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Message:

I'm writing today because something really troubling is happening in my home state of Texas, and frankly, it should concern all of us.

Right now, as we sit here, Texas lawmakers are meeting in a special session to completely redraw our congressional districts. And let me tell you why this is happening - it's not because of some urgent constitutional crisis. It's because the Trump Administration wants to pad Republican numbers in the House before the midterms, plain and simple.

Here's what gets me: they're targeting four specific districts - all of them majority-minority, all of them in Houston and Dallas areas where Black and Latino communities finally have representatives who understand their struggles. These are districts where families like the ones I grew up with can actually elect someone who gets what it's like to worry about paying rent, finding good schools for your kids, or keeping the lights on.

And the legal gymnastics they're doing? It's honestly insulting to our intelligence. Four years ago, Texas officials stood in court and swore they drew these maps "color-blind" - that they didn't even look at race. Now suddenly they're saying those exact same districts are racially gerrymandered? You can't have it both ways.

Look, I've seen the data. Texas is 60% people of color, but only about one-third of our congressional delegation looks like the communities they're supposed to represent. Instead of fixing that problem, this redistricting would make it worse.

And here's the kicker - the current maps are still being reviewed by federal courts. We don't even know if what they did in 2021 was legal, but they're already trying to redraw everything again. Why? Because they're scared that if the courts rule against them, communities of color might actually get fair representation.

This isn't some abstract political science debate. This affects real people. When you gerrymander districts to silence certain communities, you're telling those families their voices don't matter. You're saying their kids' schools, their healthcare, their economic opportunities - none of that counts.

I've been to these communities. I've sat in living rooms where parents are working two jobs just to get by, where grandparents are

choosing between medication and groceries. These folks deserve representatives who understand their reality, not politicians who see them as obstacles to power.

We need to do better. Let the courts finish their work. If new maps are needed, draw them in the open with real community input. Pass

the John Lewis Voting Rights Act so this kind of discrimination can't keep happening. And for God's sake, let's make sure our

representatives actually represent the people they serve.

This is about more than Texas. If we let this slide, every state will try the same thing. We can't let that happen.

