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Regarding: Congressional

Message:

Honorable Senators,

My name is Melissa Cigarroa, and I am an elected Council Member for the City of Laredo.

I write to you to express my concern over the redistricting efforts in the State of Texas. I am a native Texan, and I cannot believe that Texas Republicans would hold so many of their constituents in contempt, showing their disdain for the Rule of Law and their obvious belief that Texans are stupid. The two-party system in this state and in the nation requires two functioning parties that respect one another and respect the rules of politics. How does a party argue that the current district map is racially misrepresented today when at the time it was created these (mostly) same Republicans argued it was a fair and objective map? The veneer of legitimacy is paper-thin and quite transparent. I believe that the Republican party will suffer for this outrageous abuse of power and that this will make Governor Abbott's re-election less likely because voters are not stupid. Voters understand this naked power-grab for what it is. Our democratic republic is not perfect, but it is far preferable to the capricious decision-making and resulting instability that is at the heart of tyranny. Voting is the core of our democratic society. The fact that Republicans are willing to disregard nearly half of the voting public to chase domination over mutual respect is vile. I believe in the end their own voters will hold Republicans to account for this offensive injustice and abdication of their obligation to protect and defend the Constitution.

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