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Message:

My name is Erin Dempsey and I have lived in Texas for most of my life. Living in Texas has increasingly become more difficult over the years, and it has occurred to me many times that maybe it would be easier to move to a state where the government cared about human beings more than money and power. For reasons I will not discuss here, I am unable to just pick up right now and move out of state, and many of the people I love live in Texas. As such, I have decided to use my voice to speak up about issues that I care about and also to support fellow Texans who are suffering under this Republican administration, of which there are many.

I remember when Texas was thought of as unique...this vast land of independent minded people who lived by their rules and not by the rules and orders dictated by others- especially the Federal Government. At times this independence and rogue thinking bothered me, but there were also times that I appreciated these qualities as some that were unique to Texas and that helped to make Texas such a diverse and complicated State with its own mystique. Over the years, as Republicans have remained in power, this independence, this strength, this feistiness, this mystique that I always felt was part of the DNA of our State has disappeared.

When I was growing up in San Antonio in the 80's and the 90's, we would have the television on in the mornings when I was getting ready for school and there would be commercials for abortion clinics. Move forward to the 2000s and now a woman could die from having a miscarriage because even the most basic healthcare is not available to women in this State. Why does our government work to harm people instead of help them? Why after the terror and pain of Uvalde has no meaningful gun legislation passed? Why do our Republican legislators repeatedly vote against any measures that would improve the quality of life for Texas? With the recent devastating floods in Kerrville, why are the Republicans blaming Democrats when they are the ones who voted against legislation to build flood warning systems? Do human lives not matter to you? Why is cruelty the new norm in Texas? Our State is basically last in

every metric that would make anyone want to live here, much less thrive, and nobody seems to want to change anything for the better in this state, ever. I am constantly floored at the lengths our state government will go to be cruel, calculating and hostile towards its own populace.

In the vein of losing our independent spirit to that of cruelty and malice, we can now add a new descriptive word to that list: spineless.

Trump, the most corrupt, criminally minded, inhumane, cruel, misogynistic, dishonest, soulless, coward of a president this nation has ever had and may ever have, has asked Abbott to find "5 seats" for the upcoming election because he knows his policies are unpopular and that without those seats he would lose the House. Instead of standing up for Texans, instead of acting independently with courage and strength, instead of acting lawfully and in the interest of what is best for the State of Texas, what does Abbott do? He immediately capitulates to Trump and calls a special session to draw new maps that would negatively impact thousands of Texans.

And for what. To make a small man from New York feel big in Washington DC. Do Republicans have no souls? How are you able to sleep at night knowing that you are taking steps to help destroy Democracy as we know it for one of the most corrupt and evil men this country has ever known? When is the damage you are doing to our state and to our people going to catch up with you? What will it take to get you to open your eyes? Texas is already one of the most gerrymandered states in the country and with these new maps we will be even more so. Texans have voices. Texans matter and their right to vote as freely and fairly as possible matters. Every time our state government makes it more difficult for Texans to make their voices heard, more of our democracy slips away. Money and power are not everything and ultimately Republicans will have to answer to their voters.

I am hoping with all of my might that after listening to your constituents and to people all around the country who are working to preserve our democracy, that you will vote against these new maps and act in the independent spirit of the Texas I used to know.

You can start acting like Texans by telling the man in the Oval Office "no."

