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Message:

Given the current political climate, I am perhaps understandably skeptical of a special legislative session for redistricting. It is my sincere hope as a proud lifelong Texan, that the committee will use this opportunity to preserve the balance that keeps our democracy representative and avoid the temptation to consolidate power for the majority party, as this surely and ultimately weakens our democracy and our nation. We need checks and balances. We need different viewpoints, approaches, and perspectives to keep us from straying too far toward any extreme. This is the beauty of a truly representative democracy; it is a place where disagreement is safe, justice is meaningful, due process is expected, and legislation is informed by multiple perspectives. Representative democracy is flow, not force. Where force and fear rule, democracy dies. Let's take a look at the current data. Here are some numbers to consider. As assessed by planscore.org, the current Texas districting plan for the U.S. House has a partisan bias 14% in favor of Republicans, a mean-median difference 8% in favor of Republicans, and a declination score that indicates potential non-neutrality in mapping in favor of Republicans as well. This plan is rated as 95-98% more skewed than other plans nationwide based on these measures. Let's plug into a different zeitgeist, Texas! Let us once again be the trailblazers leading down a better, brighter path together. One of shared choices and shared responsibility. One of fair and shared power.



