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Regarding: Congressional

Message:

I don't understand why the legislature is redrawing maps now, at a moment in which we desperately need all hands on deck to deal with the flooding and the danger of more flooding as climate change accelerates. There have been no maps that offer any kind of evidence that there is a need for redistricting, now, at an off year when there has been no census. Despite the extensive gerrymandering that created the current districts, in my district we have actually found real commonality among as we share concerns about local public schools, the land code, taxes and how they are used. However, although it is useful to have the perspective of people in my area of Austin and that of some folks in areas farther afield, it is also true that because of the gerrymandering we have not been able to get the interests of Austin constituents represented, and now we cannot properly fund our own public schools despite paying the highest property taxes in Texas. If you are planning to redistrict because you actually want our government to be truly representative, great. But it does not seem like that is your goal, given that this has been done at the behest of the Trump administration. This seems like cynical power mongering, and your voters recognize this. If you win this battle you will lose other battles, because voters of both political parties are sick and tired of legislators at all level who care more about maintaining their own power than about actually helping constituents. The terrible tragedy in the Hill Country really brought that home to people.

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