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Message:

These are challenging times to be a Texan. Partisan gerrymandering and ceaseless assaults on access to the polls have drained the democratic impulse from too many voters.

We know how this has played out in the past. The party in power creates the most extreme maps possible that cement their control. The other party launches courtroom challenges. Constituents suffer while the fight drags on.

What if we had leadership instead of gamesmanship? What if the redistricting process unfolded with a very honest commitment to meeting in the middle from the get-go, with an eye toward the Texas of tomorrow and what it might need rather than the Texas we've had and what it would take to keep it from changing?

We need maps that build and distribute power among diverse communities, not maps that divide those who share common interests.

We need maps that provide redress for the cracking and packing of the past that diluted the ability of people disadvantaged by race or socioeconomic status to benefit from processes and policies designed to help them build equity and gain access.

We do not need scorched earth politics. The only people who can make the decision to do things different sit in elected office right now. The choice is yours. Live up to the promise and power of democracy at its best, and show what Lone Star leadership can look like, or maintain the ugly, power-grabbing all-or-nothing attitude that has guided this work in the past, and turn your backs on those you claim to represent.

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