committee meeting was the lack of voices in favor of gerrymandering. The Republican committee members offered no justification or defense or the hint of a reason why we need to redistrict mid-decade.

This whole action reeks of outside interference from Washington - a poorly constructed letter from the DOJ and calls from Washington politicians for Texas to sacrifice its state sovereignty in order to give Washington politicians more power. There is no new Census data to drive this redistricting, and the current maps, drawn by Texas Republicans in 2021, cannot be race-blind in one argument and racially gerrymandered in another - the whole argument driving this current push to redistrict quickly falls apart, which is why your colleagues were unable to defend it.

If you proceed, you are inviting chaos into the state and will likely cause it spread throughout America. Other states will gerrymander in response to your actions - affecting both sides and disenfranchising more and more people. The current Republican national leader has secured immunity for the presidency from the Supreme Court - and the Supreme Court has also ruled that political gerrymandering is outside its purview - so this initial push to gerrymander, if you proceed, will not end here. Future presidents and state leaders can push for another round and then another, until they get what they want - and since you will have opened the state to outside interference, on what basis would you deny future demands?

The US representative for my district is already MIA - and gerrymandering will only supercharge his apathy to his constituents. We deserve fair maps, and the process to redraw the maps should be independent and driven by data, not by bad-faith players outside of Texas, who intend to crack and pack major cities again in an attempt to dilute the voting power of communities of color.

Stand up for Texas and Texans. Do your duty, and oppose this corrupt and immoral push to redistrict. The consequences, if you proceed, would deleterious for the people, the state, and the country.

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