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Regarding: Congressional

Message:

I am submitting this input in opposition to the Legislature voting to redistrict our Congressional districts in Texas. I am a retired prosecutor and have always believed in upholding the law and our Texas and U.S. Constitution. I am strongly opposed to the Trump backed Republican effort to redraw our Congressional districts.

How districts are drawn affects every political issue, from the economy to healthcare to public education. If politicians are elected from districts that don't reflect the population, you end up with situations where politicians support policies that the vast majority of people oppose, or they won't support policies that the vast majority of people support. When politicians manipulate maps for personal or political gain, it prevents residents like me from having our voices heard on all of these policies that affect us. If the people are not satisfied with the policies of the current Republican administration, the people should, at least, have the possibility of replacing their representatives with candidates more in line with the wishes of the people.

Our Founders required elections every two years for our representatives to the House. As I'm sure you know, the reason for this is so the people did not believe that their Representative was representing them adequately, the people could replace their representative after only two years. Gerrymandering, in general, is contrary to this idea. Redistricting at this point in order to create up to 5 more Republican districts goes against everything our Constitution stands for.

Redistricting at Trump's direction is nothing more than a blatant power grab. It is unjust, unethical and contrary to the ideals of our Constitution. Our attorney General, Ken Paxton, along with Joan Huffman, have both stated that our current districts have not been drawn with race in mind. There is no legitimate justification for redistricting. The State of Texas has opposed redistricting litigation for over four years by claiming its maps were drawn entirely without consideration of race. The new Department of Justice letter contradicts the sworn testimony of Texas's lead map drawers and its elected officials, and is wrong. The Constitution and Voting Rights Act do not require destroying existing coalition districts. Claiming that districts are racial gerrymanders simply because they contain two or more distinct racial groups turns the Constitution and Voting Rights Act upside down and is not worthy of any response by the Texas Legislature.

If the Texas Legislature does indeed approve redistricting in our state, you will see in future history books that you were on the wrong side of history.

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