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Message:

To the Senate Select Committee on Redistricting:

As it stands in Texas today, politicians are choosing their voters more so than voters are choosing representatives.

It's time to end partisan gerrymandering in Texas. This should be a nonpartisan issue. Both major parties are guilty of using gerrymandering to try to gain a competitive advantage in elections. One need only look at Congressional District 2 to see how blatant the gerrymandering is — and it's not just CDs, it's across the board.

I propose that the Committee give over control of this effort to an independent redistricting commission. This is the only way Texas voters can be assured that districts are not being redrawn by legislators in a self-serving way and that there is complete transparency in the process.

Six states are already using independent redistricting commissions, which abide by strict criteria to ensure fair representation that doesn't advantage any party. This makes elections more competitive and the politics less polarized.

Please hire an independent redistricting commission.

Thank you,

Jessi Cowart

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