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Message:

Sixty years ago, in this very city, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Voting Rights Act into law. He called the vote “the most powerful weapon ever devised by man to break down injustice.”

And just a few miles from here, President Kennedy gave his final speech—his last words about the future of our democracy—before his life was stolen. Today, in the long shadow of that history, the promise they fought for is being torn apart.

What we are witnessing in Texas is an assault. An assault on the right to vote. An assault on representation. An assault on truth.

This time, the attack isn’t carried out with fire hoses or poll taxes. It’s carried out with legislative maps. Let’s not mince words: Donald Trump wants districts built for loyalty, not for legitimacy. These aren’t maps of representation—they are maps of repression. Crafted to punish dissent, to marginalize Black and Brown Texans, and to tighten his grip on a democracy he continues to undermine.

And if that weren’t appalling enough—just weeks after historic flooding devastated communities across Central Texas, taking the lives of more than 100 people, including innocent children—Governor Abbott saw not a moment for mourning, but an opportunity for manipulation.

While families search through rubble and prepare funerals, this governor is using their suffering as a distraction—rushing through a partisan power grab designed to strip representation from communities already burdened by loss.

That is not leadership. That is exploitation.

We’ve seen this before. Texas has a long and painful

history of suppressing the political power of communities of color. From literacy tests to voter ID laws, from racial gerrymanders to purges of voter rolls—time after time, the system has been bent to protect power, not people.

In 2011, Texas gained four new congressional seats. The Latino community drove most of that growth. And how many districts were drawn to reflect it? Zero.

This new redraw is built on that same foundation—designed not to serve, but to silence.

This is not representation. This is repression by design.

They think the country isn't paying attention. But we are.

And we remember.

We remember when Governor Abbott and his allies stood in court and claimed the current map was lawful because it was drawn "race blind." Now, they're turning around—under Trump's direction—and arguing it violates the law because it wasn't drawn with racial intent.

So I ask: which version was the truth?

Were they lying then? Or are they lying now?

Because what's clear is this: if you lie under oath to justify a power grab, you don't deserve the public's trust—let alone its power.

Let me say this as plainly as I can:

Silence right now is complicity.

Turning away is betrayal.

Betrayal of everyone who marched across the Edmund Pettus Bridge.

Betrayal of every Texan who stood in line for hours to cast a ballot.

Betrayal of every family who believed democracy would work for them too.

As the late John Lewis reminded us, "The vote is precious. It is almost sacred."

And when it's sliced, cracked, and manipulated for partisan gain, we are not protecting democracy—we are dismantling it.

Still, I believe in Texas.

Not the Texas of rigged districts and political backroom deals.

But the Texas that belongs to its people—all its people.

A Texas where your voice matters, no matter your race, income, or ZIP code.

A Texas where voters pick their leaders—not the other way around.

So to my Republican colleagues, I say this:

Stand with Texans.

Stand with democracy.

And do not stand with those who would trade it away for a seat at Donald Trump's table.

The people are watching.

The country is watching.

And history will not forget where you stood.
Thank you.



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