First there is a need to rectify the gerrymandering that took place with the 2012 redistricting. I’ll tell you what’s weird about Austin is the redistributing that took place, where you can walk across the street and be in another district. Because of the gerrymandering that took place, we have disproportionate representation. You cannot divide districts to protect incumbent politicians, nor define districts in a way that dilutes the representation of minority groups.

In 2010 there were 12 competitive house races. In 2012 there were only 4. In 2010 the mildly competitive seats-victories under 5% or under- there were 7. In 2012 there were 5. A net loss of 10 competitive seats.

It makes no sense for fiscally conservative Republicans to continually waste taxpayers money to fight legal battles over district alignment that deliberately dilute the rights of racial minorities. Why not operate with a conscious, and behave in such a manner as to take the rights of all Texans into consideration.