

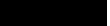


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Message:

The notion that the Texas Legislature would consider mid-decade redistricting while Texans recover from the July 4th floods is not only tone-deaf, but an outrageous betrayal of public trust. Simply put: Focus on floods, not redistricting.

Redistricting at this moment is a cynical political move that will break up communities of color. Breaking up communities of color is an obvious violation of federal law. Further, redistricting is distracting from the urgent needs of everyday Texans, many still without power, homes, or basic supplies.

I strongly oppose this mid-cycle redistricting. This brazen move by the Governor and the DOJ to increase Republican representation in the U.S. House at the expense of communities of color is shameful. It is blatant racial discrimination.

How districts are drawn affects every political issue, from the economy to healthcare to public education. If politicians are elected from districts that don't reflect the population, situations emerge in which politicians support policies that the vast majority of people oppose, or they won't support policies that the vast majority of people support.

Wake up, Senators! The state is in crisis. It is poor leadership to force new representatives on the people of Texas while still recovering from floods.

Let's be serious. Redistricting came out of nowhere, and now it's the number one agenda item – ahead of flood relief. The Legislature is shoving redistricting down Texans' throats – Republicans, Democrats, Libertarians, and Independents alike.

This is not a homegrown initiative. A frightened White House fears for its narrow Congressional majority, and, like carpetbaggers, has ordered Gov Abbott and the Texas GOP to "find" four or five new seats. Sounds like Georgia, where the GOP presidential candidate in 2021 told state leaders to "find" another 11,780 votes. Déjà vu much?

Why are they so scared? Because they know that Americans despise and, in an honest election, will reject their cruel and ineffective policies.

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