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Message:

I would like to request that this committee drastically overhaul how districts are drawn in Texas. I believe that congressional districts in Texas have been drawn to heavily favor the Republican party especially around the city of Austin. I cannot understand a logical reason why the Texas 35th congressional district is drawn the way it is other than to "pack" democratic votes into a single district. It is unacceptable for any district to be so specifically drawn that it contains both downtown Austin and San Antonio and almost nothing else.

I am also heavily concerned that my current congressman, Roger Williams, chooses to keep his office in Cleburne which is 161 miles from my home. It is hard for me to understand how he could cater to the needs of Austin residents along with the needs of his constituents in more rural areas.

I am not asking for a system that favors democrats, only a system that gives both sides a chance and provides more uniform constituent bases (rural, suburban, urban) for congresspeople to more easily meet the needs of their district. Please consider using an algorithmic or randomized approach to setting congressional boundaries.

Thank you for your consideration

Kenny Johnson
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