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Regarding: Congressional

Message:

I am a former resident of Congressional District 10 (McCaul) who was redistricted in 2021 into District 37 (Doggett). District 10 was ridiculous. It combined parts of Austin; several rural counties to the east of Austin; and some western suburbs of Houston. The entire district was 150 miles long and the various parts of it had nothing in common with each other. At the same time, my local community was chopped in two -- I was in a different district from people who lived literally three blocks away from me. For ten years, Representative McCaul ignored me and his other Austin constituents. He did not hold town halls and he refused to meet with constituents who came to his office every week requesting a meeting. Unlike "Representative" McCaul, who never represented me in any meaningful way, Representative Doggett actually represents me, and all of his constituents whether or not they agree with his policy positions. No one deserves the unrepresentative, undemocratic gerrymander that I lived with for the first decade of my residence in Austin.

The proposed redistricting does not address any needs of Texans. It is not a good-faith effort in any way. It is simply the Governor rushing to do the bidding of President Trump with no regard for the voters of Texas. The Legislature and the Governor work for us. We pay your salary. This is not what we want and it is not to our benefit.

It is absurd to redistrict when our current maps are still in court to determine whether they illegally include racial gerrymandering. Given that 95% of our population increase since the 2010 census was minority voters, and none of the new districts that are now in court are majority minority, this is a good possibility.

Voters have not received adequate notice for the current hearings on redistricting, voter input is limited to a totally inadequate five hours per hearing, and we have seen no maps. This process seems designed to disenfranchise voters at every stage, from the conception of the maps to the maps themselves. Show us the maps. Now. Then discuss them, not the other way.

If the GOP had confidence in their policy ideas, they would simply campaign on those ideas. This power grab in the guise of redistricting is an attempt to hold onto power when the GOP knows that if they ran on their ideas, they would lose in a landslide.

Your voters deserve better. We deserve a fully transparent redistricting process in which we have ample advance notice of all its stages, that begins rather than ends with the proposed maps, in which voters' voices are a central part of the process, in which all relevant communications are publicly available indefinitely, and in which any of the amply tested non-partisan mechanisms for creating districts are used rather than chopping up Texas into nonsensical squiggles to suit President Trump.

I would be ashamed to do the things the GOP is resorting to, in order to take power they know they cannot get without this bad faith power grab. This redistricting shows that the GOP in Texas is weak and morally bankrupt.

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