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Regarding: Congressional

Message:

Dear Members of the Texas Congressional Redistricting Committee:

I write to you as a Texan and as a person of faith.

As a both a Texan, and a person of faith, I recognize that building resilient and healthy communities can be challenging even within a small geographical area. Yet it is through the close proximity and intentional relationships among neighboring communities that differences can be navigated with care, seeking the common good. Overtly politically-driven redistricting does not serve the common good, it impedes it.

I strive to be guided in all that I do by these words from Micah 6:8..."He has told you, O mortal, what is good, and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?"

I invite each of you to consider the goodness, the justice, the kindness, and the humility of redrawing congressional boundaries for the benefit of political power?

Here are my concerns with redrawing the Texas districts in this moment:

1. 3 of the 7 maps up for revision comprise African-American majorities. Redrawing these districts could diminish the representation of minority communities. We are called to seek justice and this would be an injustice.
2. What do the majority of Texas think and have you allowed enough time to hear from the very people that will be directly impacted if districts are redrawn and fair and just representation is compromised? I understand there are only 4 scheduled hearings when in 2021, the Senate Redistricting Committee held 14 hearings.
3. A mid-decade redistricting will diminish fair representation, particularly for communities of color and will impact all Texans' ability to advocate collectively for the interests of their communities. I ask you why the urgency to upend this democratic value? Please sincerely ask yourself this question.
4. Congressional districts are at the heart of democratic representation and freedoms guaranteed to all Texas--and Americans--by the constitution. The ability for a

community with shared concerns, shared needs, and share interests to be justly represented in their government is paramount. The Texas district maps from 2021 were drawn not even by Texans but by a main in Virginia. I invite you to ask yourselves why?

I ask you to abandon the effort to redraw Texas' congressional districts at this time.

Thank you for your service to this great state and to our country.

Sincerely,  
Erin McCracken

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