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Affirm public info: I agree

Regarding: Congressional

Message:

I believe in democracy which means 'of the people, for the people, by the people. Politicians are paid by citizens to represent their interests. It is not a right for politicians to save their position at the expense of the interests of the people they represent. Yes, I'm an idealist and believe that it is possible to want to serve the people, to do so, and to accept defeat when the people want a change.

Texas is currently gerrymandered in an absurd way. There was a story on 60 Minutes that looked at the crazy districts drawn in Texas that dilutes the voice of progressives, minorities. To use this special session to gerrymander further instead of doing the work that supports the citizens of Texas is not only nefarious, it's criminal. There are so many families grieving the loss of their child and can only hope that those who represent them will focus on preventing this tragedy from occurring again by ensuring the state has the personnel and expertise available to warn people of weather dangers; you are letting them down and everyone involved in changing the focus of this session should lose their place in government.

I'm a white, straight, 3rd generation Texas so I have undeserved protection against discrimination. I carry guilt and shame that my 'tribe' is so invested in mistreating/dis-representing those outside my group.

This isn't so much a testimony as an appeal to those who somewhere in their being know that all humans are valued and loved by the

Divine and are owed the dignity and justice that you enjoy.

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