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Regarding: Congressional

Message:

This is the e-mail I am sending to Representative King and Senator Perry,

I wanted to take a few minutes of your time to encourage you to not vote to redistrict Texas before the midterm elections, or any time when the results will be a Texas that is less friendly to all voters. I've seen the current proposed maps (as of 8/1) and even though the stated reason is the court case against the current congressional district map, the new map is a more gerrymandered, partisan nightmare than what we currently have.

In your life of political service to this state, you will not have a shortage of opportunities to choose what's right for Texas and the United States over party politics, but this opportunity to do the right thing will have far-reaching consequences for every person in every state in the union in the short and the long term. Ironically, to do the right thing, all Texas needs to do is nothing. Don't redistrict now, but start bipartisan discussions about how to redistrict in a way that is fair to everyone after the 2030 census. Let Texas be a leader to the other states in how to engage in a civil, free, and fair democratic process and not an example of how to suppress the will of the voters until all the roses are painted red.

Why this is the wrong thing:

Partisan Politics:

According to the Texas Tribune

Texas GOP lawmakers [are]... proposing revamped district lines that attempt to flip five Democratic seats in next year's midterm elections. The new map targets Democratic U.S. House members in the Austin, Dallas and Houston metro areas and in South Texas... This unusual mid-decade redistricting comes after a pressure campaign waged by President Donald Trump's political team in the hopes of padding Republicans' narrow majority in the U.S. House.

(<https://www.texastribune.org/2025/07/30/texas-redistricting-congressional-maps-house-republicans/>)

The map is 'racist and illegal'.

Also from the same article:

The map was immediately panned as racist and illegal by Democrats, who have been raising the alarm about the prospect of voters of color being diluted. The proposed map splits voters of color in Tarrant County among multiple neighboring Republican districts and changes the shape of the 35th District in Central Texas, which was originally created as a result of a court

order to protect the voting rights of people of color.

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The map is 'more of the same' when we need new direction from our leadership:

Also from the same article:

Courts have found that at least one of Texas' maps violated the Voting Rights Act every decade since it went into effect in the mid-60s. (<https://www.texastribune.org/2025/07/30/texas-redistricting-congressional-maps-house-republicans/>)

Please to not bend to will of the current administration which has done everything it can to increase its power, most often in ways that will be found to not be in the best interest of good government or the American people. Please let me know if I can provide you with any additional information. I wish you the best of luck as you continue to try to represent the values and concerns of this state.

Dr. Gregg Greer

