

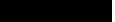


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Regarding: Congressional

Message:

I have written to the Governor, Lt Governor, TX Rep Olcott and TX Sen Hagenbuch, but wanted to reach out to all about the proposed redistricting in TX. TX is one of the most gerrymandered and voter suppressed states in the US. Much of that involves keeping voices of voters of color quiet. It is important for students to see themselves represented in school faculty & the same ethnic percentages in the students should also be seen in the staff. The same should be true of our elected representatives, but the practices of the Republicans in charge for almost 30 years have impeded the progress that should have been made. Federal courts have found more than once that the districts in Texas are racially discriminatory; 2011 and 2019 bear mentioning. It is way beyond time to stop this systemic and overt racism!

I have concerns about the current attempt to further racially discriminate against our people of color.

1. This is being rushed. We are being asked to speak at hearings or submit our thoughts without adequate time or even seeing the proposed maps. That is not transparency. We need to see the maps and have at least 5 days to analyze them and form a response. Then if anything changes we need another 5 days on those changes.

2. Along with the maps, we need an analysis of how the new maps will impact communities and voters of color who are often disenfranchised. In 2024, slightly over 50% of eligible TX voters did not vote. That bothers me as I believe every voter's ideas matter, even if they vote opposite of me. I suppose I have an overdeveloped sense of fair play, but I believe other states with the opportunity to change

their lines to pick up Democrat seats should do so if you go through with this racist ploy. Both sides can play by the rules you have chosen.

3. You are not holding hearings in all parts of Texas. Although I live in Weatherford now and grew up in DFW, my parents grew up in the lower Rio Grande Valley. I didn't see anything scheduled there, and yet that highly Hispanic area is likely to be impacted.

4. You have placed limits on public testimony, which is not fair or responsive to the people who put you in office.

5. The letter from Trump's DOJ (it should be the US DOJ but we all know where Bondi's loyalty lies) contradicts previous testimony that the current districts were drawn colorblind. It can't be both ways, so either Texas officials committed perjury or Bondi is wrong.

6. Redrawing the districts when there are still court proceedings ongoing about the current lines is both inappropriate and unnecessary.

7. The data being used for this discriminatory project is 5 years old and likely inaccurate. A lot of movements occur within five years, which is why redistricting is done following a census.

This is a poorly thought out POTUS hack job.

Federal and state GOP leaders know Republicans win when voter turnout is low, particularly among our friends of color. If you do this, I will do all in my power to insure it backfires. Thank you for your attention.

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