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Regarding: Senate

Message:

The Houston Area Urban League (HAUL) encourages all citizens especially the underserved and underresourced members of the community to become engaged in the political process. This is a huge undertaking for people who make the least, have the least among us, and must rely on our electeds to advocate on their behalf to create equity and opportunity for them in hopes their views can be reflected through Representation via the process. One way is voicing their concerns and desires during election time. They rely on a fair and just system, supervised by our Senators whom represent themselves as persons of moral integrity, honesty, and a belief in "We the people".

It's disheartening and disrespectful when lines are drawn to mute the will of those HAUL represents. Gerrymandering erodes the confidence in our system and discourages those being asked to embrace civic engagement. The principles of fair play, the investment of time, and the support of a chosen quality candidate winning should be a realistic expectation if all is fair. It should not be rewarded with a rigged system where elected officials select their voters instead of voters selecting their Representatives. The proposed lines as drawn once again separate and divide the momentum of districts of Color. We encourage you to do the job you were sworn to do on behalf of all Texans and not a selected few. Draw fair lines and give the power back to the people. We demand and deserve the right to be heard as taxpayers and counted as Texans.

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