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Message:

Hi, I am originally from the suburbs of Houston and went to college at UT in Austin and decided to settle back in South Austin. The city has changed dramatically since my college graduation in 2004, and I would like my elected official to be representative of my community. I worry about how divided we are as a country, and gerrymandering and map manipulation worsen the problem. When district lines represent our communities, we have a greater ability to elect candidates of our choice who will represent constituents' needs and interests. However, current redistricting practices too often pose threats to our democracy. Oftentimes, the process is a means for those with disproportionate political power to maintain that power. Redistricting is an opaque process which leaves the public out of the process. The resulting district lines ignores the changes in Texas demographics, which results in disenfranchisement of large segments of the population. Improved redistricting can expand civic participation. Texas has two new seats based off of the US Census data. I would recommend Texas to adopt independent citizen commissions to draw maps and add other safeguards to prevent partisan bias in the redistricting process, and there should be legal protections against extreme gerrymandering. Please keep communities whole so we can elect officials that represent the community.

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