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Affirm public info: I agree

Regarding: Congressional

Message:

I oppose the plan to engage in redistricting. The only purpose behind this proposal is to gerrymander congressional districts in order to prevent fair representation of the wishes of the electorate, and specifically to discriminate against voters of color. If the policies promulgated by the GOP majority were more popular and more beneficial to the electorate, there would be no need for such maneuvers. We have seen far too many measures to deter voting in recent years. Governor Abbott's refusal to call for a special election to replace the late Sylvester Turner in District 18 is already an egregious act. So have been the limits placed on voting hours, polling places, postal ballots and drive-through voting. I ask the members of the Committee to examine their hearts and their consciences and to abandon redistricting at this time. Although there may be political pressure to continue the redistricting effort, demonstrating independence and integrity would enhance the reputation of the Texas legislature as well as being morally the right thing to do.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Hilary Sheard

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