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Message:

My name is Charlene Shafer. I live in Cypress, TX, CD District 38.

Texas has a multitude of problems that require legislative focus. The main one for this session is the devastating flood that happened along the Guadalupe River. This dangerous area has been ignored for too long. In 2019 Greg Abbott vetoed a bill that would have encouraged Texans to sign up for local emergency alerts. Just this year, the Texas House of Representatives passed a bipartisan bill to install an alert system, Dan Patrick refused to allow a vote in the Senate. HEB managed to get to the flood torn area a full 3 days before FEMA showed up. Now, over 130 people, thirty-seven of them children, have needlessly lost their lives. We must not allow this to be swept under the rug again by our leaders on the state & federal levels who continue to fail us.

Instead of giving undivided attention to this problem, Greg Abbott & Donald Trump have decided it's time to redistrict Texas in an attempt to maintain & increase power for an incompetent administration. An administration who not only was slow to respond to the devastating flood on the Guadalupe but are using FEMA funds to build detention centers for immigrants with hurricane season just beginning.

What has happened to the Texas spirit of Independence? Where are the people who demand 'state's rights'. And, WHERE are these proposed maps? This is a blatant attempt to silence more voters especially people of color. All the districts targeted for redistricting are those that give voice & voting power to people of color. The current maps are under lawsuits for diluting minority voters' voices which is illegal under Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Using 2020 census data, Harris County is 36.36% white. This implies minorities should have the opportunity to elect their preferred candidate in more than half of the districts in Harris County; this isn't true even under the current maps. which are likely in violation of Section 2. Any attempt to redistrict will be an even more egregious violation of Section 2. Texas must solve our state's problems rather than silencing the voters of Texas to satisfy Washington DC. The legislature needs to refuse to conduct redistricting mid-decade & concentrate on issues that matter to Texans.

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