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Regarding: Congressional

Message:

I'm 19, I'm not an expert on complex political issues.

But this isn't really complex to me at all. This, at its core, is a bully punching down. This is an abuse of power on behalf of the Trump Administration, who has convinced our state leaders to redistrict for no other conceivable reason than to pad their narrow majority in the House right in time for the next midterms— at the expense of the voting power of Black and Brown communities, communities which we all know have fueled Texas' economic expansion within the last 10 years. By trying to disenfranchise these peoples, Texas is simply biting the hand that feeds it.

The founding fathers themselves warned against this.

At the constitutional convention, James Madison stated "Whenever the state legislatures had a favorite measure to carry, they would take care so to mold their regulations as to favor the candidates they wished to succeed."

Framers of the constitution were keenly aware of the corruption of the English system of parliamentary elections, and scorned the British's notion of "virtual representation", i.e. the idea that parliament would act wisely even if it was not directly representative.

Instead, they embraced true representation as a central principle of the Constitution, and intended for elected representatives too have close ties to their constituencies, unimpeded by contrived barriers between the electorate and its representatives.

These redistricting efforts are not only a blatant display of political greed and racism, but they're inconsistent with the democratic ideals enshrined in the the very document our political system is founded on. It is regressive, racist, and it is unAmerican.

For these reasons, I oppose the unconstitutional redistricting of CD 9, 33, 18, and 29, and urge you to do so as well.

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