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## Message:

Hello, I am Dr. Danielle Bryant. I have spent my career as an educator, I live in CD 35, and I am so tired of the Texas Legislature wasting our time.

During the regular session, we spent tens if not hundreds of hours fighting Abbott's voucher scam - an unpopular, out-of-touch plan that rips millions away from our neighborhood public schools. And what did y'all do? Not one hearing on literacy. Not one on student behavior. Not one on the teacher shortage. Nothing to address actual school issues. And now here we are, dragged into a special session, not to help the hundreds of families devastated by flooding but to do what? Redraw gerrymandered maps so nationally Republicans can cling to power.

Now, for those who didn't follow the voucher fight this Spring, let me explain why so many of us are not surprised by the cowardice of Texas Republicans. Rural Texans were pissed when they realized their schools were getting gutted to give handouts to rich families already sending their kids to private schools. Folks started talking about putting it to a vote. Let Texans decide. But then, on the day of the floor vote - daddy Trump called, threatened Texas Republicans, and all but two of you caved to him. That's exactly what's happening again today. Don't be fooled. This isn't about fairness. It's not about representation. It's about power. I live just four miles from here, in Austin, in CD35 and somehow, I share a Congressman with people in San Antonio. But we know this isn't about fixing our current, broken maps.

Everyone knows this is nothing but a Trump-backed power grab. A rogue DOJ letter was cooked up just to give you cover to steal five more seats for a politically toxic agenda because Trump's platform is wildly unpopular. The same Texans whose schools you defunded this spring? They're about to lose their Medicaid. Their hospitals. Their lives—so billionaires can get tax breaks. And you know it. So you redraw the maps. You cheat. You bow to people more obsessed with power than actually helping a single Texan. You spent Day One of this session serving Trump. Not Texans. Not your voters. Not the flood victims who needed you. And while I don't expect a thing from Governor Abbott. I still haven't forgiven him for skipping every single Uvalde funeral and showing us he doesn't care about Texans after disaster. But I am expecting more from the rest of you. Grow a spine. And fight for us.