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Message:

Regarding the revised congressional redistricting plan:

Let me remind you that your first duty is to take care of Texans, not rig the 2026 midterms for Trump.

Why are you spending so much time and effort on redistricting, when your party already holds all the major offices in the state of Texas and majorities in our house and senate? Give us an answer other than "Because Trump wants it." You are putting Trump above your duty to your constituents, many of whom died in the floods due to the state's lack of interest in their welfare. People like:

August "Gus" Panning, 50, from Travis County. August Panning liked to work around his yard, take care of his pets, spend time in the wilderness and play video games, according to his cousin. Kristi Panning described her cousin as reserved but charismatic, down to earth and a "genuinely good person." She said he carried himself with charisma and kindness in all that he did. "He was funny, so positive, just always looking to the bright side of life," she recalled. Gus Panning was sucked out of his back door when the floodwaters reached his home, according to his cousin. His body was found last Saturday, two miles from his home. Panning was a disabled veteran who spent much of his life near his family in either Big Sandy Creek or Illinois. A natural-born explorer, his childhood was filled with tents, fire pits and cool creek water. He carried his camping hobby into adulthood. A nature lover with an affinity for critters, Panning "cared for everyone, even animals," his cousin said. He kept a bearded dragon and pet cats — including one, "Ghostie," who had her own Facebook page. Panning also enjoyed games, live streams and pop culture. His Facebook page is full of references to video games, superheroes, Star Wars and animated TV shows. "August was one of the realest people I've ever known," one friend, Tiffiney Troy, wrote on his obituary website. "I'll never listen to Bowie and not think of you. Thank you for the movie nights. Thank you for the Marvel bootcamp. Thank you for being a friend."

Walter Reed, 79 from Burnet County. Walter Reed lived in the Cedar Stays RV park near Hamilton Creek in Marble Falls. The owner of the park, Eugene Bible, told KUT Radio that Reed was still in his RV when the floodwaters rose. "You hear people down here hollering — 'Help! Help!'" Bible said. "You're just hollering back, 'Just stay put, just stay put,' and that's all you can do." Reed's family and friends could not be reached for comment.

Jay Dunn, 74 from Williamson County. Jay Dunn was a magnet that drew people to him. "Everyone loved being around him, and you could see it," Dunn's son, Brandon Dunn, said of his dad. That was evident when he and his brother and all of their high school buddies searched tirelessly to find the elder Dunn after the floods inundated his property near Brushy Creek in Leander. "He was just fun and loving and charismatic," Dunn's son said. "He was always a good time." The Dunn house became a favorite gathering spot for the brothers and their Leander High School classmates. "He treated them like they were his kids," Brandon Dunn said of his father. Dunn was a U.S. Army veteran who served in the Vietnam War as a master mechanic working on tanks. He turned his service into working as a mechanic at a Mazda dealership in Georgetown before he retired. "He always had a knack for fixing things," his son said. "He could literally fix anything and everything." He was most recently tinkering around on a hydraulic lift for a tractor. Dunn loved to go fishing and hunting as well as practice target shooting. He collected antique muskets, the kind you would have to pack with gun powder. He also loved to ride motorcycles and dirt bikes. "He loved his property," Brandon Dunn said. Dunn is survived by sons Brandon and Drew Dunn and his grandchildren, Beau and Stella.

These were ordinary people living ordinary lives. Many of them probably voted for you and your colleagues; probably for Trump. How can you let them down so grievously. Stop this ridiculous redistricting and help your people.

