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Message:

When politicians carve up the maps to choose who is voting for them, they don't have to care about what I care about. Politicians drawing maps to stay in power is how we get our current situation.

Communities of interest should stay together. The races now are decided in the primaries, and the partisanship divide continues to grow. We need to take redistricting out of the hands of politicians and the party in power and give it back to the people of Texas. They take away our voices. Every. Single. Time!

I am concerned that we are losing the big picture here. This special session should be focused on the needs of Texans, flood control, preparedness for natural disasters, relief and mitigation. Instead, here we are talking about maps, again, mid-census, and why? For a tyrannical president to attempt to control and stay in power.

There is ongoing litigation regarding the maps drawn after the 2020 census. 2021 Redistricting included regional hearings, testimony from Texans across the state, a much longer process during the legislative session, and the maps were still challenged for violating federal law. There needs to be time for that lawsuit to play out and for that process to finish.

Not only is it illogical and unprecedented to redistrict now, it's blatantly obvious, focusing in on 4 districts that are majority minority to redistrict. It's rushed and disingenuous. Where is the transparency in THIS process? The lege drew the lines last time, what makes them think they'll get it right this time?

TWO regional hearings and using 2020 census data will not result in equity without considering communities of interest and the harm that will be done to these districts, the state of Texas, and the nation!

I want you to consider a constitutional amendment to create an Independent Commission of Citizens to draw the maps after the next census. When politicians choose their voters, the people lose their Voice and their representation.

We need to be proactive and demand a constitutional amendment for an independent citizens Redistricting commission rather than reacting to this power grab with lawsuits. If we can get that right, A lot of the lawsuits can be avoided! Huge taxpayer savings! Fair districts would mean politicians would have to run on their ideas and policies rather than partisanship. Take it out of the hands of politicians. 2031 is when redistricting should logically be considered, not now!

This mid census redistricting ploy should not be happening at all. It is a power grab. Any type of gerrymandering throughout any redistricting process is unacceptable. Texas has a long history of discrimination, violating the voting rights act, and voter suppression. The people who represent us should reflect our population and our values. Gerrymandering makes that nearly impossible.

I live in CD22, 22 was drawn to help dilute Hispanic, Asian, and Black populations in the Houston area, among other districts. My rep, Troy Nehls, has NEVER held a town hall. He has fundraisers. He sends patronizing emails after every contact. He votes against the interests of his district, EVERY TIME!

All of this ties into what congress can accomplish. So, thanks to the already gerrymandered maps, the services that were helpful when my neighborhood flooded during Harvey in 2017 are being cut. FEMA, weather alerts, Hurricane tracking, early warnings, flooding prediction, and mitigation, all vastly diminished. How does this help us? How does this help the hill country? Natural disasters will happen again!

Drop the redistricting and focus on what Texans need right now. You want to rush this process without even having a map for the public to view and comment on. Unacceptable! How much longer do we have to wait to have real, responsive representation? How much longer do we need to wait to be heard?

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