

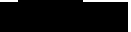
  

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Message:

I am a native Texan and a former educator who is deeply concerned by the efforts being made to conduct redistricting to benefit the party that controls our state government in the middle of the decade after the last district maps (under lawsuit) were developed in 2020. The current maps demonstrate that unfair and unjust preference and power is given to rural Texans causing detriment to the needs of the majority of Texans who reside in urban areas. This is taxation without representation. We are only a year away from a statewide election and changing districts will cause hardships and confusion for voters and candidates. There is a lack of transparency and a willingness to hear the concerns of all Texans. The committee hearing testimony about this matter shut down the testimony of over a hundred people waiting to speak. The entire country is watching and is shocked at how one sided the Texas government is.

This current state government favors the profitability interests of large corporations at the expense of Texans. It fails to properly fund public education in violation of the Texas Constitution or to enforce the requirement that high school principals register seniors to vote. It has failed to strengthen storm preparedness or to fund the long overdue Ike Dike to protect the nation's oil and gas refineries in the Gulf of Mexico from being destroyed by a large hurricane. It failed to improve our TX Power Grid or to tie the power grid to the national one so that we are not vulnerable to power outages during freezes and heat waves. It has failed to save rural hospitals that are going out of business due to lack of adequate income. It wastes time on divisive and petty culture war matters instead of devoting the bulk of state business being dedicated to improving the lives and livelihoods of all Texans or to improve affordable housing and insurance. It has failed to provide healthcare to children and adequate care to foster kids.

There is no need to redistrict mid-decade; there are more important things to focus on (such as the tragedy in the Hill Country); there is no need to rush this process and deprive the public of the opportunity for input; Texans deserve fair representation through a transparent process that produces maps that comply with the law and protect minority voting rights. Please do the right thing for Texas and stop politicizing our state government. Allow us to vote and make voting registration available online. I am tired of seeing the majority in the Texas Legislature stomp on the voices of the minority party. This current climate of anti-democracy authoritarianism is different from the moderate civil and bipartisan spirit of previous legislatures during the tenure of Gov. Perry and Gov. Bush. We deserve fairness and equal representation.

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