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Regarding: Congressional

Message:

This brazen move by the Governor and the DOJ to increase Republican representation in the U.S. House by taking it away from communities of color is shameful. It is blatant racial discrimination. The current district maps have never been about serving the public's interest or community's needs. The move to put mid-cycle redistricting on the Special Legislative Session agenda is about increasing the number of Republican districts at the costs of communities of color. This is not about partisanship. This is racial discrimination. The White House has said "jump", and the leaders of Texas are saying "how high? The makeup of Texas' congressional delegation does not reflect the diversity of our state. Texas consists of 60% people of color, but only 34% of our congressional delegation is represented by people of color. This is not a fight about political parties. It is a fight about political power and who gets to wield it.

I am deeply disappointed in the governor and the republican members of the house and senate in Texas for entertaining this racist act and for putting partisan politics over the needs of the people in the state. If you want to draw fair maps, let a computer or AI program draw them for you. Let's take all of the biases out of redistricting. If not, focus the special session on real problems that matter: affordable housing, living wage, public schools, access to health care. This is shameful and embarrassing. Do your jobs.

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