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Affirm public info: I agree

Regarding: Senate

Message:

I grew up in Harris county. I moved to Cuyahoga county (Cleveland, Ohio), and now I am back in Travis Co, Texas. When I lived in Ohio, I felt that my vote made an impact. I had a reason to vote bc I. FELT. REPRESENTED. Here in Texas, I do NOT feel represented at all. I am surrounded by Democrats in Austin and in Houston (the nation's 3rd largest city!!), so how is it that our representation is almost entirely controlled by republicans? The answer? Gerrymandering! Please consider the idea that Republicans began systematically dismantling the people's voice in government decades ago by chipping away at the representation of minority voters and give the voice back to the people. How is it ethical to allow one party to re-draw the boundaries to affect the outcome of their control of power in government? How is that democracy?! It is not! It is an autocracy. These proposed boundaries are a farce of a democracy. Republicans have kidnapped democracy.

You swore an oath and should have enough conscience and history education to recognize how unjustly your new districts are drawn. Please, do your civic and ethical duty.