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Message:

I believe that our representation should be transparent, and represent the diverse communities of Texas. The proposed redistricting maps undermine the promise of a transparent, representative government.

The proposed redistricting maps are drawn not to reflect communities, but to preserve political power. They slice neighborhoods in half, separate communities with shared interests, and dilute the voices of people of color. In some districts, voters have less in common with each other than with folks hundreds of miles away. That's not representation. That's manipulation.

Texas is now the most diverse state in the country, and yet the maps drawn by this legislature deliberately reduce the electoral influence of Black, Latino, and Asian Texans. But that diversity is not reflected in who gets political power under these maps. That is not just unfair—it is unconstitutional. Texans are not able to have their voices heard in an effort to keep Texas under the power of a single party. Our representative democracy becomes not very representative.

Gerrymandering has real consequences. It breeds extremism. When politicians choose their voters instead of voters choosing their politicians, the result is elections where accountability vanishes. Candidates can ignore the needs of the majority and cater to a narrow base, knowing their seat is safe. This is how we end up with gridlock, culture wars, and policies that do not reflect the will of the people.

Gerrymandering weakens trust in government. It teaches people that their vote doesn't matter, that their voice won't be heard. In a democracy, that kind of cynicism is dangerous. It leads to disengagement and, ultimately, disillusionment.

I'm requesting maps that reflect communities—not political convenience. Texas needs a process that is transparent, not rushed behind closed doors. Texas voters need to pick their leaders, not the other way around.

Independent redistricting commissions work. Other states have implemented them successfully. It's time for Texas to follow that lead. Because fair maps are not a partisan issue. They are an American value.

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