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Regarding: Congressional

Message:

As a lifelong registered Republican I am extremely disturbed and distraught that this committee is taking up the role of redistricting (gerrymandering)"again" in Texas, and all at the insistence of Trump wanting more leverage in his nat'l legislature. Here are my reasons for my great and growing concern!

Voter Disenfranchisement: (this is probably the biggest concern- the unfair and inequitable representation of the people in these districts.)The practice can diminish the voting power of specific groups, especially racial minorities, by concentrating their votes into a few districts ("packing") or splitting them across multiple districts ("cracking"). This can dilute their ability to elect candidates of their choice, regardless of overall population growth within those communities.

Reduced Competitiveness and Voter Turnout: Gerrymandered districts often result in a lack of competitive elections, which can discourage voter turnout and make it harder for new candidates to emerge and challenge incumbents and bring new life and ideas into the party.

Policy Implications: Districts drawn with a strong partisan slant can lead to elected officials who are more beholden to their party's base than to the broader needs of their constituents, potentially resulting in more extreme policy outcomes.

Can we not use the time in our state legislature to deal with "real concerns" facing our great state and not be embroiled in this gerrymandering scheme having nothing to do with working forward with the "working class" for real solutions to "real problems". WAKEUP state legislators- do the Right Thing- and listen to your constituents crying out to you. We will make our voices known each opportunity we have to exercise our freedom to VOTE".

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