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Regarding: Congressional

Message:

The Honorable Legislators,

I am 73 years young and live in the 18th Congressional District. This redistricting matter emerged as a matter for this special session at the last minute. I heard/saw nothing about its importance during the regular session --very suspicious and seriously nefarious as a corrupt action. I was taught, as I suspect you were, that there are actions that are right and actions that are wrong. It is simple that this redistricting pursuit is WRONG.

There was discussion and consideration of change during the last redistricting discussion after the 2020 Census. It would have been wrong to realign districts to achieve a self-serving end then and it is wrong now. As an American citizen, descendent of slaves, who can trace both sides of my family to at least 1837, I am feeling quite disenfranchised and on the verge of being cheated from having my voice heard. My school district is run by someone who is not responsible to the voters and is creating a situation that we locals have tried to protest to no avail. Then, there is the lack of the Governor's call for a special election to fill the seat of the departed US Rep. Sylvester Turner, so we had no voice in the recently passed federal budget. Now, the Texas legislature is working to further conceal the voices and opinions of those in the core of Houston and other urban areas. My absolute prayer is Proverbs 26:27 that the result will see your desired candidates falling in the holes you're trying to dig for us. "Whoever digs a pit will fall into it; if someone rolls a stone, it will roll back on them" (NIV).

I was born in 1951 into Jim Crow. I remember not being able to eat in restaurants and having to sit in the balcony at the movies. My grandparents could not vote freely. Recent actions have made me feel as if many in today's governmental leadership positions want to take us back to that time. The Governor's redistricting plan is a betrayal of everything our democracy is supposed to stand for. It's a modern-day attempt to turn back the clock on voter representation. By creating five new Republican districts, the state is not responding to population growth — it's an attempt to mask the voices of brown and black people of Texas. There is right and there is wrong, do what's right — not what's political and wrong

Regards,

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