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Regarding: Congressional

Message:

I strongly oppose congressional redistricting. It is a blatant acquiesce to the Trump administration's goal of dismantling democracy.

The Trump administration has already proven to be regressive and destructive to the gains people of color, indigenous, and members of the LGBTQ community have fought hard to secure for themselves. The rollback of protective DEI regulations, the dismissal of so many federal employees that provide essential services to the American people, the blackmailing and withholding of funds for universities that do not kowtow to the Trump administration, and the most recent blatant white-washing of history at important historical and federal sites are just a few of the obvious efforts the Trump administration is undertaking to undermine and dismantle American democracy.

The call for states to redistrict is an obvious ploy to continue to marginalize and undermine communities that would oppose Trump's agenda and establish an even stronger polarized and disproportionately weighted voting system. Redistricting combined with the recent directive for U.S. Embassies to not criticize the "fairness or integrity" of foreign elections shows a clear intent of using obviously unfair "elections" to establish an authoritarian regime. The voice of the people cannot be heard if those in power take steps such as these to silence opposition. Democracy should have equal opportunity to voice both sides of an argument, and gerrymandering essentially removes that opportunity.

I have long since given up hope that Texas will protect women, people of color, or members of the LGBTQ community, but I still have some glimmer of hope that it will at least protect a fair and equal democracy. I urge you to not redistrict and provide a direct path towards authoritarianism.

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