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Regarding: Congressional

Message:

I expressly oppose the current efforts underway to redraw Texas Congressional districts.

The current efforts between census cycles to redraw the Texas districts appear to be an effort eek out additional Congressional seats

during the next mid-term election. The express act of drawing districts to ensure that the party in power remains in power and dilute

the voices of certain voters is expressly wrong. We elect representatives to act on our behalf and to carry our voices into legislative

decision making. To do so, that representation must reflect the voters. Any effort to deliberately change that and weigh the

representation towards one group over the other runs counter to our democratic processes. We as voters select our representatives.

Representatives should not get to pick their voters.

Texas is already gerrymandered. In the 2024 election, 56.14% of votes went to the GOP Presidential candidate. 53.1% of the Senate

votes went to the GOP candidate. Of the 38 House seats, 25, or 66%, are currently held by GOP candidates. If the House

representation mirrored the state-wide voting results, the GOP would hold roughly 21 seats. The GOP already holds roughly 4 seats

more than the statewide votes would indicate, yet the President is calling for more. That is deplorable.

In the short term I urge you to NOT redistrict and ignore the strong-arm tactics from certain politicians to consolidate power against

the will of the people. In the longer term, I encourage you to deploy a non-partisan districting commission in the state to ensure that

the representation reflects the will of the voters regardless of the party in power.

For background, I am a born and raised Texan, graduate of Carthage High School, Panola College, and the University of Texas at Tyler.

My family has been in the state since the mid 1800's, and I personally have lived over half my life in Texas. I am currently retired

abroad otherwise I would have come in person. As a Texan abroad, I still vote in Texas for Federal offices so your actions directly

affect my representation and my life. While as a Texan abroad, I may not be able to vote for state level positions, your actions still impact me so I am reaching out to share my views.