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Message:

Senator King did a good job chairing the redistricting committee overall on July 28 and 29; however, he misrepresented the tenor of the public testimony during a discussion with Senator Alvarado at the end of the July 29 session. He stated that "We heard a lot of people say that they were unhappy with the current congressional maps" as if they were in support of the current redistricting effort. In watching both sessions, I have to say that even those who were ideological supporters of Republicans (the conservative voices) came out in opposition to gerrymandering. They complained about the size and shape and composition of their districts with as much fervor as those in the democratic districts. They complained about the lack of representation and the warped shape of their districts - and the distance a rep has to travel to cover all their constituents. Or, in the case of US Congressional District 10, the rep does not travel at all to meet with his constituents.

From both sides of the ideological spectrum, people are opposed to partisan-fueled gerrymandering, but the new map that was released today (July 30) doubles down on this undemocratic and unpopular process. I urge Republican members of the committee to revisit the comments and listen to their constituents - and the comments from all Texans - that oppose these rigged maps.