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Regarding: Congressional

Message:

Esteem Members of the Texas Senate and Senate Redistricting Committee,

My parents raised my siblings and me in the small farming community of Mercedes, Texas, in the Rio Grande Valley. It was in the classrooms of the Mercedes schools where I learned about the Republic of Texas, the birth of our nation, the Constitution of the United States, our civil right and liberties under law. My husband, Alfonso, and I, now, reside in the Hill County, which recently experienced one of the worst flooding disasters in our state's history. When asked by people from which state I am from, I would proudly announce=The Republic of Texas. I truly believe in the ideals that founded our great nation and state.

I truly believe in the power of a free and fair election and that the vote was a true representation of a person's voice. Over the years, I have seen the Republican party chip away at the power of our voices thus, silencing our voices. It is disheartening to witness a party, who knows that their platform goes against everything the majority of the state residents believe, they have to resort to cheating. You and I both know that gerrymandering is cheating. It is the intentional silencing of voters' voices, especially those belonging to minorities.

Texas, whether you want to believe it or not, is a diversely populated state. Just looking at the four largest ethnic and/or racial collectives our state is composed of 40% White Americans, 39% Latino Americans, 12% Black Americans and 5% Asian American (US Census, 2020).

I do not understand why the governor of Texas is working so hard to appease the convicted felon, serial sexual predator and adjudicated rapist, currently sitting in the Oval Office.

Why is this man afraid of voters? Why is the governor holding infrastructure monies hostage to force this intentional dilution of approximately 56% of the Texas voters' voices, which is both unlawful and goes against the very fiber of our democratic ideals as a nation and a state.

The Texas Republican party, under the leadership of the governor, held public education monies hostage until the voucher scam was passed. And this party under the guide of caring for its people, after the disastrous floods in the state, again, is holding monies hostage until its scam to silence people's voices is passed.

Redistricting will have a negative impact on many people, including Republicans. It will have a negative impact on the sociopolitical, sociocultural, and socioeconomic characteristics and practices of our communities; it will have a negative impact on communities' infrastructure, public education systems, health care, job opportunities and fair representation of all constituents. Redistricting will benefit only one collective here-the Republican Party.

As a Texan, it is disgusting to me to see a group of men and women who have put party over

people, who have given their blind loyalty to a criminal versus the people they swore to serve, who care only to represent one group of Texans instead of all Texans, and who intentionally are silencing the voices of Texas voters.

In years to come, when all is settled, history will remember those who stood with Texans and those who stood with the felon and the governor who was his pawn.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Ruth Herrera Solis

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