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Regarding: Senate

Message:

I'm just curious.....do you think Texas citizens don't see what you are doing in the drawing of maps? I just submitted a letter to the editor of the Dallas Morning News regarding partisan gerrymandering; what you people are doing is so blatantly racial gerrymandering that it boggles the mind. Must Texas always end up with a black eye in the courts because of your actions? Do you really think such lines can withstand legal testing in the courts? Could you not once make Texas the envy of the nation by drawing reasonable and fair maps--as you are called to do? It is embarrassing to tell folks I'm from Texas with the nonsense being done--both in the regular session and now in the special sessions. Citizens of Texas are not just depressed about and resigned to this situation; we are getting angrier and angrier. Pick up any newspaper and there will be letters to editors daily. Do what you are paid and elected to do--represent the people of this state with integrity and do what is right. Re-draw these proposed maps in such a way as to allow the citizens to elect their representation; you have no business simply making the political and racial landscape safer for yourselves and your political allies.