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Regarding: Senate

Message:

A native Texan and lifelong Baytonian, I am asking the Senate Special Committee on Redistricting to ensure integrity of the process by ensuring the following:

- *Transparency of proceedings: Voter need to know in advance when public hearings will be held and what maps the committee expects to recommend in advance of their implementation.
- * Robust opportunities for public input.

Furthermore, I am asking the committee to establish external, independent, non-partisan redistricting commission.

Under current district lines, I am represented by State Senator Carol Alvarado, State District 128 Rep Briscoe Cain, and Brian Babin in TX CD-36. Because politicians have been able to draw districts to pick their voters, my concerns have been repeatedly been ignored by Cain and Babin. I've been well served by Senator Alvarado who is extremely responsive. Cain and Babin have never returned my calls and only send me their vitriolic newsletter, which demonstrate to me how little I have in common with 2/3 of the voters in TX CD 36 and Tx House 128. In fact, Cain has blocked me on Twitter for asking questions about common sense gun laws.

My community is gerrymandered in such a way that my views will never be considered. I'm more of an urban resident than a rural resident, yet my representatives, except of my state senator, consistently side with rural constituents. I have no one to even listen to me, let alone represent me.

Your job is difficult. And made much more difficult because of the lack of robust and full Census data. I ask that you create more equitable redistricting lines for Texans as best you can under these circumstance. Even under these circumstances, gerrymandering for political gain will be plainly visible. We are watching. Our ability to self-govern is at stake.

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